

LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, January 15, 2014  
NSSC Campus OCE&E Building, Room 220B

Directors Present: Jan Brucker, Liz Kearns, Kay Mesirov, Tom Meyer, Melanie Davies, and Ellen Beck.

Board Representatives Present: Ken Thompson (Liaison to North Precinct.

Visitors: Jean Wirch, Sarah Benki-Nugent, Christa Dumpys (Department of Neighborhoods, Neighborhood District Coordinator, North Region Team), Jarrod Lombardo (P-Patch).

President Jan Brucker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and we had introductions around the table.

Minutes. The November 20, 2013 minutes were previously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report. The December 31, 2013 bank balance was \$6,461.85.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Department of Neighborhoods. Christa Dumpys is our new Department of Neighborhoods District Coordinator. She explained that because of some retirements, there had been reshuffling of assignments at the Department of Neighborhoods. She is now in charge of the North Region. Tom Whittemore, who was previously Neighborhood District Coordinator, North Region Team, is now assigned to Ballard. Christa is now our liaison with the City.

Northwest District Council. Jan reported that at the Northwest District Council and at the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition she had heard that the Seattle City Council, led by Sally Bagshaw, is considering limiting the number of District Councils to the number of Districts in the City (seven).

Discussion followed. All agreed that this was not a good idea!

Proposed Transmission Line in Residential Area. Sarah Benki-Nugent spoke to us about the proposed relocation of transmission lines from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N.E. to Meridian Avenue North and North 115<sup>th</sup> Street. Sarah had e-mailed Thomas Whittemore regarding the transmission lines and now wondered if she should be communicating with Thomas or Christa. Sarah said she had been communicating with Steve Beyers at City Light. Tom Meyer explained that he works for City Light, but found out about the transmission lines from Sound Transit. The poles for the proposed lines are anchored in a six to eight foot pad. The poles have a three to four foot diameter and are 13-stories high.

Use of the right-of-way along I-5 was dismissed instead of moving the lines onto a residential street were dismissed. Sarah said she has communicated with Rhonda Dixon and Jeff Mannocho of Sound Transit. She will forward 50 comments made at a Sound Transit meeting. She said that Haller Lake is also appalled at the proposed placement of the transmission lines and she hopes to go to their Board meeting tomorrow.

Discussion followed. It was agreed that these poles are too monstrous for a residential street. Sarah is married, a mom and works at the University of Washington with a very busy schedule. She said that she could work full-time on the transmission lines, but just can't possibly devote that much time to the issue. Putting in the transmission poles on Meridian will erase all the progress made by the residents of Meridian to improve their street. Sarah researched and transmission lines haven't been placed on a residential street for decades. It was agreed that transmission lines on 125 foot tall metal poles would overwhelm any residential street they were put on and it is wrong to try to do so in Licton Springs.

2014 Dues. Jan reminded everyone that it was time to pay 2014 dues.

Domain Name - LictonSprings.com. Tom responded to the email regarding does LSCC want to buy the domain name lictonsprings.com. He advised that we should check back in a number of years. If it is available for a small fee, he advised we should buy it.

Greenways. Melanie Davies asked about inviting the folks from Greenways to come to our February meeting. It was agreed they should be asked to come in February.

### **OLD BUSINESS.**

P-Patch Update. Jarrod Lombardo updated us on the P-Patch. He informed us that the \$20,000.00 grant had ended and they were able to access almost all the funds. The funding of the P-Patch is complicated. They have paid for P-Patch needs with funds from the matching levy. Now they have \$2,000.00 to \$2,400.00 in the fundraising account.

The P-Patch owes NSCC \$2,700.00. The College loaned the P-Patch that amount when they needed to pay the architects and couldn't use the grant money for that since the architects didn't qualify with the City. Luckily, the P-Patch was rescued by the loan from NSCC. Now they plan to repay the College as soon as they have enough money.

The P-Patch is still selling bricks. This is an ongoing fundraiser. They have 24 engraved bricks. They plan to use the bricks to build a patio on the north end of the property where it was originally planned to have a green house. In the future, engraving can be done on site after the patio has been built. They would also like to get a picnic table and create a place for gatherings on the patio. There will be two groups from AmeriCorps that will come and move the bricks. They might also help with the shed construction. It will depend upon whether anyone has the skills required.

There will be 90 cubic yards of vegetarian garden compost for the 69 plots. They will also be building compost bins for P-Patch use. The construction of the compost bins will take place Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Work parties are scheduled for every Sunday in January.

Jarrold questioned the \$1,000.00 donation mentioned in the November meeting. It has not been received as yet. He wondered if LSCC intended to make the donation. It was indicated that we did.

Jan asked about having a spring event/fundraiser for the spring equinox (Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>). Jarrold suggested coordinating the event with Vicki Berman. Jarrold said that an event at that time would be perfect timing because the plot assignments would have been announced and could be celebrated. We could apply for a Small Sparks and then would have enough funding to have a musical group, etc.

Tom asked Christa about the grants available to communities. The funds are:

Small Sparks - \$1,000.00  
Small & Simple - \$20,000.00  
Street Fund - \$90,000.00  
Large Matching Fund - \$100,000.00  
Office of Economic Development Fund  
Arts & Culture Fund  
Department of Natural Resources Fund  
King County Funds -various

It was questioned whether a book exchange could also happen at the time of the spring event. Jarrold said he would check for us.

Wilson Pacific. There has been an agreement to save the murals. Suggested asking for report from School District, architects, project management regarding news, SEPA checklist on traffic analysis.

Blanchet Lights. Blanchet has appealed the ruling of the City examiner on new lights to the Federal Court as a religious institution. Jan said that this was rather unusual since the normal appeal would have been to the Superior Court of King County. Jan had just learned of the appeal.

Discussion followed. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for LSCC to file an amicus brief because of the impact of Blanchet's playing field, lights, and sound amplification.

Update on Residential Dumping Problem. Jan passed around copies of an e-mail containing a draft letter to the Seattle Department of Planning and Development, Seattle

Public Utilities, Public Health Seattle & King County, Office of the Mayor regarding  
“Unresolved Noise Complaint; Unresolved Illegal Dumping, Complaint.”

The good news is that Brigitte Ardea reported to Jan on January 15<sup>th</sup> “that the City has agreed the dumping is not proper, and they do not intend to issue a conditional use permit.” Brigitte asked that the letter be held in case it is needed in the future if the problems continue.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Beck, Secretary