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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of May 17, 2017
Meridian Center for Health, 10521 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle 98133
ATTACHMENTS

Directors Present: Liz Kearns, Jan Brucker, Tom Meyer, Melanie Davies, Thomas Stachiw, and Kathleen Braden.

President Jan Brucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and we had introductions around the room. Andrea Burnett, from Sound Transit, made a presentation and provided handouts for a discussion of the schedule with respect to the transit station at Northgate. Questions were expressed about parking and overflow parking potentially spilling out into the neighborhood. People also asked about hydrology at the site. melanie reported on the open house she had attended, hearing there had been a planned reduction by 300 parking spaces. Andrea discussed the agreement with the City about street patching in the future. She also explained about the noise wall and that this station will be the first lighting point for trains emerging from the tunnel. The group discussed transit-oriented development around the site.

Neighbors wishing to see slides of the presentation could contact Andrea at andreaburnett@st.org.

Minutes. The April 19, 2017 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. The report sent by Ellen Beck as follows was approved: *As treasurer, I can say that everything has remained the same as last month's report, except that Liz has been reimbursed for the plants, soil and pots donated to the Nesbit homeless encampment and I filed the required IRS Form 990-N on April 22, 2017. The only other thing that I would point out is that the LSCC Board cannot consider that we have the complete \$5,857.80 ending balance, but instead we have a total of \$3,829.72, and in funds dedicated to needed projects for Licton Springs Park, there is a total of \$2,028.08. These two separate amounts equal our grand total of \$5,857.80.*

OLD BUSINESS

There will be no Celebrate North Seattle event this year. On July 22, District 5 will have an event and LSCC is invited to share a table with ALUV at Hubbard Homestead Park. [sec note: LSCC had rec'd an email from Shayna Daitch from Rep. Juarez office inviting us to host a table at this event. The email was sent May 17 to LSCC]

Liz Kearns reported on Licton Springs Park and that the May 12 work party was very successful, with many volunteers, much appreciated. More campers are showing up and Liz discussed the City's Navigation Team in which park employees and police work together with social service reps to help the homeless. She noted we are seeing less needles in the park now and there is a disposal container in the restrooms. Liz will be distributing an info sheet with contact phone numbers in case neighbors see questionable activities in the park.

We also got an update on the Tiny House Low Barrier Encampment on Aurora. Liz said the organization has thanked us for the plants donated. Janice Holkup attended the North Precinct Advisory Council and noted that Scott Lindsey has been in touch with Navigation Team. Thomas S. asked about notices posted to have caper removed from Licton Springs Park and had heard the time between notices being posted and removal of materials has shortened.

North Precinct Advisory Council: in the absence of a direct rep. from LSCC tot eh NPAC now that Mike Cuadra has left us, David Osaki's minutes had been sent with the agenda and Janice reviewed also what she had heard at the May NPAC meeting. The question came up about whether LSCC wats a presence at the July 8 Police picnic. Lee also noted that similar outreach to schools are necessary.

Kathleen asked about how to do minutes for NPAC in the future. Janice said she cannot commit to being a regular rep. but will go when she is able.

Annual Report item was skipped.

Communication Task Force: Steffen Stroup, who attended the task force meeting May 3 with Tom Meyer, Thomas Stachiw, and Kathleen Braden, noted that it would be good to get a general consensus on the conceptual stage of moving ahead with a revamped communication outreach plan. Kathleen had sent out a report with the agenda (attached below here). Tom M. noted that the task force members would like to see out work modernized, sustainable, and efficient. The group discussed the limitations of the current website and the use of the history brochure. Jan asked if we could post images from the brochure to the website. Tom reviewed what the task force would like to see accomplished with a newer website and a blog-like function for announcements, recommending moving away from a PDF format for a newsletter. The group discussed various forms of outreach, such as the listserv, website, Facebook, news sources, NextDoor. Melanie asked about Google Group that Lee uses.

Lee Bruch had provided three items of interest by email (attached below) and discussed the new schools, traffic patterns, and outstanding questions about traffic issues. He suggested starting to press these issues with Debora Juarez.

Pilling's Pond: Jan and Dave Barber updated the group on the property and said that the young couple who bought it would work with Dave Kinkel to care for the waterfowl.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting June 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Braden, Secretary.

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(1) From David Osaki who attended NPAC as ALUV representative: Navigation team was main presentation. They estimate about 30 residents at the Licton Springs homeless encampment at this time. I thought I heard them say demand for the Licton Springs homeless encampment is high -- awaiting construction of more tiny houses to house more. Some residents are sleeping in the open (or at least under the main tent in the middle of the encampment). For the most part, people coming to Licton Springs encampment have substance abuse issues. Have had several police calls around the encampment so far but not certain if it associated with encampment residents or people just gathering in the area.

Police are compiling crime statistics for the area leading up to the opening of the homeless encampment, and then following its opening to measure change, if any,

Also - North Precinct Community Picnic is July 8 at the Police precinct. Supposedly, the Police upper management like to have the picnic events in conjunction with a broader community event. But there seemed to be community support for having it at the Precinct this year. Police are hoping for a big turnout to prove the decision to have the picnic at the Police Precinct was a good one, and are looking for community groups to have booths and encourage a big turnout. I have a Police contact to get more info if we are interested.

Car prowls crimes still high in general, especially in the U-District, Green Lake, Greenwood and Bitter Lake areas.

(2) May 3, 2017 meeting of Communication and outreach task force
Present: Thomas Stachiw, To Meyer, Steffen Stroup, Kathleen Braden

We reviewed the report from the Nov. 15, 2016 task force meeting and discussed the goals of maximizing efficiency and modernizing the LSCC outreach. The three topics focused on were:

1. *Updating the LSCC web page.* We reviewed the mock-up Thomas had done, discussed possible cost factors (including sponsorship or selling ads) and also looked at the Greenwood-Phinney page which has revenue and is able to pay for professional services to manage the site, its blog, and keep up to date. The group felt that *sustainability* (maintainability) of the site is important, given that Thomas may be able to get it set up for us, but running it properly for maximum usability may require funds.

2. *determining a "requirements catalog" for the web page.* We discussed some of what is desirable for an updated and efficient web site, including:

- moving our newsletter to the website rather than having to issue one separately

- putting announcements on the website with people able to select the topic areas they are most interested in
- linking to minutes from LSCC on the page and having an accessible archive
- link to history of the neighborhood
- contact information, donation information

3. *the history brochure for Licton Springs*. We looked at the brochure and agreed it is quality work and there is use for it at events, etc., but are concerned whether reprinting is best use of scarce funds. The task force recommends putting together a less expensive brochure that can be made available for events like Celebrate North Seattle and moving the brochure content onto a special part of a newly designed web page.

(3) From Lee Bruch

1. Cascadia and Eagle Staff schools:

1a. This last Thurs. they held a PTSA meeting focusing on transportation. Various groups including the PTSA, SDOT, Greenways, Feet First, Cascade Bicycle Club, and SPD North Precinct presented. Attached is a pdf of my power point for my portion of the presentations.

1b. Greenways, Feet First, and others are working on Safe Routes to Schools, including remote drop-off points for kids to walk/bike from those. See attached **draft** maps. We will be sponsoring a number of walking and biking audits of potential walking and biking routes throughout May, June, and July, with an aim of creating a published map in August. We'll publicize the dates - the community if invited to participate.

1c. SDOT is trying to get the pedestrian signal installed across Aurora at 92nd prior to start of school (but cannot guarantee they'll have it done by then). They have stored a set of flashing rectangular beacons for 90th in front of the schools. They will wait until after school starts to see the best location based on actual need. SDOT will also create concrete diverters on 90th west of Aurora to divert through traffic on 90th.

2. Handy Andy site on Aurora from 92nd to 93rd:

The City will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the proposal May 24 at 6:30 at the Ballard Community Center. Currently they show 3 vehicles entrances, with those on Aurora and 92nd being the most used. They forecast 50 trips per day. Several of us are trying to get the entrance off of 92nd closed and for them to use only Aurora and 93rd to avoid the Safe Route to School on 92nd.

3. Aurora Re-Paving

The WSDOT re-paving of Aurora from near the tunnel to 145th is scheduled for next summer 2018. Its current scope includes scraping off the top coat (apx. 1") and installing new asphalt, rebuilding the base course of the bus lanes at needed locations (that part is a recent expansion of scope), and rebuilding ADA ramps at apx. 60 locations. Some of us have been pushing for the City and Metro to add funds to increase its scope to include more pedestrian improvements. WSDOT, SDOT, and Metro have been meeting on that and have invited several of us to a meeting on May 18 to discuss. A few of us are also making a pitch at City Council for more funding for pedestrian improvements throughout the city incl. Aurora on May 16.