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Community Council Calendar

- February 18, 2009
- March 18, 2009
- April 15, 2009
- May 20, 2009
- June 17, 2009
- July 22, 2009
- August – No Meeting
- September 16, 2009
- October 21, 2009
- November 18, 2009
- December – No Meeting

“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.” —Margaret Mead

Community Council Meetings are open to the public.

Licton Springs Community Council Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month except for August and December at 7 PM at North Seattle Community College’s Green Room. Located to the left and east of the Espresso area is the Green Room

February 18th Meeting Agenda:

Open to the community: Bring your ideas; tell us what’s happening out there!

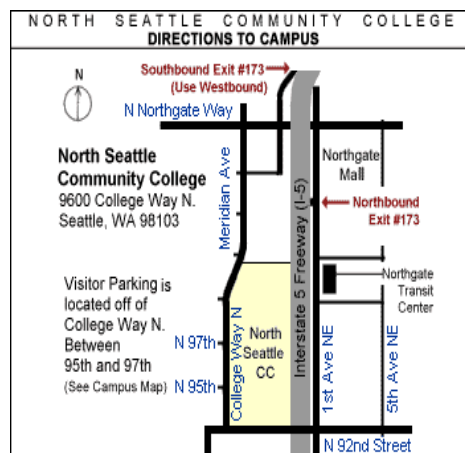
Meetings of Interest

Aurora urban design community meeting:

Monday 2/9 6:30 - 8:00 (or so)
Greenwood Senior Center
525 N 85th St.

The purpose of the meeting will be to gather feedback on the urban design, land use and roadway improvement ideas as they have been refined from the feedback we’ve received from surveys, at community meetings, resident meetings and meetings with the Aurora Avenue Merchants Association.

Directions to Campus



February Meeting Minutes

~Kathleen Braden list serve manager & acting note-taker

LICTON SPRINGS
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Community Meeting,
January 21, 2009
NSCC Green Room (College
Center Building)

Directors Present: Liz Kearns,
Tom Meyer, Jerry Owens, Kay
Mesirow, and Debra Willendorf.

Board Representatives Present:
Ken Thompson (North Precinct
Representative), and Kathleen
Braden (List Serve).

Visitors: JoAnn Jordan from
SNAP, City of Seattle; Erin
Fletcher and Elizabeth Faulkner
from Washington DOT; Bruce
Keiser from North Seattle
Community College; Nancy
Ross-Bauels; Pam and Bob Ebel;
Dorothy Berg; Catie Unger;
M.K. Raghuraman; Jean Wirch;
Josh Freedman; and Greg and
Kirsten Koester.

Board Member Jerry Owens
called the meeting to order at
7:00 p.m. and asked people
present to introduce themselves.

Minutes: The minutes for the
November 19, 2008 meeting
were approved as presented.

No Treasurer's report is due until
the February meeting.

Business
JoAnn Jordan, coordinator for
public education for SNAP
(Seattle Neighborhoods Actively

Respond), City of Seattle office
of Emergency Management,
made a presentation and
distributed flyers. Saturday,
January 24, at the Broadview
Library at 10:30 a.m., there will
be a class for people interested
in emergency programs. Other
venues for classes will also be
available and people can
contact SNAP at
www.seattle.gov/emergency for
a full calendar listing. People
may register with SNAP for
projects as small as several
neighbors getting together for
emergency planning work- there
is no longer any requirements
for minimal size groups. Groups
registered with SNAP may also
apply for funds from the city.
Speakers are available to venues
that will have at least twenty
people attending and various
classes are offered, including first
aid during an emergency, simple
search and rescue techniques.
JoAnn took questions and
discussed the
differences/similarities between
SNAP and earlier city emergency
preparedness programs, as well
as programs aimed at people
occupying high-rise units,
apartments.

Erin Fletcher from the
Washington State Dept of
Transportation Noise Wall
Project gave background and an
update for the four noise walls
being built along I-5 in our
area. Erin is the project
engineer. She noted the
beginning of the project
planning back in 2005 and the
goal of the walls to mitigate
noise, particularly within 500' of
the wall.
Wall 2 is now in place; wall 1 is
in design phase; walls 3 & 4

completed last week. Much of
the work has been done at
night, staged on I-5 itself, to
minimize impact on traffic.
Landscaping work remains to be
done on the freeway side of the
walls, as well as further sealing
work. Erin provided people
present at the meeting with
brochures about the project and
contact information.

New item added to the agenda:
Jerry called for neighbors
present to offer information (per
their request) about the sale of
Cyndy's Pancake house at 10507
Aurora Ave N. to Mr. Robert
Davis who has indicated his
plans to turn the business into a
strip club
(http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2008547431_stripclub22m.html, Seattle Times, Dec 22, 2008 news item).

People attending the meeting
include Mark Hughes, a resident
near Cyndy's, who has
contacted GAIN about the issue
and consulted with a real estate
agent and attorney. People in
attendance from residences near
Cyndy's indicated their concern
that there may be a day care at
a church within the distance
limits, a fact that that would
then prohibit the building of a
strip club per city regulations.
Jerry and other Board members
offered suggestions for following
up, including contacting
members of the City Council
and finding out more specific
about zoning requirements.
Suggestions were also made
about the regular meeting of the
North precinct group with the
neighborhood, first Weds
evening of every month and

contacting the Haller Lake community group.

Liz noted that the Aurora Ave. Urban Design and Land Use group meeting will be Feb 9 6:30-8:30 PM at the Greenwood Senior Center.

The residential parking zone (RPZ) survey results will soon be available.

Jerry gave an update on the Northgate stakeholders group looking at the Thornton Place development- he joined a recent tour of the 5-acre site. 50,000 sq. ft. of space is available for lease and three types of housing units: assisted living for seniors (143 units), apts being offered at below-market cost (266 units), and condominiums. A cinema complex with fourteen screens is also planned for a Memorial Day opening. The group in attendance at the community council meeting expressed general skepticism about whether there would be adequate parking and the level of transportation disruption from the entire development.

Liz emailed Kathy Johnson about the Wilson Pacific school site but had no news about disposition of the two parcels.

Jerry noted that the Northwest District Council meets next Weds, Jan 28 at 7 PM at the Greenwood Community Service center.

Newsletter: Kay was asked to resume production of the eNewsletter and agreed to do so. Liz suggested themes in keeping with the new Obama

administration's call to community service. The group also discussed ways to distribute hard copy newsletters to multi-family units in the neighborhood.

Liz will check with Ellen about the list of topics for future agenda items that was brainstormed at the Nov. meeting and Tom will look into inviting a representative from DPD to be a speaker at a future meeting. Liz will also look into a rep. from the Oak Tree Merchants association visiting a future meeting of the community council.

Board members discussed whether they would write a letter from the community council to various city officials, expressing concern over the Cyndy's issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

How Can We Help the Community of Licton Springs?

~ Kay Mesirov -Editor and board member.

As the economy dips we find our finances strapped and our mental states somewhat down. We would like to offer you a place to turn... your Licton Springs Community and the council. We meet once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm in the "green room" at North Seattle Community college. Also you can find us on the web at www.lictonsprings.org. Or you can email us at lictonsprings@hotmail.com.

Please get in touch with us. We would like to find out what concerns our neighbors have and how we can assist. As a community, as the times get tough, we need to reach out and help our fellow neighbors. President Obama has called on all citizens to join him in community service. It's time to get involved and get to know your neighbors. Let's figure out together how we can better the Licton Springs community. We have a few ideas: Licton Springs Monthly Park clean up activities (see schedule in this newsletter). Do you want to barter something? Curious if there are others who want to join you? Maybe we can start a bartering tool on our website if we have someone who could do the web design and monitor the site? Do you have building/remodel questions? Or are you curious how that house got built down the block? Look for a future meeting with DPD (Department of Planning and Development). Do you have safety concerns? The Seattle Police Department will be attending a future meeting too.

We would love to know more about how we can assist our community. So please let us know what's happening out there or what you want to know more about.

We hope to see new faces at our meetings; the next one is on Wednesday February 18th, 7pm. Grab your family and neighbors and come hang out with us.

A Licton Springs Neighborhood Quiz

How well do you know your community?

- The name of our neighborhood comes from:
 - the name of the first person to set up a land claim here
 - an herb that once grew wild in the bogs here
 - a word from the Duwamish Indian language
- In 1935 Licton Springs Park was the site of a ____ .
 - logging mill
 - cranberry bog
 - spa
- According to the year 2000 census, there were more men than women in the Licton Springs zone.
 - True
 - False

~ answers on page 7

Licton Springs Park



**HAVE FUN, GET FIT and
Contribute to your
neighborhood.**

Join FRIENDS OF LICTON SPRINGS for our monthly work parties. Get yourself and Licton Springs Park in shape!

Liven your fitness plan with:

- Canary Reed pulls!
- Mulch barrow jogs!
- Wood chip bends!
- Planters' squats!
- Bramble root digs!

Work Party Dates 2008

- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

Meet at the "comfort station" in the park, 97th and Ashworth:

- 2nd Saturday of each month
- 10 am to 2 pm – rain or shine

For more information call:

Joe Kiegel (206) 399-9274
Liz Kearns (206) 525- 5243

Tools and gloves provided. Wear appropriate clothing. (Muck boots recommended)

Around the Sound

SDOT Creates On-Street Bicycle Parking New bike parking a first for Seattle

SEATTLE – Working to support the city's growing number of bicyclists, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will create on-street bicycle parking in neighborhoods around Seattle. With a goal of having one to two per neighborhood, the department will install these unique bike facilities at three locations starting next week.

Taking the place of one to two motor vehicle parking spaces, on-street bike parking will be filled with bicycle racks and surrounded by a raised curb. Bicyclists can enter the parking area from the sidewalk and each car-sized space will accommodate up to eight bikes.

This new program addresses the expanding need for bicycle parking and is part of the ongoing implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan, which seeks to triple the number of people bicycling in Seattle over ten years.

By mid February the new bike facilities will be installed:

- Mid block of Broadway E between E Harrison Street and E Republican Street (by Broadway Market)
- At the corner of 12th Avenue and E Spring Street (by Stumptown Coffee Roasters and Café Presse)
- At the corner of Woodlawn Avenue NE and NE 70th Street (by the Greenlake Condominium)

SDOT is planning additional on-street bicycle parking locations for 2009. For more information or to request bicycle parking in a neighborhood, please contact the

Seattle Department of Transportation at (206) 684-7583 or bikeracks@seattle.gov.

The Seattle Department of Transportation builds, maintains and operates Seattle's \$8 billion transportation infrastructure. To further Mayor Nickels' goal to get Seattle moving, the department manages short- and long-term investments in streets, bridges, pavement and trees, that better connect the city with the region.

Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee

~Renee Staton - reneestaton@gmail.com

I serve as the North District representative to Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee (the "NPAC"). We are a group of 24 citizens from across Seattle tasked with advising the city as we begin a process of updating neighborhood plans. We have met twice. Our first meetings were organizational in nature, but the upcoming meetings will have more substance. I am including information below on what the NPAC is formed to do, where you can learn more about what has and will happen, and dates and agenda items for upcoming meetings (which are all open to the public). I will report back to North District as appropriate. However, I would also like to hear from North District neighbors about your thoughts on these issues so that I am truly representing North District. Please feel free to e-mail, phone or set up a time to meet with me in person. Also, I will need your help in outreach to ensure that we invite all of our community to NPAC outreach meetings to be held later this year.

Goals of the NPAC:

The expectation is that the NPAC will make recommendations and provide on-going guidance to the Executive and Council on the development of the Neighborhood Plan Status Reports and the Neighborhood Plan Update Process, including, but not limited to, the following actions:

Neighborhood Plan Status Reports

1. Review scope of neighborhood plan status reports and make recommendations on the elements to be included in the status reports.
2. Provide advice on the content and general format of the neighborhood plan status reports.
3. Per Section C3 of Attachment A to Council Bill 116319, co-host with the Planning Commission broad public outreach open houses regarding the neighborhood plan status report process.

Neighborhood Plan Updates

4. Provide advice on community outreach and the appropriate scope of Neighborhood Plan updates that will be occurring in 2008-2011.
5. Provide advice on the order of plan updates after the status reports are completed.
6. Provide advice on community involvement strategies as needed at the neighborhood level.
7. Make recommendations on how best to reach under-represented communities and identify ways in which neighborhoods can welcome and involve new people in the update process.
8. Propose ways in which neighborhoods can improve the consistency and usefulness of Neighborhood Plans while maintaining the ability to address issues that may be unique to each neighborhood.
9. Before plan updates begin-- beyond the initial three neighborhood plans that will be updated in 2009-- NPAC will recommend to the Mayor and Council whether to allow neighborhoods to use an outside city approved consultant to draft

their plan updates.

10. Identify ways to ensure that Neighborhood Plan updates reflect a broad range of interests and concerns within the neighborhood and options for "validating" neighborhood plan updates.
11. Recommend ways in which the City can improve both implementation of Neighborhood Plans and communication about the City's progress to implement them.
12. Recommend how neighborhoods can remain involved in and work with the City to implement Neighborhood Plans and identify options for outside resources and public/private partnerships.
13. Help identify criteria to prioritize possible Neighborhood Plan updates that may occur after 2011.

Where to find information on the NPAC:

Meeting agenda, minutes, the member roster and additional information is available at: <http://www.seattle.gov/Neighborhoods/npi/npac.htm>

Upcoming NPAC Meetings and Workshops

- All meetings are open to the public

NPAC Half-Day Orientation Session 2/9 3 - 7:30 PM at Bertha Landes Rm, City Hall

- Introduction to Neighborhood Planning
- Race and Social Justice Initiative
- Sustainability
- Neighborhood centers

NPAC meeting - 2/17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bertha Landes Rm, City Hall

- Community Neighborhood Plan Status Report (NPSR)

NPAC meeting - 3/17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bertha Landes Rm, City Hall

- Community involvement strategies
- Reaching under-represented communities and involving new people to engage at SR workshops.
- Scope of Neighborhood Plan updates that will be occurring in 2008-2011. Decide if subcommittee needed

NPAC meeting - 4/21, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bertha Landes Rm, City Hall

- Scope of Neighborhood Plan updates that will be occurring in 2008-2011.
- Ways in which neighborhoods can improve the consistency and usefulness of Neighborhood Plans while maintaining the ability to address issues that may be unique to each neighborhood.

April TBD: 6 NPAC co-hosted public workshops

NPAC meeting - 5/19, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bertha Landes Rm, City Hall

NPAC meeting - 6/16, 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Bertha Landes Rm, City Hall

North Precinct News

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for December began at 7:03 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Office of Professional Accountability Review Board.

Pat Sanesbury Chairman, Martha Norberg and David Wilma spoke about the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board at the January NPAC meeting. The Office of Professional Accountability Review Board was created in response to concerns from various segments of the community. Seattle City Council passed an ordinance in 1999 creating the Office of Professional Accountability. The office has three parts: the Director (a civilian who reports to the Chief of Police); the Auditor (an independent contractor, appointed by the Mayor, who audits all complaints); and the Review Board, established in May 2002.

The OPA Board is made up of three citizens appointed by City Council. A City Council ordinance increased the Board from three to seven members who are paid \$400.00 a month and tasked with increasing community input/outreach. The Board is still organizing having been together four months.

What the Review Board will do: Our primary task is to oversee the way the OPA handles citizen complaints against Seattle police officers. We review completed OPA investigations as well as OPA Auditor reports. We

report periodically to City Council and advise Seattle officials on policies and procedures to strengthen the police accountability system. <http://www.seattle.gov/council/oparb/>

II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn/Lieutenant Robin Clark/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

On December 14, 2008, at 1500 hours, in the Blue Ridge neighborhood a North Precinct officer was assisting a van driver whose van had slid into a ditch along a steep section of roadway in heavy snow and ice. A bystander hollered ‘lookout’ as an uphill vehicle slid uncontrollably towards the officer who jumped out of the path of the sliding vehicle injuring his shoulder. The officer was off duty for one week, but fortunately escaped much more serious injuries.

On December 21, 2008, at 6:20 p.m., officers responded to the area of Northeast 45th and 55th Northeast regarding a car/sledder accident. The investigation showed that a 16-year-old driver was struck by an errant teenaged sledder who glanced off the bumper of the oncoming vehicle at the hillcrest. Speed estimates were minimal. The sledder was treated at the scene by Seattle Fire and transported to an area hospital. The victim suffered a contusion to the head and probable broken hip. She was listed in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries.

SPD Blotter: In December a North Precinct officer contacted

a male with felony warrants on University Way and held the male at gunpoint. The girlfriend of the wanted felon then began kicking the officer and in the ensuing fight the officer's weapon was loose on the sidewalk. The girlfriend was arrested and the wanted felon escaped to later be arrested in California.

On January 1, 2009 at 1:55 a.m., officers responded to 911 calls of shots being fired by a group of males in an alley west of the 5200 block of 17th Avenue Northeast. The suspects were reported to be armed with rifles and/or shotguns and wearing military clothing. Uniformed officers arrived on scene and were confronted by an adult male suspect who was armed with a rifle. Officers identified themselves and ordered the suspect to drop the rifle. The suspect failed to comply. The suspect pointed the rifle at the officers at which time the officers shot him. The suspect was transported to an area hospital where he later died. There were no officers or civilians injured during the incident. Homicide and CSI detectives responded to the scene and continue to actively investigate.

SPD Blotter: Sergeant Newsom reported that the Greenwood Boys and Girls Club, as well as the Transitional Women's Shelter, were grateful for the socks, hats and food donated at the December NPAC meeting. Sergeant Newsom also mentioned her upcoming trip to Washington DC to provide a security detail for the

Presidential Inauguration on January 20th.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill and Neil Hansen.

Diane Horswill reported that the number of car prowls had increased in the Fremont and Wallingford neighborhoods. Neighbors should not hesitate to report suspicious behavior. Neighbors have also noticed suspicious footprints in snowy backyards which could be evidence of house burglars casing out properties. Neil Hansen reported that the mid-year crime statistics are now available at www.seattle.gov/police.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna reported that a Washington State Liquor Control Board Press release mentioned a marked increase in the sales of spirits. The Seattle area is ranked third in the Country for sales of spirits per capita (one spirit license per 700 persons) and sales increased 50% last year and are projected to increase 60% in 2009. Despite such an increase in liquor sales and the associated problems, requests for additional Liquor Control Agents from the State have been denied.

V. King County Prosecutor's Office: Corinn Bohn.

Officer Corinn Bohn reported that the robbery case involving a Somali teenager in the University District will now be

going to trial in Judge Laura Inveen's court.

VI. Committee Reports.

a. Membership: Dick Hillmann – please give Dick any roster changes.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Answers to Licton Springs Quiz

1- C in the Puget Sound Salish language, the word Liq'tid means "red colored" and refers to the red iron oxide that bubbles up in the spring. Be sure to visit the original spring at the north end of the park to see this phenomenon!

2- C Edward Jensen opened a spa at the site, based on the springs but a major sanitarium never was built and the city of Seattle purchased the site for a park in 1960. If you would like to learn more about your neighborhood's history and see some historic photographs, visit the community council webpage at <http://www.lictonsprings.org/council/council.html>.

3 – A The U.S. Census noted there were 4,098 men and 4,076 women within the Licton Springs neighborhood boundaries. If you would like to see more data about our neighborhood, visit the City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development (<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/>) and go to the PDF files for community reporting areas. You can scroll down to Licton Springs.

LSCC MEMBERSHIP, DONATION AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM, COMPLETE AND MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

\$15 Start my Membership for 2009 \$15 Renew my membership for 2009

Sign me up for the Licton Springs Community Council List serve
(Please include your email address below)

Support work in the community with a donation at one of the following levels:

\$10 Bubble \$25 Trickle \$45 Stream \$75 Spring
Other \$_____

Donation to be used for:

Annual Halloween Event Picnic in the Park Mineral Springs Park
 Pilling's Pond Project Newsletter Where Most Needed

I would like assistance with the following neighborhood improvement project:

Traffic Safety /Calming Neighborhood Block Watch
 Art project Neighborhood Clean Up Other

Project ideas

name(s) as you would like it to appear *Phone*

Address *email address*

**Make checks payable to and mail to: Licton Springs Community Council
c/o Debra Willendorf, 9736 Wallingford Ave N, Seattle WA 98103**