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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 18, 2017
Meridian Center for Health, 10521 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle 98133
ATTACHMENTS

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

President Jan Brucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Board discussed suspending Article VII-5 of the by-laws calling for a quorum of six to conduct business at future meetings until the by-laws could be officially modified, noting that the June and September meetings this year did not have sufficient number present. **M/S/A to suspend the requirement of six Board members to be present to conduct business and in its place, hold extraordinary LSCC meetings in which a quorum would constitute a simple majority present of currently serving Board members.**

We had introductions around the room, and a Q&A session with guest Laura Jenkins from the Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods. Laura explained some of the position changes with the re-organization of DON after Mayor Murray's decision of last year to curtail ties with the District Councils Thomas Whittemore is assigned all areas north of the ship canal to the city limits. Laura serves as a "floater" and there is also a contact person for Central and South areas respectively. DON also has special strategic advisors for specific initiatives. Jan asked about the pledge that there would be a report from DON about how all city departments would improve outreach efforts to various constituencies and Laura said the report is underway but not completed yet. New tools are being developed such as community connection online tool and will be available to community groups, non-profits.

Minutes. The July 19, 2017 minutes (attached) were approved (note that there was not a quorum to do so at the Sept. 2017 meeting)

Treasurer's Report. The monthly Treasurer's Reports for 7/1/17 through 8/31/17 and 9/1/17 through 10/16/17 sent out by Ellen Beck via email were approved (attached)

Liz Kearns reported on activities at Licton Springs Park, noting that a sweep was done Sept. 25 and she showed an example of notices that are posted ahead with instructions to people about retrieving any items picked up. There has been an improvement in that work parties are noticing far fewer needles discarded. Liz verified that the bathrooms would be kept available for the Halloween event and that they will be locked in the evening, but will soon be locked entirely for the winter season. Both Liz and Thomas Stachiw committed to monitoring Mineral Springs park as they are able.

OLD BUSINESS

- there has not yet been a response to the letter sent from Jan to Geoffrey Wentlandt (attached) regarding zoning on parts of Wallingford Ave N.
- Jan and Ellen are reviewing materials for the possible reinstatement of 501 c 3 status and noted older materials regarding zoning pre Aurora-Licton Springs urban village in 2008. They will send Mr. Wentlandt this additional information as a historic record of zoning in the area and Kathleen will let Susan Ward and Mike Barrett, who initiated this inquiry, know about it.
- Melanie and Liz reported on Halloween event and Thomas brought in some candy to donate. It will be in Licton Springs park from 4:30 to 6:30 as usual. More volunteers are needed for the Friends of the Forest station.
- Kathleen, Melanie, and Tom reported on the Sept 19 event sponsored by the D5 network with Debora Juarez. Liz and Melanie had subsequently met with John Lombard and others with respect to Nesbit Avenue neighbors' concerns around the low barrier encampment on Aurora and noted that there are now more police patrols for the area. Mary Amberg from the Seattle Police Dept will be speaking at an event Nov 9 sponsored by ALUV and Kathleen will post to our listserv a notice about this and other meetings of interest to the neighborhood.
- Jan attended a ceremony to honor the artist Andrew Morrison, but was a bit disappointed that the Seattle School District did not do more to support or recognize him. Liz and Kathleen each attended events in September to mark the opening of the new schools in our neighborhood.
- Melanie attended a recent ALUV meeting and discussed the six month moratorium on certain development applications for the Aurora-Licton Springs Urban Village area, renewable in six months. People who attended design review meetings for the Gold's Gym property (for new storage structure) did see to have a modest impact for improvement of design. Nov 12 at 2 PM there will be an open house at the Lantern Brewery with many City of Seattle depts.. represented to hear concerns of people.

The Board agreed to a retreat in November in lieu of the usual Board meeting and Kathleen will be sending out request for best dates and times, as well as a planning document to make the retreat productive. It will cover a look at the by-laws, mission, and other factors given the recent changes in city structure of working with neighborhood groups and the advent of groups such as the D5 network and ALUV.

Adjourned 8:30 PM

Next regular meeting January 17, 2018

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Minutes. The May 17, 2017 minutes were approved (note that there was not a quorum to do so at the June 2017 meeting)

Treasurer's Report. The monthly Treasurer's Report sent out by Ellen Beck via email was approved.

Comments from Neighbors present

Susan Ward and Mike Barrett discussed the city's May 30, 2017 response (attached) to LSCC resolution about zoning on Wallingford Avenue and Susan noted she had replied to correct some factual errors made by the city's representative. Susan asked about next steps and Jan said she thought another letter from LSCC in response was called for. M/S/A to draft a letter and circulate to LSCC members for approval since there is no meeting in August (five yes; one abstention)

Licton Springs Park- Liz reported on work by teenagers from Woodland Park Zoo environmental program. She noted presence of Navigation Team from City and park dept employees and that Friends of Licton Springs Park was properly following protocol on safety of volunteers for clean-up process. Liz has sent a thank you note. The Council & visitors discussed issues and challenges of homelessness and opioid epidemic. Kathleen noted telephone number for needle pickup 206 684 7250 and also tel number to report illegal dumping 206 684 7587.

Letter re New Schools in Licton Springs Neighborhood: Melanie Davies sent the letter attached and Lee Bruch pointed out that the transportation Management Plan was released online this past Monday with little fanfare, so it was fortunate that those monitoring were able to access it and are only now reviewing, but the impression is that it is not adequate to address many concerns. July 28 the School Traffic Safety Committee (set up by City Council) meets and has requested agenda items right away. Jan asked Lee to cc LSCC with his letter about the report

and issues, concerns about upcoming congestion. Tom suggested contacting Debora Juarez as well about the inadequacy of the transportation plan.

D5 Group- Kathleen reported on meeting earlier in July with Sabrina Bolieu of Juarez staff with several people associated with new D5 (District Five) group and that she had been in touch with John Lombard about generating some data to pass along to D. Juarez about issues in her district. Several other LSCC members have attended the D5 meetings and a larger gathering is planned for Sept. with Juarez.

Andrew Morrison- M/S/A to issue a certificate of thanks from LSCC to artist Andrew Morrison for his murals that are being re-installed at the new Cascadia and Eagle Staff schools. Kathleen and Liz attended the ceremony July 13 and there is an upcoming one as well August 25. Liz will request a spot on the agenda to present the certificate.

Other Business: Jan noted that ALUV has been working on proposal for a moratorium on businesses in the Aurora-Licton Springs Urban Village area and will keep us apprised on this issue.

Adjourned 8:30 PM
Next meeting Sept. 20. NOTE: NO AUGUST MEETING

ATTACHMENTS



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On May 30, 2017, at 4:11 PM, Wentlandt, Geoffrey <Geoffrey.Wentlandt@seattle.gov> wrote:

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter to the Mayor regarding implementation of Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) in Licton Springs. I am responding on behalf of the Mayor's Office.

We appreciate the thoughtful resolution from the Licton Springs Community Council regarding the draft zoning proposal on the east side of Wallingford Ave. N. between 103rd St. and 105th St. The City has been seeking community input to improve and refine the draft proposal to implement MHA throughout Seattle. The public input phase is open through at least this summer and we will strive to address as many public comments as possible before a proposal is finalized and sent to City Council in the fall.

In recent years, significant new housing development has occurred in your area, and will continue even without zoning changes. If we implement MHA, we can ensure that some of the new housing will be dedicated affordable housing for lower income households, since MHA would require all new multi-family and commercial buildings to either include or pay into a fund to support affordable housing. Today, the new buildings you see constructed by private builders have no requirement to contribute any affordable housing in Wallingford and surrounding neighborhoods. If MHA is implemented we expect it to generate at least 6,000 affordable homes citywide over the next 10 years that are reserved at income levels common to occupations such as administrative assistants, retail clerks, and public school teachers.

The Northgate Urban Center was established through a community planning process in 1994. In the fall of 2016, when the Seattle City Council adopted the updated *Seattle 2035* Comprehensive Plan, it renewed its commitment to guide the future growth we know is coming to Seattle's urban villages and urban centers. The urban village strategy strives to direct additional market rate and affordable housing to these areas. Our initial draft proposal to change zoning from single family to Low Rise 2 along Wallingford Ave. was in recognition that there is already Low Rise 3 zoning along that street, and the area is in close proximity to assets and infrastructure including North Seattle Community College. These blocks are also the only single family zoning remaining in the Northgate Urban Center. The urban village strategy strives to prioritize investments in transit connections, open spaces and vibrant business districts in compact livable and walkable communities. As you know, the Northgate Urban Center will benefit from a new light rail station that will provide a significant new transit connection in your neighborhood.

The City and partner agencies are continuously making efforts to invest in new public infrastructure. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has reviewed the planned growth and assures us that the existing and planned sanitary sewer systems are equipped to serve the increments of growth expected. The greatest challenge for our sewer system is naturally occurring peak storm events that are difficult for combined sewer systems to handle. Incremental development is a negligible burden on sewer systems compared to large storm events.

With regard to vegetation, new multi-family buildings are required to provide landscaping and vegetation through a standard called green factor that requires a certain level of environmental performance. New multi-family buildings are also required to plant street trees. These landscaping requirements would remain in place for new buildings in your neighborhood. We will also be evaluating potential impacts to tree canopy stemming from MHA implementation. A draft environmental impact statement due out in June will include detailed technical review of potential effect of zoning changes on tree canopy.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful letter and resolution. Your comments will be considered as we revise our initial draft, into a final proposal for City Council review.

Sincerely,

<image001.jpg>Geoffrey Wentlandt AICP LEED ap
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July 12, 2017

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Dear Mr. Becker,

The summer is now in its full glory and it is exciting to see the landscaping and final touches being made to the new schools in the Licton Springs area of north Seattle. With the start of the school year on the horizon there is much excitement in the neighborhood about the new school facility and questions, many of which came up during the public process several years ago. It is imperative, as the opening of the schools approaches, to have the schools and school district provide information about management plans that will directly affect the community. Some of these include:

- Traffic Management Plan (TMP) including traffic access plan identifying bus routes and bus loading and unloading schedules. Please confirm school start times.
- Community notification Plan – Provide process to notify neighbors when the schools will be holding evening parent events so that parking and traffic can be anticipated.
- Community Access to play field and ball courts – Provide schedule / process for community access to new fields and basketball courts. As you may know Wilson Pacific served the recreational needs of the community until the closing of the site for construction.

Can you provide us with information about when and how this information will be made available to the community (you are welcome to respond to my email, melaniedavies81@gmail.com)? The Licton Springs Community Council has heard concerns from community members. The TMP in particular will be important to get out to neighbors as soon as possible, and at a minimum a month before the opening of the schools so that everyone can begin to prepare themselves for what will be significant changes in traffic.

Best

Licton Springs Community Council
Melanie Davies, Board member

cc Thomas Redman, Seattle Schools
Marni Campbell, Principal Robert Eagle Staff Middle School
Anna Birinyi, Principal Cascadia Elementary
Lisa Allphin, Principal Licton Springs K-8 School 7
Debora Juarez, Seattle City Council
Rob Johnson, Seattle City Council
Mike O'Brien, Seattle City Council

Licton Springs Community Council Monthly Treasurer Report

9/1/2017 through 10/16/2017

For our May, June, July and September meetings, we did not incur a room rental fee with the Meridian Center for Health.

We still have not yet been billed \$120.00 for the room rental from North Seattle College for the January, February, and March meetings.

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Note:		
	Balance for LSCC	\$3644.49
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Our annual report filing with the Washington State Secretary of State for the year ending 12/31/17 due on September 30, 2017, I filed on September 15, 2017.

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Licton Springs Community Council
9058 Burke Avenue North
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September 26, 2017

TO: Geoffrey Wentlandt, City of Seattle Office of Planning & Community Development, PO Box 34019, Seattle, WA 98124-4019

RE: Your May 30, 2017 letter regarding Mandatory Housing Affordability in Licton Springs Neighborhood, specifically zoning along part of Wallingford Avenue North

Thank you for your response to the resolution passed April 19, 2017 by the Licton Springs Community Council (attached) and the Council has continued to monitor the situation, particularly through residents Susan Ward and Mike Barrett, who shared with us their June 16, 2017 to you.

We are grateful for your attention to the matter, but would like to affirm Susan and Mike's identification of two errors in your May 30 letter. You referred to the existence of LR 3 zoning already being on this block. This is incorrect. All of the houses and yards fronting on the 103rd-105th Wallingford N blocks, both east and west sides, are currently zoned Single-Family Housing. There is currently no low-rise zoning on this block. MHA- HALA maps, and other City zoning maps, such as SPU's, as well as HALA staff, all verify this.

It was also stated that this block is the only one in the Northgate Urban Village that is currently SFH. However, there is one other, on the northeast edge of the urban village, NE 108th. And that street is designated to become RSL under MHA-HALA, not low rise.

The Licton Springs Community Council questions whether such a significant change in zoning is appropriate and is requesting a response as to why this street is being proposed for such a severe modification of density. LR2 zoning could triple or even quadruple the population of the block. The street is narrow, and already heavily impacted by increased parking and traffic from the Meridian Center for Health. Your letter did not address the increased problems from parking and traffic that greater density would ensure.

LR2 buildings would destroy the current transition that exists between houses with yards on the west side of the street and tall apartment buildings and condos on Meridian. This transition is provided now by houses, trees, and back yards on the east side of the street. Back yards make a better transition zone than a street. Rezoning would have single family housing directly across the street from multiplex buildings. The proposed change would also impact renters on the east side of the street, about half of whom are people of color, who would soon lose the affordable housing that they now have.

We are also not convinced by the assurances that the loss of green space and unpaved ground would not result in dangerously increased storm run-off, or that the loss in tree canopy would in any way be replaced by the minimal landscaping typically required of new development. Eighty percent of the homeowners of this block are opposed to this rezoning, and signed a petition which was given to the Mayor's office and to Council members and HALA staff in late April. Several residents also responded to the draft EIS.

The Community Council feels these citizens' voices should be heard. We stand by our resolution, urge the City to remove the proposed up-zoning from MHA HALA, and request a positive response to this letter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Jan Brucker,
President, Licton Springs Community Council

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cc: Mayor Tim Burgess, City Council Members Debora Juarez and Rob Johnson, Susie Philipsen, HALA,
April 19, 2017 Resolution of Licton Springs Community Council

Whereas the east side of the 103rd to 105th block of Wallingford N, currently zoned as single- family housing, is now proposed to be zoned Low Rise 2 under the City's draft MHA-HALA proposal;

Whereas this east side of Wallingford, together with its west side, forms an active as well as ethnically and economically diverse neighborhood community;

Whereas it is also connected in building style, size, and green space with its west side;

Whereas this proposed zoning designation could result in tripling or quadrupling the density of population on this block;

Whereas it would critically increase traffic and parking problems on narrow streets in the immediate area, already adversely impacted by the Meridian Center for Health;

Whereas the east side of Wallingford provides a low, green buffer of houses and yards between houses on the west and low-rise apartments and condominiums immediately to the east on Meridian;

Whereas it provides the benefits of mature trees, green plants, and rain-runoff-absorbing yards which would likely be lost in the construction of low-rise buildings which could fill these lots;

Whereas the subject area is in close proximity to environmentally critical areas;

Whereas it provides affordable family housing, especially to renters, who would be displaced;

Whereas the proposed MHA-HALA zoning changes could result in 40-45 foot- high buildings adjacent to and across a narrow street from single-family homes; and

Whereas the draft MHA-HALA zoning change proposed, from Single Family to LR2, is both severe and unique within the Northgate Urban Village, as this is the only block proposed to be split into single-family-residential on one side and low- rise on the other; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Licton Springs Community Council recommends to the City that it withdraw any and all MHA-HALA up-zoning of the east side of 103rd - 105th Wallingford Avenue N.

