

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Minutes

August 18, 2026, 6-7:30 pm

Zoom

Members: Carol Tomsic, Sally Phillips, Carol Landa-McVicker, Marilyn Lloyd, Jim Vandermeer, Merry Fougere, Shawn Tergeson, Bill Bidowski, Darylann Craddock, Daniel Zapotocky, James Maxwell

Guests: Heather Smith, Tirrell Black, Ginny Ramos, Micah Prim

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

- Approval of the July minutes was deferred until September.
- Meet Your Neighbors in the Park Sponsored by Parks Foundation at Thornton Murphy Park was a success and will be held again next year on Saturday, 8/21/27.

Tirrell Black, City of Spokane Planner, was introduced and gave an update on the update of the Comprehensive Plan. She urged everyone to visit the interactive website and submit comments. The comment period has been extended until early September. Because of the recent fires, the state may allow a longer extension. She noted that the update includes references to climate change, protecting the environment, and wildlife corridors. She said the transportation maps are on the website. There is a interactive comprehensive plan explorer that you can search the plan for key words. The FLUM map was discussed. She said land use is separate from zoning. There is also an update on the city's development code in tandem with the comprehensive plan updates. Tirrell answered questions. The deadlines and timeline were discussed. Civic partnerships were discussed. Delays due to the fires were discussed.

Micah Prim, Neighborhood Resource Officer, advised everyone to call 311 if there are homeless camping in neighborhood parks. He said there should be more staffing of park rangers in parks by this time next year. The park rangers will be assigned to specific parks.

CM Paul Dillion was not present.

Thomas Herrlinger, South Side Library, was not present. He did send an email update.

South Hil Events of special interest

[Back to the Library with Winnie the Pooh! - For Kids Ages 2-5 & Their Caregivers](#)

Monday, August 31: 10:00am - 11:00am

[Tech Talk - Free Help with Computers, Phones, & More](#)

Tuesday, September 01: 3:00pm - 5:00pm

[Family Garden Taste Test - For Kids Ages 5-13](#)

Thursday, September 03: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Book Club - The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff

Saturday, September 12: 10:30am - 11:30am – **registration required**

A Journey Through Uttarakhand, India's Himalayan State - Armchair Travelers Series

Saturday, September 12: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

A Journey Through Rajasthan: India's Royal Heritage - Armchair Travelers Series

Saturday, September 12: 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Virtual Reality - For Middle and High Schoolers

Tuesday, September 15: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Car and Home Loan Basics

Wednesday, September 16: 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Plant Clinic with WSU Spokane County Master Gardeners

Saturday, September 19: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Western Kalahari Nature Tour - Armchair Travelers Series

Saturday, September 19: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Cultural passes for the 2026/2027 season

Specific performances will be announced on October 5 when tickets will go live. Most tickets are available no sooner than 30-60 days in advance.

Spokane Civic Theatre: 2-3 passes for 9 different plays

Spokane Symphony: 20-30 passes for 4 different performances

Spokane Chiefs: per each home game there are 3 packages of (4-tickets) available per game

Season passes available later in the year:

United Soccer league matches for select Zephyr and Velocity games

Year around passes are also available for:

The MAC

Mobius

Cat Tales

Cultural passes are available to all city of Spokane residents on a first come first serve basis.

This link has directions for reserving tickets

<https://www.spokanelibrary.org/discover-more-with-museum-passes-from-spokane-public-library/>

Heather Smith, Landscape Architect at Spokane Parks, presented the proposed Lincoln Park Playground and Restroom designs. The plans are progressing to construction. The response to the survey reflected nature. She said the residents preferred a zipline, disc swing and play sculpture, and a visible restroom. The area would be well-lit and ADA. It would be constructed in the Spring next year. The color is still being determined but a camas lily color was proposed. The color of all the parks is preferred to be identical. The restrooms would be bright,

clean, and safe. Heather answered questions. She said the restrooms would be locked in the winter. It was not known if the restroom sink or drinking fountain would be able to refill water bottles. She said a leverage grant may be possible to add more features. The current restroom's future is still unknown. A safe access road was discussed. She said the park levy funding is staggered, and it will take up to three years to complete, and school levy funding is all at once. She said there may be FEMA funding for Westview Park.

Shawn Terjeson, said he will drop off a 'good neighbor' 2005 award mug to Nicole Zuhlke, director of the Southside Food Pantry. He asked for money or gift cards donations to put inside the mug for the food bank. He said to bring generous donations to our next meeting on 9/15/26.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is in-person on 9/15/2026 at 6-7:30 pm