

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting

Zoom

March 16, 2021

6-7:30 pm

Welcome

It was announced that we would record the meeting. No objections were made.

Virtual Sign-in

Sign-in via chat.

Carol Tomsic, Sally Phillips, Michelle Weaver, Jacob Cain, Wendy Thompson, Tom Sanderson, Debbie Walker, Diane Birginal, Makaya Judge, Shirlee Robert's-Downey, Carol Tomsic, Carol Landa-McVicker, Katie Droter, Michelle Weaver, Marcia and Chuck Milani, Marilyn & Hank Reimann, Marilyn Lloyd, Steve Corker and Helen Sandifer, Lindsey.

Approve Minutes –

January and February Minutes

6 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain

Neighborhood Update

City Council Member – Lori Kinnear

*This month is women's history month and the women of City Council will celebrate women's history in Spokane on City Cable 5 at 4:00 PM Wed March 24th. Fun fact; 6/8 of the elected positions in Spokane are currently held by women, which is a record.

* The 5-yr police guild contract was signed at the beginning of the month. It allows the police ombudsman to independently investigate each complaint and publish closing reports. It was helpful to have Council President in the room to participate, which was different than in previous years.

* Last Friday Council began equity training.

* Carol asked about the police contracts expiring at the end of the year. There is a new charter that may make some of these negotiations public. If the full Council is present it would be public. She also asked about water conservation. Lori reiterated that it is important to conserve water in order to reduce the need for additional infrastructure. The goats continue to do good work to mitigate fire danger.

* Marilyn asked about the Hamblen water tower. She is wondering about the potential for a water tower in Sacajawea. Lori reiterated that nothing is final until it is final. Council President Beggs has been in talks seeking out an alternate location that might be better than those considered so far.

* Carol L. asked about traffic on Regal. Lori mentioned that they are working on figuring out how to mitigate that with planning.

* Steve asked if the City has determined who will handle the second round of rental assistance funds. Lori shared that is being headed up by CHHS and the second in command there is leaving the City so things may be slowed down. She said they would announce more the sooner they know.

*Marilyn asked about a second corridor and about the Freya/Thor crossover. Lori said that is being studied right now. It was controversial with the school district. She stressed that we also need to look at E/W corridors as well as N/S.

Standing Updates

Michelle Weaver – South Perry Business and Neighborhood Association

*Michelle updated us that the Executive team met recently and decided to go ahead and announce the cancellation of the 2021 street fair due to COVID. They plan to bring it back in 2022. They are in the process of trying to meet with Perry business owners to discuss potential smaller events that can still keep the neighborhood vibrant.

*The manager of the Perry Market, Karyna Goldsmith, reached out to the SPNBA about partnering to do some things with the Market in collaboration with the business association. The market will open in May. Weaver shared with us that the revenue of the Perry Market went up during COVID even though the number of vendors went down. There was also a much higher EBT usage at the Market this last year.

*SPBNA is creating a map of “little libraries” in South Perry. They would like to distribute the maps inside of the libraries and at the Market.

*Katie D. asked about the new owners of the Lantern and shared concerns that his other businesses that he owns tend to be loud and filled with a lot of young people. She is concerned that his plans might not be in line with the current family vibes of South Perry.

*Sally asked about Casper Fry, and Michelle shared that they are staying open but just in a limited capacity right now. They are currently open on Fridays. Sally thanked Michelle for the library information, and suggested that they collect info about what type of library each one is (i.e. children’s books, etc.)

Sally Phillips – Bloomsday Routes

Bloomsday will be virtual again this year. Sally shared some routes that go through our Lincoln Heights Neighborhood parks. She shared how the routes connect some of our neighborhood’s drainage areas which are actually really beautifully maintained park areas. She also shared where some less known right-of ways are such as the connection of Perry street where you can find views of a large hidden private pond. These routes will be shared on our website. See:

<https://lincolnheights.spokaneneighborhoods.org/bloomsday-alternative-routes-in-lincoln-heights>

*Adriano Eva of the City Parks Stroll and Roll program said our council is building a legacy

with our Bloomsday routes by preserving and establishing routes in our neighborhood. He said the city is working on a Parks Master Plan and will keep us updated. The Parks Master Plan will look at how the city will develop parks and trails. He also told us about a Dementia Friendly Community. He volunteers at the agency and told us about memory-loss safe walking routes in neighborhoods that our council might be interested in.

*Marilyn R asked Sally about Bike Lanes on 37th and expressed concern over the safety of the existing sharrows.

Marilyn Lloyd - Community Engagement, Street Mural, and Meet Your Neighbor in the Park
Marilyn presented our council's proposed use of a \$800 Community Grant. Our council asked for a vote from voting members to renew our Zoom account, request dump passes and ask for a reprographic logo to use in a street mural and remaining money to be used for the expenses of a street mural. Marilyn emphasized that we are in the planning phase of the street logo and do not know the specific costs, including a street closure and paint. The mural would be done at the Meet the Neighbors in the Park event. We would have a logo and residents could paint a foot or bike print so it would be a "community engagement". We are also waiting for more information on a street mural from Shauna Harshman, manager of neighborhood connectivity Initiatives.

*Marilyn R voiced a concern about the painted mural on a street not lasting.

*The cost of the street mural since it doesn't last was discussed. Carol said the mural would be painted annually at the Meet Your Neighbors in the Park event.

*Tom Anderson was concerned about toxic paint from the street mural ending up in the city's water. He suggested a wall mural at Mechanic's Pride at 30th/Mt Vernon. Carol said the city would have to approve the paint for the street mural.

*Voting members were asked to put their vote in chat.

Carol Tomsic - Speed Radar Signs and Traffic Calming

Carol asked for a vote from voting members to approve three sites for the speed radar signs: 1508 E 34th (34th/Perry homeowner asked for a crosswalk), 2001 E 18th (sign failure), and 3142 E 33rd (sign failure). She also asked for additional addresses in case the addresses approved could not be used or more speed radar signs became available.

*Diane B expressed concern about the location of 1508 E 34th to the Perry intersection and that cars already slow down to stop. Carol will address the concern with homeowners.

*Lindsey expressed concern with the All Saints Catholic School Freya Crosswalk.

*Voting members were asked to put their vote in chat.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27.

Email Updates

STA Survey

Ray Freya Alternative Analysis Survey

Thornton Park Community Garden update

Garden District update

Water Conservation Plan

Comp Plan Amendment - Bicycle Master Plan updates.