

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes October 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order via Zoom by President Carol Tomsic at 6:04 p.m.

Members: Tim Jonckers, Theresa Bidowski, William Bidowski, Sally Phillips, Carol Tomsic, Marilyn Lloyd, Claire Beagle, Andrew Beagle, Marilyn Reimann, Hank Reiman, Susan Terjeson, Shawn Terjeson, Dale Damron, Virginia Henry, Jason Reid.

Guests: Sargeant Matt Rose, Detective Tim Schwering, Kristen Zimmer

Carol reported that the Planning commission work session for our Pedestrian Street request for 29th Ave. will be on their October 25th agenda. She asked that we send letters to the planning commission in support of the proposal. NOTE: The date was later changed, and now is tentatively set for Dec 13, 2023.

Carol reported that the meeting to discuss the street mural has not yet been set. Please let Carol know if you want to participate.

Precinct Sgt Matt Rose was introduced. His presentation included addressing speeding issues, extra patrols at Temple Beth Shalom, vandalism in the S Perry neighborhood, especially on weekend. Carol asked about traffic calming efforts including public education and enforcement.

Detective Tim Schwering gave a presentation on avoiding scams. He described “pig butchering” scams, in which the scammers try to establish a relationship and gain trust with the potential victim before trying to get them to invest in, for example, bit coins. He said to avoid social media, dating sites and interacting with people you do not know. If you suspect you have been a victim of a scam file a police report and contact your financial institutions and the credit bureaus.

Kristen Zimmer, Water Stewardship Educator, with the City of Spokane gave a presentation on how to save on your utility bills. She said the biggest use of water in Spokane is for irrigation. She gave a brief history of water usage in Spokane and the dependence on our sole source of drinking water, the Spokane Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. She highlighted programs through Waterwise Spokane to preserve and protect our water resources including availability of free services of a newly hired landscape architect, free efficiency kits and rebates and weekly water workshops that start in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Landa McVicker, Secretary.

