

## Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council – draft minutes

March 18, 2025

6-7:30 pm

Southside Community Center

### **Welcome**

Carol Tomsic, chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

She said there will be an invasive weed pluck at Lincoln Park is on June 7. Shaun Terjeson was awarded a Parks Foundation grant for an invasive weed pluck at Lincoln Park.

### **Attendance**

Members – Ginnie Henry, Ruth May, Dale Damron, Carol Tomsic, Ginny Ramos, Marilyn Lloyd, Jim May, Shawn Terjeson, Marilyn Reimann, Hank Reimann, Joan Zimmer, Patti Dennie, Sally Phillips

Guests – Enjoli Reed, Taylor Coulter, Annie Deasy, Angela Richardson, Tyler Higgins, Manny Hochheimer, Paul Dillon, Officer Micah Prim

### **Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

Annie Deasy, liaison to the Office of Neighborhood Services, announced it was her last meeting. She has been hired by city engineering. She said Pollyanne Birge will be the new manager of the mural art program.

Sally Phillips, clean-up coordinator, said free disposal passes are available online and our curb-side pickup will be in September this year.

### **Approve Minutes**

The January and February minutes were approved. Shawn Terjeson motioned. Hank Reimann seconded. All were in favor.

### **Paul Dillon, City Council Member**

Paul said the last round of traffic calming projects were approved. We have a permanent project on 11<sup>th</sup> and Altamont. A corner treatment with raised crosswalk and bumpout. And an adaptive project on 17<sup>th</sup>. Bumpouts from Havana to Rockwood. He said the East Central Neighborhood Council also has a project in the Altamont Loop. Bumpouts from Altamont to Perry Street. He said the City Council voted to remove height restrictions downtown. He said the City Council Town Hall was issue-focused on public safety and safe streets. He said there is upcoming homeless roundtable feedback that includes more transparency on the scattered shelters and good neighbor agreements and pathways to employment. Paul answered questions. He said there will be no Sears tower heights downtown. He said the city is sensitive to shades in the

park and Peaceful Valley. The SREC (Spokane Regional Emergency Communications) call center was discussed. A bill passed in the Senate on 3/20. Speed limit reductions were discussed. It was noted that speed limits can be life and death. He said since 2020/Covid aggressive and reckless driving behavior increased for unknown reasons. The necessity of mobile speed signs, pedestrian crossings, education was discussed. Potholes were discussed. Call 911. Affordable housing was discussed. Paul said the estate of Harlan Douglass will not appeal the Growth Management denial. That's all that is known right now.

#### **Officer Micah Prim, Neighborhood Resource Officer, South Precinct**

Officer Prim introduced himself. He is our new Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO). He handed out a flyer with our neighborhood's crime trends. He works in the southside and downtown areas. He grew up in Spokane and graduated from North Central High School. He said he is invested in neighborhoods. He will work on nuisance areas. He is experienced with unlawful camping. He is familiar/works alongside the community court. Micah answered questions. He said Ring doorbell is helpful and can be used as evidence in crimes. He said recruitment is still a struggle. He told everyone to delete the toll texts as scams.

#### **Angela Ricardson, Customer Experience Manager, South Hill Library**

Angela said the library is working on their Vision 2030 plan. She said we can help shape the future of the library by taking a short survey. It will be a thought exchange survey where you can share your thoughts and rate other people's thoughts. She said the loss of federal funding for the Washington state Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will affect the availability of talking and braille books. We can all advocate for the continued funding of their services. She said a technology position at their library is also at risk due to federal funding. Angela answered questions. The Water Wise lectures at the library were discussed. The Nevada library property and thrive partnership was discussed. She said there was going to be a 24/7 library kiosk and geo dome for gardening at the location.

#### **Enjoli Reed, PTG president, Lincoln Heights Elementary School**

Enjoli introduced herself. She has two kids at Lincoln Heights Elementary. She said their Book Bingo was successful. They gave out a prize for the class bringing in the most books. They got 3457 books. They still have 1100 books and will be giving those out for summer reading. They have their Apex fun run coming up. You can donate a flat fee or donate by laps run. She said there will be a Block Party on the grounds of school with a DJ. Enjoli answered questions. She said it was not known if free school lunches would be affected by the federal funding. She said they had a brief update on ICE. She said they still do their Bite To Go, a Friday food pick up bag.

#### **Manny Hochheimer, Idaho Central Credit Union**

Carol said Idaho Central Credit Union will have a booth again at our Meet Your Neighbors in the Park Sponsored by the Parks Foundation on 8/16/25 at 11-1 pm.

Manny introduced himself. He said the credit union is the seventh largest credit union. It has 17,000 employees and its members give back to the community. He said they like to clean up the areas that they build. The neighborhood will be better. He said the old Wells Fargo building was built in 1950 and had asbestos and mold. They needed special permits to clean it. They will have security drive-by at the branch. It will be safer and nicer. He introduced Taylor Coulter, the branch manager at the Regal Street location and Tyler Higgins, the branch manager at Airway Heights location. Tyler and Taylor spoke on the credit union's core values and participation in community events. The Regal Street location will have a soft opening in May. The soft opening is anticipated on 5/6/25. The grand opening is anticipated on 6/26/25.

### **Mobile Speed Feedback Sign Location Vote**

The proposed locations were 29<sup>th</sup>/Havana, SE Blvd/25<sup>th</sup>, and Ray/25<sup>th</sup>. Carol proposed that we vote on the three locations that were already suggested by residents. We can only have three locations this year. The locations were modified to 29<sup>th</sup>/Havana, SE Blvd/25<sup>th</sup> and Ray/23<sup>rd</sup>. Shawn Terjeson motioned. Hank Reimann seconded. All were in favor.

### **Street Mural Art vote**

The four proposed murals were shown to the attendees. It was noted that white typically held up in murals. A power wash would decommission the mural after 2 years. The mural with the quail, frog and butterfly won unanimously. It was also decided we would ask for more stand-alone frogs and pink cornflowers (in the other quail art) to be added to the mural.

### **Bi-Yearly Election Nominations**

Carol said nomination could be made at the meeting. She said that all the board members were willing to continue, but the secretary would be alright if someone wanted to be the secretary. There were no nominations.

### **Community Engagement Grant**

Marilyn Lloyd, vice chair, said our council needs to decide how to use this year's grant. The grant can only be used to fund items and activities that boost resident awareness and participation in our neighborhood council. She said she attended a mandatory city meeting. Our grant is \$850 dollars. We need to pay for our Zoom account with grant. We could attend the Thursday Market again. We are planning to have a 'meet your council' in the Rosauers parking lot to highlight our new flashing crosswalk on 29<sup>th</sup> and we can use the grant to fund snacks. We have an event to pluck weeds in June. We have our August Meet Your Neighbors in the Park Sponsored by Parks

Foundation. A-frame inserts were suggested. Stickers with our website address were suggested.

It was noted that the city's reprographic office is still functional because the union stepped in. Marilyn asked for suggestions. She will come up with a list we can vote on prior to the deadline.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting is 4/22/25 at 6 pm on Zoom