August 17, 2023 Eiber Neighborhood Association

Call Meeting to Order 6:40 p.m.

Introductions

Participants: Paul, Lese, Gail, Nancy, Merry, Lisa

**Budget:** \$1,480.75 no activity in July; Motion Nancy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lese to approve Treasurer's Report

**Committee Reports** 

**Planning Committee Report – Paul** 

What the City is doing with the Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Plan

Monday meeting 8/21; 6:00–7:30 p.m. meeting Open House at the City Center meeting room.

In 2015 they added Neighborhood Plan ideas into the Comprehensive Plan. Hopefully we can have input this time; last time wasn't great.

Will the City allow us to give input? Or an Advisory Group?

Should we relook at the Neighborhood Plan and if yes, we need a Committee.

We don't know if they'll take our input but we can still contact our Council people and give them our ideas.

Candidates included in discussion?

Do we want to set up something to look at the Neighborhood Plan. View plan here:

https://www.eiberhood.org/uploads/3/8/6/5/3865484/eiber\_neighborhood\_planxx.pdf

Sept. 11 is when Council reviews the Housing plan.

**Strategic Housing Plan evolution:** 

Approval has been pushed to September.

If old version is approved by Council, staff will be getting what they asked for. Their aim is to create more high-density housing in Eiber and Two Creeks. We need to keep an eye on what we previously agreed to and what has happened since then.

The City wants to "allow" the homeowners to put 3 units per large lot.

We need to protect the single family lots from higher density housing.

They are destroying the affordability that they're trying to protect.

Start a program to help homeowners, so their lots don't become blighted.

Older apartment buildings east of Carr; if they get replaced, they become unaffordable.

Where will the money come from?

Old motels on Colfax: are being used for transitional housing, released convicts, etc. But it's private property so need an incentive program to encourage property owners to change them to apartments.

Is the Board going to take a stand? Come up with bullet points and present to the City Council on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Two Creeks, Morse Park, etc. Preserve the character of the Neighborhood.

See 7/21 email. June meeting minutes.

Maybe influence council people to amend what Lakewood submits.

Action items...

Lisa—send link to the house bill. Everyone—read everything! Share comments and questions with everyone. DOLA—Dept. of housing affairs that is administering the program to give out the funds. Is Lakewood missing the mark of the bill? Lakewood Together. —Contact other neighborhood organizations? Two Creeks. Morse Park. NE Lakewood. South of 6<sup>th</sup>. Applewood Valley. Daniels. Welchester. Holbrook Park. Merry will contact 3 neighborhoods. Call Lakewood School of Music. Paul-Applewood Valley, Two Creeks, Merry find contacts for Daniels and Welchester? South of 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meet as a group the week before the meeting? Attend the meeting.

Have info. at our next park meeting about the Strategic Plan?

Committee Report for Outreach:

Our first park event was a non-event, nobody came.

Lakewood website, Community, Neighborhood Resources, Registered community organizations, registered neighborhood organizations... map will enlarge. 16 neighborhoods with contact info.

Change coffee time to 10 a.m.

Fix signs. ... Arts and Crafts! for the Holbrook Park meet up.

Mary Ann is moving off the coast of Maine. Her house is for sale.

Send info. about the mayor's race to the mailing list.

8:00 Meeting adjourned.