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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, March 15, 2017
NSCC Campus, College Center, Room CC 1442
ATTACHMENTS

Directors Present: Ellen Beck, Mike Cuadra, Melanie Davies, Mindy Lee Irvine, Liz Kearns, Kay Mesriow, Tom Meyer, Marie Oliver, and Kathleen Braden.

Visitors: Ron McKenzie, Thomas Stachiw, Dave Barber, Paul Butkiewicz, Susan Ward, Walter Williams, Jada Brazil, Lee Bruch

Vice-President Tom Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and we had introductions around the room

Minutes. The February 15, 2017 minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report. The monthly Treasurer's Report sent out by Marie Oliver via email was approved. The Board also discussed following up with re-application of non-profit status with federal government and the records Marie has been putting in order. Ellen and Jan will continue to assist, especially with the records that are older (predating May 2011 when LSCC received 501 c 3 status). M/S/A to acknowledge all the careful work Marie has put into this- the Board is very grateful.

Report from Liz Kearns on Licton Springs and Mineral Springs Parks: Some new people have shown up to pitch in and help and Liz noted a new plant ecologist who is going to be dealing with Licton Springs Park for the city Parks Dept.

Disposition of Pillings Pond property: Liz noted that the property at 1612 N. 90th St. Seattle has been put up for sale. Dave Barber discussed the issue and gave a brief history of the transfer of the property to Copper Leaf LLC and that the house adjoining the pond would be shown and the company receiving offers as early as March 19. There was discussion of the status of the property and Dave believes the pond is under special status as a sensitive area.¹ The house is listed for \$450,000 and may sell quickly, given the general growth in the area and the likelihood it would be torn down with new construction occurring. There is also a possibility it will be re-zoned to LR2 and it is located within the Aurora-Licton Springs Urban Village boundaries.

¹ secretary's note: subsequent look at Seattle Dept of Construction & Inspections revealed that the parcel (#3126049219) is listed as an "environmentally critical area", categorized as riparian corridor and wetland

Dave asked if the LSCC wanted to play a role in making inquiries about the property to the owner and perhaps to the city to designate it as historic landmark status. Perhaps the parks dept. may want to take it on for public ownership, given the ecological and historic significance of Mr. Pillings' Pond to north Seattle.

M/S/A to ask Dave Barber to proceed with an application ASAP of the property for historic status. Dave read the text of this resolution and it was M/S/A by a unanimous vote of the Council:

RESOLUTION ON STATUS AND USE OF PILLINGS POND, 1612 N. 90th ST., SEATTLE

Whereas, the Charles Pillings Residence and Duck Pond at 1612 North 90th Street, in the Licton Springs Neighborhood of the City of Seattle, has recently been listed for sale by the new owners, Copper Leaf, LLC;

Whereas, the Charles Pillings Residence and Duck Pond are historic and a cherished neighborhood and citywide asset; Now therefore:

Be it resolved by the Licton Springs Community Council to nominate the Charles Pillings Residence and Duck Pond as a City of Seattle historic Landmark; to explore means to acquire the property in public ownership; to renovate and maintain the historic residence, the duck ponds, and other structures on the property; to explore opportunities for use of the renovated historic residence by the Licton Springs Community Council and other civic organizations; and to further explore opportunities for the continued use of the property for raising domestic, rare, and endangered species of waterfowl.

Adopted by the Licton Springs Community Council this 15th day of March, 2017.

Kathleen will send the resolution to Debora Juarez's office (sent subsequently and attached below) and ask for her support and members will follow up with other contacts or social media outlets as they find appropriate. Dave will finish the application and copy it to the council.

Visitor Comments

Paul Butkiewicz noted he was at the meeting to hear more about the "Your Voice. Your Choice" program (see below) and Susan Ward, the HALA program and the impact of re-zoning on the neighborhood, especially given the boundaries of the Northgate Urban Village and its impact on part of Wallingford Avenue.

Agenda Items

Mike Cuadra noted that the next North Precinct Advisory Council meeting is April 5 at 7 PM and City Council members will be attending (NSC Room 1161). He discussed briefly the new Navigation Team to help deal with the homeless and help get people into immediate

treatment.

(<http://murray.seattle.gov/city-launches-navigation-team-announces-navigation-center-location/>)

Tom discussed the issue of finding a new meeting space for the council. He had contacted the principal of the new school in the neighborhood but had not heard back and will follow up again. Marie made an outreach to the Meridian Health Center, as did Kathleen subsequently and it seems the most likely place to switch to, beginning with the April 19 meeting. The group acknowledged the issue with a door monitor because the doors lock at 6:30 and decided to move the meeting time to 6:30 and accommodate the need to watch the door or post a cell phone number to let in latecomers. Ron McKenzie also noted the availability of meeting space at the Epic Life Church and the council is very grateful for that option should things not work out with the Meridian site.

Lee Bruch reported on the Aurora corridor and WSDOT, SDOT activities (ref: Bruch email to LSCC of March 13, 2017 and his discussion notes from March 9 meeting- attached- and sent to LSCC March 12 by email) including a large scale re-paving project to begin April of 2018.

Tom discussed the Your Voice-Your Choice program of the City of Seattle (<https://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/your-voice-your-choice>) and that this process replaces the older system of disbursing grants via decisions of the District Councils. Funds will now be disbursed by district (Licton Springs is in District Five) and the City envisions that this will be a much more democratic process (note Kathleen Braden disagreed with the City's vision in this regard). There is \$2 million available for funding city-wide and applications are vetted by the people in each district through a series of public meetings, some of which started Feb 27. Each project can ask for a max. of \$90,000. Voting can be done online. Paul and his neighbors worked on a proposal for improved traffic slowing on Meridian via items such as speedbumps. A project for Licton Springs park was put forth although no one is sure by whom but it did not get approved.

Susan spoke more about her concern with respect to HALA and zoning, especially the split zoning along the section of Wallingford Avenue where she lives and in general expressed concern about increased density in the neighborhood. She has addressed her concerns to Council woman Juarez and Tom asked Susan to send us an email with more elaboration about her concerns. (lictonsprings@hotmail.com)

Nominations for positions with the council were opened, as called for in our by-laws and positions will be voted on at the April meeting. Kathleen would like to continue, Mindy is as yet undecided, and Kay, Mike, and Marie will be leaving. Thomas Stachiw of Densmore Ave. N. has kindly agreed to put his name forward for a position.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Next meeting April 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM, location to be determined.

Submitted for approval by Kathleen Braden, Secretary

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