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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Minutes of Community Meeting, January 18, 2017  
NSCC Campus, College Center, Room CC 1442  
ATTACHMENTS

Directors Present: Ellen Beck, Jan Brucker, Melanie Davies, Tom Meyer, Liz Kearns, Kay Mesirow, and Kathleen Braden.

Visitors: Leah Anderson, Theresa Elliott, David Osaki, Walter Williams, Jada Brazil, Brigitte Ardea, Ronald McKenzie, Janice Holkup, Rose Whitson

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

Minutes. The November 16, 2016 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Marie Oliver was unable to attend but had emailed an annual treasurer's report dated Jan. 12, 2017. (attached). Tabled for approval. Kathleen will re-send with minutes and request email approval vote.

Visitor Comments

Jan invited people attending to express concerns about issues and we received comments on:

- A recent Move-On meeting in which Nick Licata spoke about national and local activism
- efficiency dwelling units and affordable housing; the planned homeless encampment for Nesbit Avenue
- community-building and creation of a rapid response network
- the proximity to the Nesbit encampment of news schools under construction
- the work of DESC and the residents' needs at Aurora House. Jada Brazil and Walter Williams described volunteer training and opportunities.

Agenda Items

NPAC minutes of Jan 4 2017 (attached) were acknowledged but not discussed as Mike Cuadra was unable to attend the meeting.

Report from Liz Kearns on Licton Springs and Mineral Springs Parks: Liz described some of the attention being given to drainage systems and improvements in Licton Springs, as well as

the new playground equipment to replace the older, worn-out items. She noted improvements at ends of the bridges and electrical system improvements. Liz acknowledged the work of Friends of Licton Springs Park, Conservation Corps, children taking part in environmental education programs. Both of the parks are slated to get needle drop boxes, but locations not yet known. Liz also acknowledged the hard work of Epic Life Church on the holiday lights display [secretary's note: Liz also worked hard on the event]. Mindy will check on whether LSCC can be an additional sponsor for next year's permit from the city. Liz noted that Brian Ta, the head gardener at Mineral Springs Park, is planning a redo for the entrance off Northgate Way. Finally, Hubbard Park behind the Target Store at Northgate may be getting some equipment moved from Victory Springs Park.

### *Old Business*

- Updates from ALUV (Aurora-Licton Springs Urban Village): Members of ALUV attending, along with Jan Brucker, explained what ALUV is and how five different community councils draw together to focus on the City of Seattle's urban village plans in hopes of improving the Aurora area. Commercial zoning should not be part of a region designated as an urban village, but that is the zoning designation for much of Aurora. ALUV reps noted that improvements inspired by proper development require a better identity. ALUV tracks projects, seeks grants, and just posted on its website and facebook page the year in review. (<http://auroralictonuv.org/>)

Leah Anderson also noted an upcoming meeting at the Ballard Community Center of the Design Review Board (<http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/aboutus/news/events/DesignReview/upcomingreviews/>) and the impact this has on structures are built along Aurora. Until the zoning is changed to commercial-residential, the neighborhood might continue to get structures such as the two new planned storage-unit buildings. Tom asked about the current role of the Aurora Merchants Association and David described a grant ALUV just submitted to the city under rubric of economic development programs. Melanie discussed the 92<sup>nd</sup> St Greenway design underway and the various improvement sin crossing areas and plans for improvements to 100<sup>th</sup> St. She noted Julie Johnson of the UW is looking at new projects in the north end and Melanie will try to get more information about this. People can contact Julie if they are interested. (<http://larch.be.washington.edu/people/julie-johnson/>)

Jan invited David to discuss HALA- Housing Affordability and Livability Program of the City (<http://www.seattle.gov/hala>) and David explained some of the city's strategy re density, developers' needs, community outreach. The recent meeting in the Wallingford neighborhood suggested some local opposition to the city's plans. Environmental impact analyses will happen but may be a bit behind schedule. The debate that has been occurring around the University District is a bellwether for the sort

of discussion that we may see too.

*New Business*

- The choice of location for future LSCC meetings was discussed, given the increased cost imposed by North Seattle College, which triples the cost of our meeting room. Kathleen will check on whether faculty sponsorship may be possible and get us a cheaper rate, but meanwhile, Melanie proposed we keep room CC 1442 in the College Center for the next three months and bear the cost. M/S/A
- Re the Nesbit Homeless Encampment: the City Council voted to authorize it and we should be hearing soon more outreach from the City. Jan suggested we form a committee to provide input. Leah noted an upcoming meeting Feb. 7 from 7 to 8:30 PM here at NSC, with room to be announced [secretary's note, subsequent announcement from city (Director of Homelessness ([George.Scarola@seattle.gov](mailto:George.Scarola@seattle.gov))) was sent Jan 28 with following information:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Community Conversation re: 8620 Nesbit Avenue Homeless Encampment**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**  
**7:00 – 8:30 PM**  
**North Seattle Community College**  
**College Center, Room: 1161**  
**9600 College Way North, Seattle, WA 98103**

Jan expressed her view that the tiny houses proposed for the site were too small. ALUV has drawn up a list of desirable elements for the encampment or issues to be determined, such as whether use of controlled substances on site would be allowed, prioritizing homeless from this part of the city, the support of and role for the manager of Aurora Commons, the extent of the fence, the access points, weekly clean-ups and needle drops.

Jan suggested a face-to-face meeting with Sharon Lee from LIHI (Low Income Housing Institute) <https://lihi.org/> . Some members of neighboring community councils are raising the issue of minors in the encampments.

**M/S/A for LSCC to support the ALUV letter on the Nesbit encampment, with the understanding that LSCC reserves the right to create our own, separate letter as well.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. Next meeting Feb. 15, 2017 at 7 PM

Submitted for approval by Kathleen Braden, Secretary

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