

## Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

6-7:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

### **Welcome**

Chair, Carol Tomsic, welcomed everyone to the extra meeting.

### **Virtual Sign-In**

Guests – Bob Hilmes, Garrett Jones, Nick Hamad, Liam Taylor

Officers – Carol Tomsic, Sally Phillips, Marilyn Lloyd

Attendees – Ruth Mincks, Nathan Hanson, Charlene Key, William Bidowski, Theresa Bidowski, Annika Tohlen, Colin Martin, Marilyn Reimann, Hank Reimann, Bob Bowley

### **Garrett Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation – Park Master Plan Update**

Garrett said the Parks Master Plan project schedule is on Phase 3, priorities, and goals. The last Master Plan was completed in 2010. The Master Plan is a long range, visionary document, not a capital plan. The Plan update process was changed from an internal plan to a public-involvement plan. Garrett said Parks wanted a community-driven plan. There was public participation in focus groups, community meetings, pop-up events and surveys. There were over 4000 responses. Our district has a 44 percent participation. The responses will help set priorities as the plan moves forward. The top three trends were: residents enjoyed nature, walking/hiking, and spending time with family in parks. He presented on more survey results. The next step is the draft plan, project advisory meetings and more community workshops. Garret answered questions, including the need for the Parks to update more information on their website on ongoing projects such as the Hangman Trail and the Bike Trail in Pioneer Park, Parks potential involvement in Stormwater Management, including Hazel Creek, Froggy Pond and Glenrose, and Hamblen Park not being a site for a water tower.

### **Liam Taylor, Planner at Storhaug Engineering -Comp Plan Zoning Change Proposals.**

Liam Taylor presented on proposed zoning changes on two parcels in our neighborhood: 2402 E 31<sup>st</sup> Ave (Residential Single Family to Residential Multi-Family) and 2621/2623 E 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Residential Two-Family to Residential Multi-Family). Liam cited our District Plan and the South Hill Coalition Plan as supporting the zoning changes to multi-family. The parcels are in proximity to grocery, bus transit, and our neighborhood center and corridor. He cited the City's land use chapter in the Comprehensive Plan in addition to a necessity for housing in our city for the zoning changes. The owner of the parcel at 2402 E 31<sup>st</sup> (Touchmark property adjacent to the

Garden District) is proposing 100 residential units. Liam answered question, including the need for a traffic study at 31<sup>st</sup>/Southeast Blvd.

### **Bob Hilmes, Project Engineer North/South Corridor -Update on Corridor.**

Bob Hilmes presented on the status of the North/South Corridor. Bob said no decisions are finalized yet and asked for public feedback/discussion. Bob presented on the Spokane River to Columbia, Wellesley Ave Modifications, Sprague to Spokane River Phase One, Children of the Sun routes, and the results of the closure of the Freya on-ramp. Bob presented on possible connections to I-90, including intersection control at Altamont/Third Ave, adding a NB onramp from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, a Simple Trumpet, and a Simple Trumpet Hybrid. Bob answered questions on the Children of the Sun route and Altamont freeway connections. He will come back and present at our meeting on any changes.

### **Meeting Adjourned 7:42 pm**

### **Email Updates**

Our council wants to hear your traffic calming issues. Let us know your thoughts and concerns!

Neighbors Drive 25 signs are available at our COPS shops.

The City Council is looking for community input on the future use of the Spokane Public Library at East Central via ThoughtExchange. Here is the

link: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/418291364/welcome>

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Spokane has received over \$80 Million in American Recovery Plan funds for community recovery. The City Council wants your help with ideas and thoughts on how to distribute the funds into our community. Please consider participating in this ThoughtExchange by visiting [Join the conversation and share your thoughts](#)