

Minutes – Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
July 15, 2025
Southside Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by chair, Carol Tomsic and those present introduced themselves.

Members present:

Carol Tomsic, Cara Halldin, Marilyn Lloyd, Sally Phillips, Richard Sola, Diane Shuman, Merry Fougale, Shawn Terjeson, Hadley Morrow, Lina Cancio, Marcia Tunik, Kate Telis, Jim Vandermeer, Joan Zimmer, Ruth May, Darylann Craddock, Carol Landa-McVicker, Robert Teal, Ginny Ramos, Henry Reimann, Marilyn Reimann, Daniel Zapotocky, Elliot Robinson, Laura Kneeshaw, Ester Phillips, Claudia Craven, Claire Beagle,

Guests Present:

Nick Jeffries, Micah Prim, Gabby Ryan, Maddie Sontag, Amber Ramirez, Doug Greenlund

Minutes - the approval of the minutes of May and June meetings were deferred to the next meeting.

Cara Halldin, a parent at Franklin Elementary School, was introduced and gave a presentation on the painting of the shelter in Lower Lincoln Park. Corinna Ren was the artist and the students from Franklin helped with design of the murals as well as the painting.

Ginny Ramos, legislative assistant for Councilman Paul Dillon was introduced and gave a brief summary of recent actions by the council including:

- New street ordinance allowing for community events.
- Funding for Maggie's Place
- Funding for opioid treatment
- Property ordinances addressing among other things, code violations

Doug Greenlund, the City's water quality manager, was introduced and he gave a brief summary of efforts being made to reduce PFOS in drinking water including ongoing testing and drilling of new wells.

Nicolas Jefferies, City Wildlife Resource Planner, gave a presentation on the recent fuel reduction work at Upper Lincoln Park. Work continues on other natural areas as funding

becomes available. He also offered resources and information on reducing risk of fires around homes. He presented information about the Wildfire Ready Neighbors program. You can contact Nick Jefferies for free property assessments, njeffries@spokanecity.org.

Hadley Morrow was introduced and gave information on a redevelopment survey for use of the vacant MLK Jr property on 8th and Sherman. www.rb.gy/bl2o71.

Shawn Terjeson was introduced and gave a report on the recent Great Invasive Weed Pluck event held in Upper Lincoln Park in conjunction with Spokane Urban Nature, Water Wise, City Parks and others. It was well attended, and he thanked all the volunteers who helped. One highlight was Jack Nesbitt's guiding a plant tour. Various people expressed hopes that the event will be held again next year.

Gabby Ryan from the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) presented a list of upcoming events that will be held throughout the City.

Maddie Sontag from State Senator Marcus Riccelli's office was introduced and highlighted a few accomplishments from the last State Legislature.

Kate Telis, Candidate for City Council District 2, was introduced and gave a brief overview of her background and why she is running for this vacant position.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be on Zoom at 6 p.m. on August 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Landa-McVicker, Secretary