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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting, September 21, 2016
NSCC Campus, OCE&E Building, Room 220B
ATTACHMENTS

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

Visitors: Lee Bruch (Safe Routes to School, Licton-Haller Greenways), Margaret King (DESC), Thomas Whittemore (DON), Richard Truax, Rebecca Landa, Betty Means, Jeff Smith, Marni Campbell (Eagle Staff Middle School Principal), Shari Wade, JC Brazil

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

Minutes. The July 20, 2016 minutes were approved.

Secretary Nomination and Election. Kathleen Braden was elected secretary by unanimous vote. Ellen Beck, who served as secretary for eighteen years, was presented with flowers, a card, and thanked by a round of applause.

Treasurer's Report. Marie Oliver presented a treasurer's report (attached)

Presentation

Margaret King, Housing Program Director from DESC (Downtown Emergency Service Center. <http://www.desc.org/>), presented information (attachment) on a new project planned for 937 N. 96th Street, Seattle, and answered questions. She explained the purposes of the organization and the services offered to clients who live in their units. DESC prioritizes the most vulnerable, has 550 full time employees throughout the city, and opened Aurora House at 10507 Aurora Avenue N., with 87 units three years ago. Tenants are recruited city-wide and admitted based on a vulnerability measure, paying 30% of their income for rent. The project on 96th Street is in its initial stages for permitting and a purchase-sale agreement on the land, with groundbreaking anticipated within two years and the building open in an additional eighteen months. Margaret answered questions about expectations for behavior codes among the clients, the 24 hours-per-day staff who are on-site, and the policy of DESC to have their clients and staff encouraged to participate in neighborhood activities. In turn, DESC is happy to welcome volunteers from the neighborhood, particularly for social interaction with the clients, who often are reclusive. LSCC council members thanked her for the presentation and expressed a desire to keep in touch and offer assistance as needed.

Agenda Items

- (1) Mike Cuadra reported on NPAC (minutes of Sept. 7, 2016 NPAC meeting attached) and the decision of the City of Seattle to place on hold the construction plans for a new North Precinct structure on Aurora Avenue. (ref: <http://council.seattle.gov/2016/09/15/mayor-murray-councilmembers-announce-update-to-north-precinct-plan/>) Mike is attempting to get more information about the Racial Equity Toolkit (ref http://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/RSJI/RacialEquityToolkit_FINAL_August2012.pdf) and consideration by the Dept. of Financing for its use during re-evaluation of the project. The property has already been purchased, with three buildings originally planned for the site. Rebecca Landa , a member of BlocktheBunker (ref <https://www.change.org/p/seattle-city-council-say-no-to-police-militarization-in-seattle-block-the-160million-bunker>) and BlackLives Matter, noted concerns and opposition to the project, even potentially leading to riots in the neighborhood.
- (2) Jan gave an update on the situation with the District Councils after Mayor Murray's July decision to modify/curtail Dept. of Neighborhood support as it now exists. The group returned to this theme given Thomas Whitemore's attendance and he noted that the Council in Ballard is devoting its October meeting to this topic. DON is currently looking at the opinions and reactions of various District Councils and, while the department is short-staffed, still plans to be working with various community groups. The decision does allow the district councils themselves to apply for city money now in the future and it is not yet clarified what will be happening with the existing procedure for the Large Grants program under DON.
- (3) Marni Campbell attended and introduced herself as the new principal of Eagle Staff Middle School, now under construction at 1330 N. 90th. Lee described the work with SDOT and past grants to improve safety-access for the children who will be attending. Jan gave a brief history of LSCC valuing of the connection to Native American groups, artist Andrew Morrison, and the symbolism of the former Indian Heritage School at the site and Marni affirmed that through curriculum and other programs, the school staff plan to honor that tradition. Jan expressed a hope that LSCC would connect with school staff and PTAs of the new schools. Marni noted that there will be a community planning team and various touch points for the staff with community groups.
- (4) The group discussed the status of the Northgate Pedestrian Bridge. Jan reminded the group that, along with other community groups, a letter had been sent expressing concern about potential delays for the project and there is general disappointment that Councilwoman Debra Juarez has not responded.

(5) Jan updated people on land use issues, ALUV (Aurora Licton Springs Urban Village) activity and reminded people ALUV meets the first Thursday of every month at Lantern Brewing. Dave Osaki is a delegate to the HALA process (Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (ref <http://www.seattle.gov/hala>)

(6) Melanie updated the group on plans for the Halloween event at Licton Springs Park and she has sent out funding requests to business sponsors. M/S/A to authorize Melanie to spend \$400 on the event.

(7) Kay announced she will continue to be editor of the Licton Springs Community Council newsletter until the end of 2016, but will not continue it after that, so the Council needs to find a new editor.

(8) M/S/A Kathleen's motion to contract with ESP (Email Service Provider) Vertical Response (<http://www.verticalresponse.com/email-marketing>) to replace the Franklin Mailman ESP no longer managed by North Seattle College and unreachable for updating our distribution list. Vertical Response should be free to LSCC as a non-profit organization and received good reviews on its service.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Next meeting October 19 at 7 PM.

Submitted for approval by Kathleen Braden, Secretary

ATTACHMENTS

LSCC Treasurer's Report Sept. 2016.pdf DESC N 96th project info sheet.pdf 2016-09NPACMinute s.pdf