

LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, May 20, 2015  
NSCC Campus, OCE&E Building, Room 220B

Directors Present: Tom Meyer, Melanie Davies, Kay Mesirov, and Ellen Beck.

Visitors: Arnel Valmonte (Seattle Public Utilities, Project Manager for LS Project), Mike Cuadra (North Precinct Representative for LSCC), Linda Mitchell (Mary's Place), Marty Hartman (Mary's Place), Lee Bruch (Licton Haller Greenways, 92<sup>nd</sup> Greenway), Ethan Bernau (Consultant and Construction Manager representing SPS), Colleen Horn, and Richard Truax.

Treasurer's Report. The April 30, 2015 bank balance was \$5,699.81.

Minutes. The April 15, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

Board Member Tom Meyer called the May meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. We had introductions around the table.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Licton Springs Flood Reduction Program. Arnel Valmonte is a Senior Project Manager with Seattle Public Utilities and will be addressing problems of flooding in our area. He said that the work is being done one year ahead of schedule and in partnership with Seattle Public Schools because of the construction of the two new schools. The project area is Woodlawn Avenue between North 95<sup>th</sup> and North 92<sup>nd</sup>, and adjacent to Licton Springs Park. This area has a history of flooding. The project's goal is to reduce flooding in the area. The current capacity gives protection for six month storm event. The project will increase the protection to the level of a 25 year storm event. There will be two phases in the project. The first phase begins on Woodlawn. The impact to the community is that utility workers will be working there Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be increased truck and construction vehicle traffic on Woodlawn Avenue North, North 92<sup>nd</sup> and nearby streets. Also, street parking on Woodlawn will be affected on the west side of the street, but not the east side. There will be noise and vibrations. They will begin July 1 and work for approximately three months. They will send out monthly progress reports to the community. There will be increased traffic control. They will be installing another 30" pipe parallel to the existing 30" pipe. The new 30" pipe will be in use when the existing pipe is full and thereby avoid street flooding. The two 30" pipes converge into a 40" intake that then takes the water enters the school system, and eventually down to Green Lake. There will be no impact to the amount of water available to Pillings Pond. The second phase will be work within the Park, but the Corp of Engineers will do the work in the creek. They do not expect to have the permit until July, so work would happen in August or

September. The firm Coughlin Porter Lundeen will be doing restoration design for the Park. Environmental Science Associates will do the planting. Melanie Davies recommended that Liz Kearns be brought into the loop on the proposed restoration work. She has been leading restoration work in the Park for the last 20 years. This will happen.

Mary's Place. Linda Mitchell and Marty Hartman spoke about Mary's Place. Mary's Place runs homeless centers for women, children, and families in Seattle. They have six night shelters. They are here this evening to tell us something happening in our area. They have been looking for a new location as the need just seems to grow and grow. The City has granted Mary's Place temporary use of the Pi Bank Building at 130<sup>th</sup> and Stone Way as an emergency family shelter while design and permitting is going on for the new North Precinct, which will be moving to that location from Licton Springs. They have been granted by the City the use of the building as a night shelter. Mary's Place moves quickly into spaces that become available to convert them into temporary shelters. They are blessed to have great volunteer construction help to make things happen to prepare buildings to house them. They hope to be in the Pi Bank Building by June.

Mary's Place provides a welcoming safe haven, help families, work to restore hope and grow community. The Pi Bank Building will open at 5:00 p.m. They will serve meals and allow kids to do homework. Everyone is bedded down by 8:30 p.m., the lights are out at 9:00 p.m. The families get up at 5:30 p.m., get clothed, have breakfast and then out the door. Mary's Place tries to get them out into housing as soon as possible. The kids go back to the school that was theirs before they became homeless and Mary's Place coordinates the transportation, mostly taxicabs, to get them to school and back to the shelter in the evening. They coordinate getting the families all the supplies they need. They also work with the parents of the children to get them jobs, or job training or whatever else help they need. Most families will only be homeless one time in their life and this is that moment. They give them as much assistance as they can. Mary's Place works every avenue and coordinates with all faith-based organizations. They fill out applications to get them in permanent housing. They want to give them a loving community that supports them so that they know that they will be helped out and not forgotten. They are always looking for volunteers.

When they get settled they will welcome us to an open house so that the community can see what Mary's Place is doing. Mary's Place has been in existence for 15 years.

Mary's Place is looking for its own forever home in the North End, because the Pi Bank Building is only available until 2016.

Marijuana Applications. Tom reported that there had been three marijuana establishments make application to the Liquor Control Board. They are at the following locations: 9530 Aurora North, 9622 Aurora North, and 10326 Aurora North. Tom promised to get more background on these shops.

### OLD BUSINESS.

92<sup>nd</sup> Greenway. Lee Bruch updated us on the 92<sup>nd</sup> Greenway project. One week ago there was a meeting with the President of the Greenwood Community Council, the chair of their transportation committee, the chair of the Greenwood Phinney Greenway, Lee, and Cascade Bicycle Club, a person from Crown Hill and a person from Maple Leaf who wasn't there in an official capacity, plus two District 6 candidates, Michael O'Brien, the current councilman, and Catherine Weatbrook, and all agreed that they would work together to create a greenway from Sacajawea School over near Lake City clear through to Crown Hill. Whether the route would follow 92<sup>nd</sup> Street exactly will take time and study to determine, but it will be close to 92<sup>nd</sup>. They are trying to determine the best route. It will take several years to come to fruition, but it will be gradually put together. Street calming happens with the installation of speed humps, chicanes, turning circles, etc. The reason Greenwood got involved is because of the question of how to best cross Aurora to get kids to and from the new school. They want SDOT to study a possible crossing at North 92<sup>nd</sup> as soon as possible.

Licton Haller Greenways will be a table and presentation at Celebrate North Seattle on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Oak Tree Village. They will be emphasizing safe routes to schools. They will be emphasizing the new schools at Wilson Pacific and Northgate Elementary School. There is lots of traffic and no sidewalks at Northgate Elementary, so there is a need to go to SDOT directly. 90<sup>th</sup> is listed as an arterial at the school, and that limits the options for calming traffic. They are looking at changing the designation. They are trying to make things safer for the kids.

The SDOT Master Bike Plan is being updated and shows a protected bike path from Wallingford and past College Way to First, across the bridge, on 92<sup>nd</sup>.

Tom asked Lee to address the North 90<sup>th</sup>/North 92<sup>nd</sup> crossing. Lee stated that North 90<sup>th</sup> is not being addressed at this point. The study needs to happen and the safe ways to is determine the best route for kids to cross to reach the schools. There are powerful forces against 92<sup>nd</sup>.

Melanie Davies reported she, Liz Kearns, and Jan Brucker had met with Tom Redman and went over the issues of the bicycle path and the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and 90<sup>th</sup> Street. Tom is the communications person for the School District. He told them that if we need to

reach someone, to let him know. Melanie said that she would forward information from Lee. Discussion followed.

Traffic on Wallingford once the schools are open was discussed. We envision problems, while SDOT does not. Discussion followed.

North Precinct Advisory Council. Mike Cuadra gave a North Precinct report. They are currently in the design phase for the new North Precinct building at 130<sup>th</sup>. If you on line to the Seattle Design Commission website, you can see the design. The North Precinct picnic will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ballard Commons. It will be on the same weekend as the Ballard Seafood Fest. Mike also gave a crime report.

They don't know what will happen to the existing North Precinct building. It is quite run down and too small for North Precinct, which is the largest precinct in the city. They rent additional office space in a building across the street from the precinct.

He stated his willingness to become a Board member. This is great news!

Pedestrian Bridge. Art Brochet is going to be at the next Northwest District Council meeting next week, so there should be news about the pedestrian bridge. The City is optimistic about getting the needed funding. There is a new transportation bill that has money for the bridge. If that passes<sup>1</sup> in November, the cost of the bridge will be made whole. They are in the process of selecting an artist for the project and have a preliminary design.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 9: 00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Beck, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> A transportation bill has not been passed in recent times.