

LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, June 15, 2016
NSSC Campus, OCE&E Building, Room 220B

Directors Present: Jan Brucker, Kathleen Braden, Liz Kearns, Mike Cuadra, Mindy Lee Irvine, Marie Oliver, and Ellen Beck.

Visitors: Lee Bruch (Safe Routes to School), Ron McKenzie, and Brigitte Ardea.

Treasurer's Report. The May bank balance was \$5,892.41.

Minutes. The May 18, 2016 minutes were approved as amended.

Board President Jan Brucker called the May meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS.

ALUV Update. Lee Bruch gave a report on the ALUV and Licton-Haller Greenways' joint application for a neighborhood street funds grant (up to \$1 million) from the Northwest District Council. The application involved putting in a new pedestrian signal at North 92nd, or dramatically revithe crossing at North 90th, and repainting all the crosswalks from North 85th to North 105th with color appliqué which lasts longer than paint and is consistent for all the crosswalks. There would also be upgrading of all the curb ramps, as well as artwork and signage along Aurora and at the overpass at Oak Tree Village. The joint grant application was approved by the NWDC and forwarded to SDOT as the next step of many steps involved. SDOT will price the grant (there are over 100 grant applications from neighborhoods around the city). Lee thought we should hear back from SDOT by sometime next month, after which the grant will go back to NWDC for further consideration whether to push it further, and then it would be put in the large group of grants for funding consideration.

Licton-Haller Greenways has submitted another grant for improvements on North 90th between Stone and Wallingford, by the new schools. This would include curb bulbs and flashing lights. There have been no plans for making the kids safe when they pour out of classrooms and onto the sidewalks in front of the schools.

Lee reported taking a walk with Councilmember Debora Juarez on April 1st at 90th and Aurora. On Monday, June 13th, he took the same walk with Councilmember Mike O'Brien. He is the chair of the Sustainability & Transportation Committee. On both walks, the traffic

was illustrated, showing how dangerous the traffic was around the schools. Lee felt we gained a lot of traction with both of these Councilmembers.

There is an application for a Find It/Fix It \$5,000.00 grant to do artwork on the Oak Tree pedestrian bridge. There is an artist who will do the artwork.

Jan Brucker said that all grants that involved children and schools were approved. It was moved and seconded that LSCC sign a letter with other groups to be sent to SDOT regarding our joint concerns. Lee feels that it is much safer to have kids using 92nd over 90th because of the additional traffic and the history of 90th. SDOT has to examine both crossings and do due diligence. Discussion followed. Jan, Melanie and Lee attended a meeting with Brian Dougherty and Dan Anderson of SDOT shortly before their preliminary opinion came out. They have prioritized both 92nd and 90th. Their strong proposal for 90th is that motorists should only be able to turn left or right. They believe that 92nd is the safest route for children. Jan said she would circulate LSCC's own draft letter to our Board. The above motion was amended that so that LSCC will send its own letter. Motion passed.

Celebrate North Seattle. Sunday, June 26th, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., is the Celebrate North Seattle event put on by the Epic Life Church at Oak Tree Village. Jan reported that ALUV has purchased a tent. LSCC has been asked to participate as we did last year. She will do popcorn and cold water. She asked for other things we could do. Mindy offered that she would put together a listing of all the neighborhood groups. Mike Cuadra offered that he might already have such a list given to him by Christy Dumpys that he'd be happy to share. Kathleen Braden offered that she had the cards with our facebook page on it that she can bring. Jan moved that we give ALUV \$50.00 for our use of ALUV's tent. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Kathleen offered to get a stuffed frog to represent our chorus frogs. We could perhaps raffle the frog and get emails for our list serve. Other suggestions were stickers and something to color for kids (perhaps frog pictures – Jan has crayons). Mindy said that she had a bean bag throw game. Kathleen mentioned having chalk so kids can draw frogs around our tent. Mike offered to get more stuffed frogs.

DON Large Projects. Kathleen mentioned that she is NWDC's representative on the DON panel that reviews project proposals citywide. It's a great process and good committee. The support staff was helpful and Kathleen said she would happily serve on the committee again in the future.

Fiscal Sponsor Questions. Mike raised the question of fiscal sponsors. Jan said that she had emailed Debra. We are allowed to be a fiscal sponsor for other organizations and to charge money for serving as such. We hold their money during the grant and write checks and we would earn 10.5% of the grant amount. We are a 501 (c)(3) organization and not many have that status. There is paperwork to do, also. Marie Oliver indicated interest in helping with

the fiscal sponsor “business.” She also indicated that she was interested in being treasurer. Mike offered his assistance if she decided to accept that position.

NEW BUSINESS.

Board Elections. Marie Oliver was elected as a Board member! Jan thought that her term was expiring, as well as Liz, and Ellen Beck, but no one had the entire list at hand.¹

Historical Brochure. Liz Kearns reported that she had forwarded the information from Scott, who now works for a new company. He saved all our documents. Discussion followed. LSCC has only done one print run of our documents.² Liz explained how we have used the brochures in the past.

Posting on Website/Facebook. Jan suggested that we should be more active on our website/facebook and post issues that concern the North End, etc. Also, question folks as to what sort of an event are they interested in – an ice cream social? Kathleen said that Halloween has a very good turnout. We should come up with a summer event for children. Discussion followed. This is something to think about. Mindy suggested handing out a list of homes where kids can trick or treat.

P Patch Garage Sale. Liz reported that the P Patch folks are planning a garage sale to raise money. They haven’t set the date yet, but Liz will forward information as soon as she gets it. Liz wondered if we would be interested in participating. Jan said that we still have books and Liz suggested we could have a book table.³

Northwest District Council. Jan requested confirmation that Tom Meyer is still the alternate for the NWDC meetings.

North Precinct Report. Mike reported on the North Precinct Advisory Council. Since the cost of the new precinct building has doubled, and as a consequence the full City Council does not support the new building. The new building is a lot more than a precinct. It will house a lot of services also. There is talk again of splitting the North Precinct into two precincts. It is the largest precinct, going from the Ship Canal to the northern city limits. The building includes a large parking garage, firing range, etc. Discussion followed, especially the cost of parking garages and options for reducing that cost.

¹ Directors with terms expiring in 2016 = Jan Brucker, Tom Meyer, Liz Kearns, Melanie Davies, and Ellen Beck

² Cost 500 = \$1,116.66; 1,000 = \$1,271.25; 2,000 = \$1,596.12.

³ Jan wanted this to be the last time these books are carried out; she doesn’t want them back!

Good of the Order. Marie had created a map showing registered sex offenders using Google Maps and data coming from the King County Sheriff's Office. She will forward the data to the Board.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Beck, Secretary

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