

Laurelhurst Community Club  
Minutes  
May 11, 2020  
Zoom meeting

Trustees, Staff, Committee Member Attendees: Stan Sorscher, Don Torrie, Leslie Wright (Newsletter and Webmaster), Colleen McAleer, Jim Rupp, Katherine Burk, Emily Dexter, Connie Sidles, Kay Kelly, Jeannie Hale, Jan Sutter,

Excused: Louise Luthy (LEAP), Liz Hemer

Guests: Lhorna Murray, Legislative aide to Councilmember Pedersen

CALL TO ORDER: McAleer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Calls and Concern from neighbors: Hale received email from Kate Hokanson about median strip and fountain that has stopped working at Talaris. Neighbor inquired why Sandpoint area has been able to close their streets for social distancing – they are a private HOA community and pay for their own road maintenance.

Minutes: Sidles moved to approve the Feb 2020 meetings notes. Kelly seconded. All approved. Dexter moved to approve the Jan 2020 meeting notes. Sidles seconded. All approved with one abstention from Sorscher who was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: We are in good standing. New printer continues to work well with a large cost savings. Taxes will be filed next week.

Bylaw changes: Hale presented proposed bylaw changes to address how Covid-19 has affected the LCC's ability to meet publicly and especially in light of the annual neighbors meeting. The proposed changes were consistent with the state nonprofit law and CDC recommendations and would only remain in effect during an emergency. There was general agreement to 1) explore holding a virtual meeting in July and 2) allow virtual voting. Hale will work with Rupp and Sorscher on final wording for next meeting for a permanent bylaw change, rather than one that would only be effective during an emergency.

Annual meeting: Trustees will explore a date and logistics of hosting a Zoom virtual meeting. Newsletter will have zoom link information as well as the LCC website and notice (links) via constant contact. Katherine, Stan and Jim will help with challenges that the zoom/virtual meeting format may present to the community. Looking for keynote speaker, perhaps Chief Best, based upon her availability.

Centennial ideas: Group continues to brainstorm on ways to celebrate the centennial. 100 year old houses with photos etc. Rupp and Wright will continue research on LCC history with a target weekend of October 3rd-4th.

SR520: McAleer reported from the recent meeting, there will be closures on Montlake Blvd when the Graham Construction team removes trees on the median strip, and when they drop a massive sewer line into place. Expectation is in May and early June for the closures. The overall Montlake Interchange project will be delayed for several months due to the Covid-19 restrictions on construction.

Neighborhood development: Ronald McDonald house complex on 40th Ave NE will be infilled with a 3-story building for 28 additional people, but no additional parking will be provided. Planned apartment to be built on the Office Depot property – a 7 story building. McAleer will report back on preserving Office Depot for local business needs.

Crime Prevention: No meetings have been held because of the pandemic. There has been a marked decrease in residential crime since the Stay Home Stay Safe order has been put into effect – 50% decrease in calls and 34% drop in crime overall. Downtown crime conversely, has increased with the lack of street traffic and unstaffed commercial buildings.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30 pm