

## **Minutes - Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting**

March 19, 2024

Southside Community Center

### **Attendance**

Members – Carol Landa-McVicker, Ginnie Henry, Ruth May, Claire Beagle, Adam Miles, Jessica Adkins, Marcia Milani, Craig Marjaniemi, Carol Tomsic, Richard Sola, Marilyn Lloyd, Sally Phillips, Shawn Terjeson, Ruth Mincks, Diane Birginal, Chuck Milani, Jim Thompson, Josh Yandell, Danny Pearson, James Pearson, Jim Pearson, Anne Pearson, Joe Voczarski, Mackenzie Adams, Len Ledford, Kristina Smith, Erin Meuer, Monica Cadagan

Guests – Cara Halldin, Paul Dillon, Andres Grageda, Aaron Watts, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Annie Deasy

### **Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Carol Tomsic at 6 pm

Carol announced that the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Residents were nominated for the Community Assembly Good Neighbor Award. She thanked everyone for their help and their support in keeping our neighborhood safe.

Attendees introduced themselves and Carol reminded everyone to sign in.

### **Meeting Minutes**

It was moved (Carol Landa-McVicker) and seconded (Marilyn Lloyd) to approve the Minutes of the November, December, January and February meetings. The motion was approved.

### **Neighborhood Updates**

City Council Member **Paul Dillon** gave an update on Council activity.

- The Interim Emergency Ordinance dealing with public parking lots in Centers and Corridors was passed and will be reviewed by the Planning Dept. This would stop large parking lots on Centers and Corridors. It was not an emergency ordinance so it will go into effect on 4/7/23.
- There is a significant budget deficit, and the Council is discussing a possible Public Safety Levy.
- There will be a Park Levy on the August Primary Ballot.
- There is new legislation dealing with tiered fines for speeding.
- The Council is asking for the state to declare an emergency for overdoses and requesting real time reporting from the Health District to provide better data.

Assistant to City Council Member Lili Navarrete, **Andres Grageda**, was introduced.

Andres said he had been in the position for a month. He said Council Member Lili Navarrete had supported youth behavioral health programs funded under the American Rescue Grant funds.

Paul said Safe Routes to School had funded the construction of three lanes on 29<sup>th</sup> from SE Blvd to Fiske. A discussion ensued on an additional closure/street construction of 29<sup>th</sup> and how the arterial was selected by Safe Routes to School. Paul said he would get back to us with more info.

**Colin Quinn-Hurst**, Assistant Planner from the City of Spokane Planning Department, gave a presentation on the Center and Corridor Study.

Colin said the last time the city updated its comprehensive plan was in 2001. He said Center and Corridor conversation was focused on growth and mixed use. The city has not seen that growth. He said the study is looking at ways to adjust regulations and give Center and Corridors a better chance to achieve their purposes. He said height limits are being considered. He said mid-block connections are being considered. He said stronger pedestrian streets are being considered. He discussed crossing improvements on 29<sup>th</sup>, a bikeway on 27<sup>th</sup>, the pedestrian access on Regal St, including the Ray St Crossover. Big box stores and parking lots were discussed. An expansion of the Pavement to People incentive to Center and Corridors was discussed. Colin said the market would dictate how soon the proposed regulations would be beneficial. He said incentives may help bring more affordable housing and mixed use to Center and Corridors.

Here is a link to the Center and Corridor Study project page via an email from Colin:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/centers-and-corridors-study/>

Here is a link to the Center and Corridor Design Standards via an email from Colin:

PDF: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/smc/17C-122-060/ord-c35280-attachment-a-smc-17c-122-060.pdf>

Municipal code: <https://my.spokanecity.org/smc/?Section=17C.122.060>

**Cara Halidin**, parent in the Franklin Elementary School Apple Program gave a presentation on their Mural Project that is proposed for the shelter in Lower Lincoln Park.

Cara said it was a collaboration between the Franklin Elementary PTG and the APPLE program. The mural came from an interest to unify the school and neighborhood through a community art project. It will be an opportunity for K-5 students to learn more about community art and local artists. Cara said students at Franklin use Lower Lincoln Park year-round. Their first grant attempt from Spokane Arts was unsuccessful but they received helpful feedback and will be submitting a new grant application for the June 1 Spokane Arts grant. Cara said they are talking to neighbors, community groups and artists. Cara answered questions. She said the mural will have a protective coat in case it is vandalized. She said the city will have to approve the design. It was suggested that our council support their application. (Our council has added the request to our April meeting agenda). She is looking for a pressure washing company/person to prepare the shelter for the mural. The mural selection process will be in the Fall. It was suggested she

reach out to art staff at Chase, Ferris and the Community Colleges. Crosswalks were discussed. Annie said the first street mural will be installed on 5/26 and 5/27 at Cook/Joseph.

### **Standing Updates**

- **Carol Tomsic** moved approval of installation of Mobile Speed Feedback Signs on 29th and Havana and 13th and Freya. Carol Landa-Mcvicker seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
- **Marilyn Lloyd** asked that ideas for the annual Community Engagement Grant
- **Carol Tomsic** provided a handout of possible intersections for installation of two street murals. Following discussion, she asked that members look at the sites and be prepared to vote at the April meeting.

Following adjournment of the regular meeting there was a special meeting to present the results of the Altamont Loop Traffic Study. Additional neighborhood participants were asked to sign in. After discussion, during which additional suggestions were presented, it was agreed that the consultant would update the maps to be presented at the next meeting. That meeting will be in conjunction with the next LHNC meeting via Zoom on April 16.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Landa-McVicker, Secretary