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LICTON SPRINGS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting, April 19, 2017
Meridian Center for Health, 10521 Meridian Ave. N., Seattle 98133
ATTACHMENTS

Directors Present: Ellen Beck, Mike Cuadra, Mindy Lee Irvine, Kay Mesirow, Tom Meyer, Marie Oliver, and Kathleen Braden.

President Jan Brucker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and we had introductions around the room. Fifteen neighbors attended in addition to the Board members present and Laurie Ames from the Dept. of Neighborhoods attended and introduced herself. The availability free of charge of the meeting space by the Meridian Center for Health was gratefully acknowledged.

Minutes. The March 15, 2017 minutes were approved with correction of Mike Cuadra's first name

Treasurer's Report. The monthly Treasurer's Report sent out by Marie Oliver via email was approved.

Board Membership. All present thanked Board members Kay Mesirow, Mike Cuadra, and Marie Oliver for their service. Paper ballots were distributed for the election for a two years term April 2017 to April 2019 of Kathleen Braden (who will continue as secretary), Thomas Stachiw, and MindyLee Irvine. All three were elected but the immediate resignation of MindyLee Irvine was accepted. Since the by-laws provide for filling vacancies, Rose Whitson stepped forward to become a member of the Board and was voted in. Ellen Beck will serve as the new treasurer. Ellen and Jan are continuing to work on the application to restore federal 501-c-3 status. The Board is short one member and also needs a new liaison person for the North Precinct Advisory Council meetings.

Comments from Neighbors present

Jan invited the neighbors at the meeting to comment on issues they were concerned about and a discussion ensued of the crime rate in the area, with particular concerns over mail theft, car break-ins, and drug use. The issue of trash in the neighborhood was also noted, especially around businesses on 95th St.

Website Design

Thomas Stachiw has been investigating potential for a new website, but the restoration of 501-c-3 status would give LSCC many more platform options at lower cost. It was decided to hold another meeting of the communications task force, and Kathleen will convene it. Steffen Stroup, Thomas Stachiw, Tom Meyer, and MindyLee Irvine will participate.

Coordination with New Schools

Megan Hazer attended and reported on the willingness of the parents of students at the new schools under construction to work with LSCC, particularly on Pilling's Pond and the idea of creating a community and educational center adjacent to the property.

Resolution on the 103-105 block of Wallingford Ave. N.

Neighbors presented a resolution (attached) by email that was entered on the agenda and Jan prioritized discussion of this item for the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution received March 29, 2017 proposed by community resident, Susan Ward/seconded by LSCC board member Tom Meyer at April 19 2017 LSCC Annual Meeting

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;

(added as friendly amendment) 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.

Resolution accepted by majority vote (with one opposed and three abstentions) at April 19, 2017 Licton Springs Community Council meeting

The meeting was concluded for expiration of time at 8:30 PM.
NEXT MEETING May 17, 6:30 PM, Meridian Center for Health

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