

Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Council
General Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2023 4 PM –8 PM
Playfair Park Pavillion

1. Introductions for the following people were made. Lewis & Clark Neighborhood Leadership Team: Terry Conner, Chairperson; Colleen Biehl, Secretary/Treasurer; Jerry Dirnberger and Eric Warren, Members at Large.

Kalina Whickham, Office of the Neighborhoods; Tracy Campbell, Dept. of Storm Water; Mike Nugent, City Councilman of Ward 4; 25 plus neighbors in attendance.

2. Minutes for the November 16, 2024 General Neighborhood Meeting were approved as posted.

3. Presentations/Discussion

Tracy Campbell of the Storm Water Department talked about the South Hills drainage system into Bancroft Ponds Park then on to Cattail Corner and how it helps the water to return in better condition once filtered through the park and Cattail corner. This system was established in 2002 to help with flooding and filtering the water. Cattail Corner is under major update with more dry wells and better drainage and filtering when done. Friends of Pattee Creek is continuing with restoration with Riparian planting along the creek and are hoping for more neighbors to be involved. More work was done on September 15, 2023. Tracy encouraged people to help with keeping the creek clear of bad pollutants and to not mow withing a foot or so to help with the restoration. The water channel at the Morman Church was put in by them and is their responsibility.

c. Transportation Update – Ben Weiss was not able to attend. Terry Conner relayed that the Traffic Safety Committee has worked for several years to help identify streets that have high crash incidents and where children cross. The intersection at Queen and Bancroft is one that the committee has asked for a painted crosswalk. The city transportation dept has been working on speed reduction for streets that border the schools. 2 Calming Circles at Benton and Fairview with a stop sign system put up in the same area of the neighborhood. These came about through citizens input directly to the city. Now it seems that the high school drivers are finding other streets to cut through to get to their destinations.

d. Bancroft Ponds Update – Terry Conners reported that the Birding Trail was put in the spring and trees for the Outdoor Classroom area will be planted this fall or next spring. There is a number of homeless campers along 34th Street side of Bancroft Ponds Park. Concern is growing for the blockage of the sidewalk and the unsanitary conditions.

See Neighborhood Priorities at the end of the minutes.

Kalina Pritchard explained how the neighbor councils operate. She encouraged attendees to consider being on the Council so that all areas of the neighborhood would be well represented. Elections were held with Claire Battaglia voted in as a member at large. The current officers will retain their positions.

5. City Council Update – Q&A Mike Nugent City Councilman for Ward 4 answered a variety of questions concerning Camping along the streets. With the Johnson Shelter opening up early, perhaps many will find their way there. Also, questions concerning extensive junk on properties and alleys. Some alleys are private properties which makes it more difficult to check out, easy answer. He advised that people need to voice their complaints by emailing them to be forwarded to the appropriate department or to go the city transportation website. You can also complain about potholes with where are located. Mike talked about the city codes which continue to be updated.

6. No public comment on non-agenda items

7. Announcements: Next Leadership Team Meeting for October 4, 2023 at Lewis & Clark Elementary School Library at 5:30 pm.

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