

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

July 21, 2026 – Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Carol Tomsic at the Southside Community Center at 6 p.m.

Attendance:

Members: Merry Fougere, Josh Latimer, Carol Landa-McVicker, Mark Simmonds, Shenandoah Marr, Shaun Tergerson, Rob Reneau, Mysti Reneau, Jim May, Ruth May, Chuck Milani, Marcia Milani, Carol Tomsic, Marilyn Lloyd, Joan Zimmer

Guest: Pollyanne Birge, Marcus Riccelli, Giacobbe Byrd, Paul Dillon, Micah Prim

Approval of Minutes:

Merry motioned, Shaun seconded. Minutes passed with one abstention.

State Senator Marcus Riccelli, representing the 3rd Legislative District, was introduced and gave a Legislative Update.

- Main topics of interest were Health Care, the Economy and Housing access.
- Our District gets back \$1.30 for every tax dollar we send to the West side.
- Legislation that he sponsored passed providing free lunches and breakfasts for all kids in Spokane Public Schools.
- Q&A
 - Concerns expressed about the broken healthcare system and the loss of Medicaid, especially in rural areas.
 - Only 211 people in Spokane County pay the millionaire tax.

Neighborhood Resource Officer Micah Prim gave the South Precinct update and urged people to report illegal e-bike and e-motorcycle activity.

Council Member Paul Dillon gave a City Council update.

- Urged support for the continuation of the STA levy which is on the primary ballot.
- Speed racing ordinance was passed by the Council.
- The amended Renter Right to Cooling ordinance will be voted on at the July 28 meeting.
- The council is considering a tree ordinance.
- There will be a Climate and Sustainability Committee work session on August 13.

Giacobbe Byrd, City Clerk, gave a presentation on updates to the Council's meeting process and website that will provide more transparency and time for the public to react to agenda items.

PollyAnne Birge, Community Coordinator with the Office of Neighborhood Services, gave a neighborhood update.

Carol Tomsic announced that Meet Your Neighbors in the Park Sponsored by Parks Foundation will be held on August 15, 11-1 pm, in Thorton Murphy Park. She also handed out information on the Comprehensive Plan update, including the Chapters on Transportation and Growth Strategies. She urged neighbors to submit comments to PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on August 18th at 6 p.m.