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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 19, 2017
Meridian Center for Health, 10521 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle 98133
ATTACHMENTS

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

President Jan Brucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and we had introductions around the room.

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 no 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

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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,

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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
Debora Juarez, Seattle City Council
Rob Johnson, Seattle City Council
Mike O'Brien, Seattle City Council

