

(approved with corrections)
LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of General Membership Meeting, January 17 2018
Meridian Center for Health, 10521 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle 98133

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

Jan Brucker convened the meeting at 6:30 with Introductions. Liz Kearns discussed the need for forest stewards at Mineral Springs Park and ways to alert the City when needles or trash need to be collected.

Treasurer's Report for December 2017 (attached) had been approved by email vote of Board members and there were no minutes to approve from November 2017 Board retreat (and no meeting in December).

Liz reported on Mineral Springs and Licton Springs Parks and the continued need for neighbors around the parks to keep an eye on them.

By-law revisions. Two revisions were proposed by Kathleen as secretary. Jan Brucker declared the Feb. 21, 2018 meeting as a General Membership meeting so that these revisions can be voted on by those attending per By-law revision process outlined in our by-laws. Revisions:

- (1) Modify Article VII-5 which states that a quorum consists of six Board members. Change to "a majority of serving Board members".
- (2) Article VIII-1 on officers. Proposed to change from vote in May to vote in April once Directors are confirmed as elected at April meeting (per Article VII-3-b) so there is not a month long gap in officers.

Secretary's request to change November 2018 meeting date from Nov 21 to Nov 14 was approved. Kathleen will check on room availability. She also reminded Board of members whose terms are due to expire in April, 2018: Jan Brucker, Tom Meyer, Ellen Beck, Liz Kearns, Melanie Davies.

Update on restoring 501-c-3 status: The Board expressed appreciation that Jan and Ellen have worked on paperwork to request restoration of 501-c-3 status for LSCC but M/S/A that if the federal government declines, we should put on hold any brand new application due to high cost of applying and changing federal tax laws on standard deduction (which might mean claiming charitable donations is less lucrative).

New Business

Thomas and Tom Meyer discussed communication of LSCC and reviewed past discussion on the topic and the sub-committee that met on the subject June 2017. Jan asked about our fit with various neighborhood blogs and Kathleen noted that Licton Springs can be selected as a geographic area on NextDoor but we do not post there as an organization. There is a link to our website on Phinneywood web page, but the group noted that our web page is static and many of the minutes are missing. Tom noted that the issue of communication also is pertinent not only to thinking about mechanics but also our identity as an organization. Kathleen noted that our Hotmail account gets forwarded to her account now so that we won't miss questions people post there and she keeps track of how many people read announcements sent out via Vertical Response (usually about 30%). Jan suggested it would be good to add material on a history of the council on our webpage and she would speak to her husband about that since he was also there at beginning of LSCC creation. She also reviewed how City of Seattle determined boundaries for the LSCC in late 1980s. Melanie offered to put together a draft identity statement related to communication and outreach and Tom suggested instead doing it collectively under framework of another meeting of the subcommittee on communication.

Discussion of LSCC and D5 Relationship: Kathleen explained current status of D5 plans for Feb 13 forum with Debora Juarez and how D5 sees its relationship with Juarez. Jan reviewed the history of district councils in the past and noted that she continues to be sensitive to the issue of each neighborhood group needing to be independent and “stand on its own two feet”, advocating for people in the neighborhood. Jan is concerned that Juarez would only hear concerns from people in neighborhood via filter of D5. Melanie noted that, while it might be difficult for LSCC to get Juarez to visit one of our meetings, one of her staff might be willing to visit. Lee Bruch, also involved with D5 network, discussed Rob Fellows and the diminishment of the district council roles that were concerning. Lee affirmed what Kathleen noted: that the D5 network was not intended as a mouthpiece for Juarez. Rose asked if LSCC had invited any reps from Juarez office and Jan answered not for last three months. Questions were raised about how decisions were made regarding Lake City Community Center. Tom reviewed how the most direct route for citizens is often going directly to City Council rep.

Rose provided a report on Jan 10 meeting in Ballard to discuss status of District Councils. Mayor Durkan's office sent a representative, as did other city departments and Mike O'Brien's office. Members of the Ballard District Council are upset over loss of funding for their operations. Kathleen asked about the Community Involvement Commission set up by Mayor Murray and Rose noted that was brought up at the meeting and there has been technical difficulties reaching the volunteers who were picked to be on it. It is the mayor's intent to continue to have the group apparently

Rose also noted issues of diversity within various neighborhood groups and that this issue was brought up at the Jan 10 meeting. Rose herself works with a District Five Neighborhood Action Council which hopes to strengthen non-majority voices that are often not heard at forums.

Melanie reported on most recent ALUV meeting. She is on ALUV subcommittee that is developing design guidelines for the Aurora corridor. She noted the process for moving plans through review process. Melanie said that she is also working on a “who do you call?” guide that may go to Mary

Amberg of Police Dept to review before it is made available. Melanie also noted that the Low barrier Encampment on Aurora is up for renewal in March and there will be a public meeting about it. Two more camps that would be geographically dispersed are also planned by City. Community members are welcome to visit the Aurora encampment (“Licton Springs Village” and ask for a tour. (secretary note: see <https://www.seattle.gov/homelessness/sanctioned-encampments#lictonspringsvillage>)

Lee and Melanie discussed the pedestrian bridge planned over I-5 and Lee handed out material that showed a schematic of where the bridge would go. A coalition of groups in favor of the bridge is planning to write a letter to the North Seattle College Board of trustees who will need to decide before a March deadline about support for the current plan for the bridge placement. The college has raised some issues about the route and the easement that had previously been agreed to. The LSCC Board decided to hold off endorsing the letter (it is not yet composed) but Lee will send it to Council members and LSCC may be able to post it to our Listserv to see if individual citizens might like to weigh in on the issue.

Meeting concluded at 8:30 PM. Notes by Kathleen Braden, secretary

Licton Springs Community Council Monthly Treasurer Report
 12/01/2017 through 12/31/2017

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.

12/01/2017	Beginning Bank Balance	\$5,657.32
	Check 1354 Cleared the Bank	-119.39
12/31/2017	Ending Bank Balance	\$5,537.93**
	Note:	
	Balance for LSCC	\$3509.85
	Balance Licton Springs Park Dedicated Funds	\$2,028.08
	BANK BALANCE	\$5,537.93

****The following cleared the bank:**

- #1352 Payable to Ellen Beck for online filing with Secretary of State \$ 10.00 – Cleared in November
- #1353 Payable to Liz Kearns for Halloween Apple Juice and Cups \$ 42.90 – Cleared in November

#1354 Payable to Melanie Davies for Halloween Candy

\$119.39 – Cleared in December

Total \$172.29