

Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2017 7:00 PM

Lantern Brewing

Attendees: Ron Hornung, Sharon Holt, David Osaki, Leah Anderson, Brian Durkin, Cassandra Schoenmakers, Lynsey Tafreshi, Matt Beaulieu, Camille Baldwin-Bonney, Julia Wolfe, Josh Castle (LIHI), Rob Fellows, Zach Alexander, Michele Marchand, Charlie Johnson, Don Toboll, Lee Bruch, Tom Van Bronkhorst, Susan Larrance, Kellie McKinney

I. Introductions

II. Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

III. Guest Speaker(s)

Josh Castle, Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) Volunteer and Advocacy Manager, Licton Village Encampment Update; Kelly McKinney and other staff members

- 60 residents - ½ male and ½ female
- 29 houses; 2 dorms and community tents
- manager 24/7
- not much turnover; 2 people moved out
- low barrier are harder cases; only take referrals

Challenges:

- problems with campers on Nesbitt not from the residents who are struggling with the outsiders
- litter busters - cleaning up after the campers outside of the encampment
- residents encouraging the outside campers to move on - worried about the school children
- start doing overflow for night - have to go through Reach; hope to do intake themselves to expedite process
- Meals - biggest problem; City rescinded initial plan to provide one hot meal a day
 - Money and contributions are slow in coming
 - Sign-up on calendar
 - Residents are “starving”
- Shower built and functioning; kitchen tent, water

What are the social service needs?

- Mental and physical illness; heavy drug use
- King County van comes 1 or 2 times a month based on referrals
- Most are addicts; some want rehab options - methadone
- Not getting counseling; City is not fulfilling services
- Demand - people outside ask every day about getting into encampment housing
- Plan for City Grants: community gardens

- Working on security: motion detectors, screening fences
- Food needs: fill up calendar; people can drop off food; talk to council members; ask mayoral candidates about their support; open to cooperative efforts from the community

Fence project: 3 concepts to consider; villagers want to be a part of the conversation

IV. Discussion Items/Status Reports

A. **ALUV Organization**

- Articles of Incorporation
 - Licensed with the state; Susan is the registered agent
 - Do we need to have officers?
- Fall event - September 28; Meet and Greet
 - Talk to Chris about the date
 - Food Donation
 - Post on Phinneywood, Greenwood News, Greenwood Facebook, Next Door
- Mayoral Candidates and 2 open Council positions questions and answers:
 - October 17, 2017 @ 7:00 PM @ Taproot Theatre
- Meeting space
 - Naked City; Upper Crust, DESC - empty retail space, reach out to schools (was originally in the neighborhood plan)
- Recognition of Chris for his Lantern meeting space contribution
 - Kevin looking into custom tap - maybe Lori could fill out the paperwork

B. **Grants/Updates**

- Find It, Fix It
- NSF Grant
 - attending ribbon cutting for the new school with update
- Small Sparks Grant
 - Maybe to fund cost of renting a room for ALUV meetings
- Office of Economic Development Grant
 - List of all businesses and contact information
 - Business community not so happy with encampment; business push back for zoning to build relationships with the business community

C. **Issues**

- WSDOT/SDOT
 - Will conduct a formal traffic study of Aurora as it relates to schools
 - SDOT will study other surface streets lowering speed limits to 20 MPH and will also replace the sub-base on the bus lanes
 - Community crosswalks - maybe through grants - Neighborhood Matching Funds

- could create a brick pattern; neutral tones but need matching grants
- Places to improve: 85th, 105th and 135th pedestrian improvements
- ALUV could apply for grant to pay for differential

D. Past Meeting/Event Reports

- HALA review
- D5 Event
 - gathering of groups of groups on west side of freeway
 - Meet and greet for community organizations
 - John Lombard coordinating the group along with Kelly McKinney
 - Entertainment, 3 council members
 - Attendance doubled from last year

E. New Business/Other

- NW District Council has stopped meeting
 - Community organizations are falling apart
 - City has stopped supporting them
 - Need to integrate both sides of Aurora

Meeting Adjourned @ 9 PM

Next meeting: September 14, 2017 @ 7:00 PM @ Lantern Brewing

Upcoming Meetings/FYI

Office of Economic Development Grant - ALUV Business Outreach meetings

- Monday, Sept. 18 - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Location TBD
- Tuesday, Sept. 19 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Location TBD

September 14, 2017 - ALUV meeting @ Lantern - guest Speaker: Maggie Skinner, Milk Fund

September 21, 2017 - Milk Fund Benefit at Lantern

September 22, 2017 - D5 Business Coalition Meeting, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

September 28, 2017, Board Meeting @ Lantern @ 7:00 PM; Neighborhood Meet and Greet?