

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
Extra Zoom Meeting
April 15, 2025 Minutes

Carol Tomsic called the meeting to order on Zoom at 6:05 p.m.

Members: Carol Tomsic, Marilyn Lloyd, Sally Phillips, Carol Landa-McVicker, Charles Milani, Marcia Milani, Linda Bassett, Ginnie Henry, Hadley Morrow, William Bidowski, Theresa Bidowski, Marilyn Reinmann, Hank Reimann

Guests: Michelle Anderson, Kris Neely

Kris Neely, Community Assembly liaison to the Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee, was introduced. He explained that this committee interfaces with the Urban Forestry Tree Committee which reports to the City Parks board. [Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee - City of Spokane, Washington](#) In his presentation he said:

- There are 14 people on the committee and they only deal with trees on City streets that are in the right of way, parks, public areas including golf courses.
- They meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Finch Arboretum Woodland Center Ponderosa Room
- The SpoCanopy program was slated to target planting in low-income areas but the grants have been frozen by the Trump Administration.
- There is a map showing every tree in the City of Spokane.
- May 20 will see the opening of the Scale House Farmers Market which will be open year-round at the Spokane Conservation District site 4422 E 8th Avenue.
- If anyone has question, the best person to contact is Katie Kosanke, the City's Urban Forester.

Michelle Anderson, Weed Inspector for the County Noxious Weed Control Board was introduced and gave a presentation on the noxious weed control program in Spokane County.

- This program is mandated by the State and locally funded.
- During the months of April through August, when the weeds are actively growing, the Weed Board employs a field staff with natural resource, horticulture and agricultural backgrounds to survey public and privately owned lands for noxious weeds and to work with landowners to achieve weed control.
- Approximately 25% of the inspections come from citizens who report noxious weed locations to our office, the remainder are inspections made by the field staff as they travel the county.

- She can be reached at mjanderson@spokanecounty.org or investigations can be submitted online [Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board | Spokane County, WA](#)

There was a discussion of the use of the small park on the east side of Ray between 20 and 21st. This was installed as landscaping over one of the City's Wastewater Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) storage units. Interest was expressed in making this property more accessible to the surrounding neighborhoods and Thornton Murphy Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.