

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council *Draft* Minutes

July 20, 2021, 6-7:30 pm

Zoom

Meeting recorded by Consensus.

Members advised to sign-in via chat

Carol Tomsic, Marilyn Lloyd, Sally Phillips, Richard Sola, Adam Miles, Dave Gingrich, Virginia Henry, Jake Willard, Betsy Wilkerson, Paul Chapin, Annica Eagle, Kyle Merritt

Minute Approval

Approval of March, April, May, and June minutes were deferred to next the regularly scheduled meeting. At time of vote there was not a quorum. The draft minutes are posted on our website.

Officer Jake Willard presented.

Jake said there are two homeless outreach teams for homeless camps called HOT teams. He is not on the teams anymore but can help us get our concerns to the teams. Jake said to stay alert exercising outdoors in early morning and evening because a suspicious Ford Edge is stalking our residents. Jake said theft is a crime of opportunity and to make sure valuables aren't visible and use a ring system. Jake also said he is available for any concerns.

Council Member Betsy Wilkerson presented.

Betsy said cooling centers will open when temperatures hit 95 degrees. She said the city received a grant of \$208,000 to work on a backlog of sexual assault kits. She said the City gave \$56,000 to COPS to fund their victim advocate thru the end of the year due to a missed a deadline for a grant. The City received \$82,000 from FEMA to fund cyber security training. Betsy talked about an upcoming vote on the Downtown Plan and the City's allocated American Recovery Fund. She said the American Recovery Funds will be deployed in September. Betsy said there is currently a community engagement to decide how to use the library space vacated in the Martin Luther King

Jr Center in the East Central Community Center. A neighborhood police precinct was suggested. The Center will also host a Kids Summer Youth Employment program.

Kyle Merritt, City of Spokane Water Department – SpokaneScapes presented.

Kyle presented on the City’s SpokaneScapes program, a water-efficient landscape focused on the replacement of lawn with low-volume irrigation and drought-resistant plant material. He said he is available for free home yard visits to discuss the benefits of the program. Kyle can be reached at 509-625-6293.

Paul Chapin, Manager, Operations and Staff Development of the Library, presented.

Paul presented on the rebuild and new build of libraries. He said The Hive, located in the Libby Center on East Sprague, will open August 12 at noon. The Hive is a demo for creativity and will have courses on art for students. Paul said the Liberty Park library will open in October. The new library is replacing the East Side Library. The Hive will offer kid activities in the park and will have a Sasquatch Shack designed to bring kids back to the library. The opening of the Liberty Park library was delayed due to pandemic-related delays in furnishings, shelving, construction supplies and circulating material. Paul said the South Hill library will close for renovations in October and reopen in May/June of 2022.

Two proposed council logos were presented.

The two logos were designed by Charles Schmidt, a neighborhood resident and mural artist best known for Keyboard Cat. We had asked for a “pop” of color and the two logos included a bright-yellow smiley face. The smiley-face did get plenty of support, but we decided we wanted to have a more iconic ideogram of our neighborhood. The first logo was selected but the group decided to replace the smiley-face with either a quail, frog (froggy pond), marmot or balsamroot flower. Charles Schmidt will revise the logo and we will present the top two revised logos.

Meeting Adjourned

Email Updates:

The 2021 Water Tower Survey results are available on the city's project page. The results of the survey are currently under review by the City's leadership. Here is a link to the survey results: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/projects/high-system-water-tank/south-hill-water-reservoir-survey-results-july-2021.pdf>

A public survey for the master plan of Spokane Parks and Natural Lands is currently available and will remain open for survey responses until Monday, August 9th. Please complete the survey. Here is the link: <https://my.spokanecity.org/parksrec/master-plan/>

Public comment is open for the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Our neighborhood has a proposed amendment change to the city's Bike Map. The proposed amendment will change shared street to bike lanes on 37th Avenue between South Perry street to Regal Street. The change was a request in our 2020 Traffic Calming Application. Here is a link to the proposed Bike Map amendments.

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-proposed-comprehensive-plan-amendments/tr-5-bike-network-map/>

Email comments to Kevin Freibott. kfreibott@spokanecity.org

Disposal Passes (formerly called dump passes) are available as part of the Neighborhood Clean-up Program. The disposal passes will cover up to \$25. The vouchers are virtual. If you don't have access to a computer or smart phone you can visit any COPS shop to pick up a disposal pass. Quantities are limited. Our COPS shop is located at 2809 E 29th in the US Bank Building. Here is the link to the city's webpage. <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/clean-up/>

A public hearing is scheduled Monday, July 26 at 6 pm during the City Council meeting on the proposed Housing Action Plan. Public comments can be emailed to: spokanehousingplan@spokanecity.org

Just a reminder. Our annual event in the park on August 19, 2021 was canceled. We are looking forward to having our second annual event in Thornton Murphy Park next year, the third Saturday in August. We will keep you updated!