

LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, June 17, 2015
NSCC Campus, OCE&E Building, Room 220B

Directors Present: Jan Brucker, Tom Meyer, Melanie Davies, and Kay Mesirow.

Visitors: Kris Lethin, Mike Cuadra, Olivia Lau, and Sandy Lam (SDOT).

Treasurer's Report. The May 31, 2015 bank balance was \$5,714.81.

Minutes. The May 20, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

President Jan Brucker called the June meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS.

Welcome, Mike Cuadra. Welcome to Mike Cuadra. He's informally accepted a position on the Licton Springs Community Council Board. He is also our representative to the SPD North Precinct Advisory Council. Thank you, Mike!

Aurora Urban Village. A separate meeting put together by the neighboring communities (Greenwood, Licton Springs, etc.). Rob Fellows of the NW District Council attended the meeting and talked about Aurora Urban Village. Ideas for an urban community were discussed. Licton Springs and Greenwood attendees were at the meeting. The hot topics at the meeting were the APODMENTS, public safety, and workability. How can Aurora Avenue be made to look and feel better? There were no merchants at the meeting; however Lantern Brewery of Greenlake was in attendance. Lee Bruch also attended. There will be another meeting on Monday, June 23rd, to keep the momentum going.

Phoenix Project. There will be a meeting on June 27th of the Neighborhood Council to update Neighborhood Plans. Jan plans to attend and will provide the neighborhood planning documents. The City is invested in a new Comprehensive plan.

Celebrate North Seattle. Sunday, June 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Epic Life is holding their Summer Party at the Oak Tree Village. Food and drink will available and the businesses will be open during the event.

OLD BUSINESS.

Pedestrian Bridge. Sandy Lam from SDOT brought a model of the Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge Project. They hope to meet 30% design by fall and have an open house. Cost is estimated at \$25 million planning and construction in the fall.

- \$5 Million from Sound Transit
- \$5 Million from SDOT
- \$?? Remaining from State Budget but won't know until the fall. It may be part of the Transportation Levy that the Mayor has put forth.

Concerns:

- Really long Bridge: Wheelchair bound folks won't be able to make it.
- No study of how many students will come from Northgate to the North Seattle College.
- Jan's concern: Not a good use of dollars – Other Issues and no improvements addressed, drainage, elevation over I-5.
- Haller Lake not supporting the Bridge project.
- Stairway being looked at near I-5 and 92nd for access so folks don't need to walk all the way North to access the bridge.
- Safety concerns: It's a long way to walk in enclosed area if someone is following/chasing/harming you.
- Concern about the recent SDOT Tiger Grant application, they bundled more Northgate transit oriented ped/bike improvements with the bridge without clearly identifying them, raising the whole cost significantly higher. For that reason The NWDC would not support SDOT's request for NWDC support letter for the grant. Licton Springs Council also has concerns about this.

Questions:

- Could the design change?
- Could there be switch backs?
- Could the bridge be built closer to 92nd Street or closer to the entrance of the school?

Discussion followed about the real cost to build the bridge. Documentation seems to indicate a lot more. The Northwest District Council was discussing that there were other items being added to the total that went beyond building a bridge. So the dollar amounts keep changing dramatically.

There is a lot of concern about the additional costs; including electric bicycles to be used. (See Appendix in the Document *Northgate Non-Motorized Access to Transit and Education by City of Seattle (Proposal for funding)*)

Why is SDOT, and not Sound Transit, “funding” most of the bridge? (Tom was asking Sandy this.)

There will be an SDOT meeting with the Seattle Bicycle Board and Pedestrian Board in the next few weeks to look at the bridge.

North Precinct Report. Large number of sex offenders are in the area; Police have new equipment that will read license plate from a distance and will give police information if a car was stolen; Police have been supporting demonstrations at the UW and at the Shell Oil rig in Puget Sound. There will be a squad to manage Golden Gardens Park; there’s been car capers in Ballard and the police are lacking tools to do anything about that.

The Police Picnic this year is July 11th and will take place at the Ballard Commons during the Ballard Seafood Festival.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 9: 00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Mesirow for
Ellen M. Beck, Secretary