

Lochleven Community Association (LCA)
November 16, 2021 Minutes
Approved December 1, 2021

- I. **Call to Order / Verification of Voting Members.** Craig Spiezle called the meeting to order at 7:05. 50% of members were in attendance (including two proxy votes), qualifying the meeting of having a quorum. New members were recognized including Robin James and Dean and Sue Brown.
- II. **Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADU) Status.** The letter to City was discussed acknowledging the thoughtful and balanced process including positive feedback from Jared and Jeromy of the Council. Chuck mentioned he spoke to Jeromy who indicated the Council does not want to micro-manage the planning department. Steve shared he felt our letter was good, setting the playing field. Rather than sending more emails to council members it was agreed the best next step would be for members to request to speak at the Nov 22 meeting and to choose one or two of the 11 key recommendations to focus on.

As an example, whoever speaks to the minimum rental period it was suggested who every speaks to that point discuss that as community we debated between 3 and 12 months and we landed on 120 days. Another item discussed was the sunset clause, clarifying that this would only apply to permitting new DADUs and would not impact any pre-approved and built DADU and was based on building codes and regulation established in Tucson and Tampa. Steve reiterated support of this approach and encouraged us to not feel we need to fill the full 3 minutes and to yield back time. The link to the site where to register is at <https://bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- III. **Police Crime Tracker Application.** Craig demoed the application that was shared from a previous meeting with the Police Department. Members noted that mail theft does not appear to be recorded, nor any shoplifting at the Bellevue Village QFC or Bartel Drugstore. It was also noted the tool only goes back for 6 months and ideally it would track data year over year. Craig agreed to contact BPD for clarification.
- IV. **Street Lighting** - An update on the process to request additional street lighting was provided. In sum 100% of residents within 100 feet of the request light must agree. The City will add lights on existing telephone poles at no-cost once the petition is approved, (recurring electric is also paid by the site). Joyce raised concerns over complaints on light shining in homes. It was clarified that baffles can be added to help shield the glare. Mike Eggenberger reiterated the need on 99th compounded by the lack of sidewalks and blind turn from NE 5th. <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/safety-and-maintenance/traffic-and-street-lighting-operations/street-lights>. Craig indicated he will drive the process for two additional lights on 99th Ave NE, north of NE 5th Street.
- V. **Membership Recruitment.** Mark Walters drove the discussion regarding multiple ideas to engage neighbors and increase awareness. One idea suggest was having a community building event such as a “shredding event”. Craig also mentioned we have nearly 40 members on the Lochleven Next Door group which is “low hanging fruit”. Steve McConnell suggested yard signs which would cost around \$70 for a dozen. He also offered the free use of his office copier for additional flyers. After discussion a vote was taken to purchase “yard” signs as an affordable alternative to the costs of re-purposing the older sandwich boards at a cost of \$300, including the logo and QR codes.

VI. LochlevenWA.org Web Site. A demo of the site was provided soliciting input on usability and content. In addition, a hidden and non-searchable, non-indexed page for member specific content was created. This idea behind this page is to post meeting minutes and other information. This page is currently not password protected, but can be protected if we feel we need to add more security (and privacy) to the documents posted. <https://www.lochlevenwa.org/lca-members>. Please provide suggestions to Craig.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.