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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, November 16, 2016
NSCC Campus, OCE&E Building, Room 220B
ATTACHMENTS

Directors Present: Ellen Beck, Jan Brucker, Melanie Davies, Tom Meyer, Marie Oliver, Liz Kearns, Mike Cuadra, Kay Mesirov, and Kathleen Braden.

Visitors: Aaron Schwarzenbart (Epic Life Church); Rose Whitson

Board President Jan Brucker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and we had introductions around the table.

Minutes. The October 19, 2016 minutes were approved. The secretary notes that dates for 2017 meetings were distributed by email to Council members and are attached below.

Treasurer's Report. Marie Oliver had emailed a treasurer's report (attached). M/S/A acceptance as distributed.

Visitor Comments. Aaron Schwarzenbart presented plans for the December 3 Licton Lights event in Licton Springs Park, noting that the Epic Life Church is still awaiting its permit. Once the permit is in hand, the church hopes to send out a wider request for donations of LED lights (required by City of Seattle to be LED only) and LSCC will help spread the word.

Agenda Items

North Precinct Advisory Council-Mike Cuadra reported in NPAC and minutes from Nov. 2, 2016 meeting are attached. The concept of splitting the North precinct into two units was discussed at the meeting, as well as crime issues around Licton Springs Park. Jan noted that Councilwoman Debora Juarez had invited comments from LSCC on the precinct building and Mike noted that Juarez had indicated opposition to a safe injection site in Lake City, something which had been only rumored, and that Juarez is not generally in favor of safe injection sites.

Halloween Friends of the Forest Event Report- Melanie Davies reported on the Oct. 31 traditional event in Licton Springs Park and thanked all the Council members who had helped out. Melanie will send the final financial accounting to Marie as treasurer. The Group discussed the history of the event and acknowledged help from staff at Children's Hospital. Melanie will follow up with thanks yous and a note on the facebook page.

Tax Exempt Status for LSCC- Marie Oliver reported on progress to date restoring the tax exempt status with the IRS for Licton Springs Community Council after the status had inadvertently lapsed due to non-filing of yearly report to the U.S. government. Marie is reconstructing past records from LCC materials and we will need to file a new application and pay a \$400 fee. The Council thanked Marie for her attention to this important issue.

Communication Task Force Report- Kathleen Braden presented the results of a November 15, 2016 meeting of the communication/outreach task force, attended by Kathleen, Tom, Marie, and Mindy (Jan is a member but was unable to make it). The Council discussed (1) reprinting of the Scott Souchak historic Licton Springs brochure and ways to potentially finance it. The taskforce had indicted support fo the material as an important tool but expressed a desire to find a less costly way to produce it. Jan Brucker suggested an application to the small-simple grants program of Dept of Neighborhoods to help with cost of reproduction and Liz Kearns gave Kathleen a cost estimate from May 19 this year of printing more copies; (2) our Facebook page has 294 “likes” and Vertical Response ESP contact list has reached 270 people. The group discussed increasing the power of Facebook page reaches, including possibly with a small additional cost, and making use of the statistics generated on Facebook to follow viewers; (3) Tom discussed ideas on finding sponsors for a rebuilt and more interactive website and that such a step might help pay for a website creator-manager because we recognize the labor can be high; (4) Mindy is checking into adding LSCC as an entity on the NextDoor system and Kathleen will check with the PhinneyWood blog to see if a link can be added for our website; (5) the “Currents” newsletter production will be suspended for several months pending decisions about a platform and editor for outreach. Kathleen meanwhile will send out a December “enhanced agenda” (noting there is no December meeting however) to keep people informed about issues before the Council. The task force will meet again in December.

Members of the Council thanked Kay Mesirow for her wonderful work to create the “Currents” newsletter for many years. This has been a valued and important community-building tool.



Old Business

- A task force was set up to complete the by-laws revision and it consists of Jan, Melanie, Ellen, and Mike. Jan will convene it.
- Jan reported on the letter from LSCC to support an ALUV grant proposal to the City of Seattle Dept. of Economic Development. Both the support letter and grant proposal are attached below. The support letter was signed by LSCC members present and will be

sent to Theresa Barrera at the Dept of Econ Development electronically and in hard copy. The group discussed the grants' goals and Jan noted she does not envision opposition from the Aurora Merchants Association. Rose Whitson asked how active LSCC has been in community land use issues and Jan noted we used to have a land use committee and reviewed some of the ways the Council had been active in this topic. Melanie suggested it would be good to note various projects under review in the Licton Springs area as we communicate via our website or other outreach vehicles.

- The Standing Advisory Committee for North Seattle College held a meeting Nov. 15, attended by Melanie, Mike, and Liz, who reported on the purpose and outcome. This is a requirement of institutional master plans in the City of Seattle, but the SAC for the college had not convened for quite a while. One of the projects under more immediate consideration is renovation and new design (largely interior) of the library and LSCC would be given an opportunity to respond to this. Information about the advisory committee requirement for the major institutions in the city of Seattle can be found at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/major-institutions-and-schools/major-institution-advisory-committees>.
- Council members posed for a photo of a symbolic check for \$1,064,000 associated with access improvements, pedestrian safety, and other measures for Aurora Avenue Neighbors, a cooperative grant proposal spearheaded by ALUV, the NW District Council, Greenways, and other neighborhood groups. See attached.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Next meeting January 18, 2017 at 7 PM. There is no meeting in December.

Submitted for approval by Kathleen Braden, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON LICTON SPRINGS PARK

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON LICTON SPRINGS PARK

Liz Kearns provided an update on Licton Springs Park November 18 by email message to Council members and regular reports will be included in future Council meeting agendas:

“The friends of Licton Springs Park (5 member strong and growing) have held 10 monthly work parties in 2016. most recently on 11/12/16 we had 21 volunteers who planted 300 plants in under 3 hours. Thanks to Parks Dept. Landscape Architect Frank Robinson and his crew there is a new piece of playground equipment geared toward middle school age kids. AND Frank has money leftover from this project; he asked for my priorities (which luckily he agreed with) and I suggested a re-do of the ground just off of the bridges. For those you who do not visit the park, these areas are MUD and getting muddier & larger every time it rains. This is a job that the Friends of LSPk cannot do but it is perfect for Franks' crew; if all goes well it should be completed next month. Two other things: in October of each year, for 10 years running, we host a group from Bishop Blanchet Hi-sch for a day of park restoration.

During each summer, for the last 15 years, we host 8-10 weeks of restoration work by the environmental group of teens from Woodlawn Park Zoo.

We have hosted REI and Microsoft and numerous Eagle Scout/Boy Scout groups. These work parties are organized by Parks or me.

For me it's a labor of love and I'd like to start sharing these accomplishments with you and the community”