

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Extra Meeting
June 15, 2021
6-7:30 pm
Zoom

Welcome

Meeting is being recorded. No concerns noted.

Virtual Sign-In

Carol Tomsic, Makaya Judge, Sally Phillips, Marilyn Lloyd, Chuck & Marcia Milani, Michelle Weaver, Bettie Stritz, Giacobbe Byrd, Bill & Theresa Bidowski, Trenton Miller, Adam Miles, Ruth Mincks, Virginia Henry, Nate Hanson

Approve Minutes

Deferred to regularly scheduled meeting in July

Neighborhood Updates

Giacobbe Byrd- Water Resolution

Council passed a recent resolution to encourage residents and businesses to water every other day due to the drought. They recommend odd numbered addresses water on odd days and even numbered addresses water on even days. In our city, 50% of our water use is used on outdoor landscapes. If you water every day, there are marginal returns on your water use. Lawns don't need to be watered every day. The City is working towards communicating this objective to residents.

Carol Tomsic- Update on Traffic

A large daycare center/community center has been proposed which has the potential to increase traffic by 400 trips on Ray-Freya. **A second virtual public meeting on the Ray-Freya Alternatives Analysis will be held Wednesday June 16 at 5 pm.** City staff will share the updated project concepts and recommendations to ease traffic congestion. A public survey will be available on the day of the meeting. Here is a link to the city's webpage on the project and the meeting link: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/ray-freya-alternatives-analysis/>

Sustainability Action Plan – Trenton Miller

www.spokaneclimateproject.org

- The entire plan is on the website at <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/committees/public-infrastructure-environment-and-sustainability/sustainability-action-subcommittee/>
- We are in a severe drought all the way from New Mexico to the PNW
- In 2019 the Climate Impacts on Spokane group saw the impacts on Spokane of warmer temps,

less snowpack, wetter spring/summer, increased wildfires, lower summer river flow, and increased rain in the winter months.

- Saturated ground in the winter from rain vs snow leads to trees being uprooted due to saturated ground.

- Historic average high is 99 degrees. Projected average high is 106 degrees from 2040-2069. Projected average high is 111 degrees from 2070-2099.

- Wildfire smoke is more prevalent. Last year's fires created the most toxic air since recording began.

- Climate change is a global issue that requires local action. By taking action here in Spokane we can position our community to be resilient in the future.

- In 2019 the City of Spokane worked with Gonzaga to compile data and take a look at Spokane's community-wide carbon emissions (%48 come from heating, cooling energy, and 46% comes from transportation).

- Climate Action Planning

 - In 2009 the City wrote the first sustainability plan.

 - Today, we need to invest in human needs while also mitigating climate pollution and preserving the ecology of our community.

 - The plan seeks to build resiliency, reduce gas emissions, and prioritize the most vulnerable to health impacts and economic downturns which a changing climate can impact.

 - Action steps include changes in the area of building and energy, transportation, land use, water conservation, and more.

Introduction – New City Manager Johnnie Perkins

- He loves sports and coaching, he is connected to Spokane in that his nephew is youth pastor at Whitworth, he has lots of experience with financial budgets, experience with waste management, believes in public/private balance, and has a focus on safety.
- Mr. Perkins answered questions about the homelessness POD, utility bill system, and more. He stated that he is the City Administrator, so “the buck stops here”. He wants to help make better use of our resources in order to address the issues in a way that makes Spokane the safest and best city. He also hopes to help make utility billing more focused on water conservation and more user friendly.
- You can contact him at (509)319-0645

Adjourn at 7:35