

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2010
Hutton Elementary School, Lunchroom
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:05PM.
2. **Minutes** from 09/07/10 and 10/05/10:
 - There was a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written. Motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Peggy J
 - Effective 9/30/10 \$2489.50 total in the account, which includes a \$10 payment to the Sec'y of State and \$0.04 in interest.
 - Clean Green \$184 not yet included.
4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – Gail P
 - CA meets Friday
5. **City Council** - none
6. **Rockwood Blvd Design Committee report**
 - The committee met the Tuesday after the last RNC meeting. About 10 – 15 people turned out.
 - The committee will generally meet the 3rd Tuesday at Hutton School.
 - Chaz Bates previously had offered to assist with planning. The committee will contact him to see if he is still willing to help.
7. **Geiger Corrections Center / Community Corrections Center project** – Toby Hatley
 - This is a 25 year program
 - The plan is to
 - End overcrowding
 - Provide a Community Corrections Center to facilitate community re-entry. Not everyone qualifies for CCC.
 - To have save, right-sized, modern facilities. Justice requires space.
 - There may be an item on the ballot in Spring 2011
 - Replaces Geiger Corrections Center, which is an aging, unsafe, WWII barracks. It was not designed to be a jail and the layout endangers staff and inmates. The lease expires in 2013. The replacement site is on White Road off I90 Medical Lake exit.
 - Beside the courthouse would include a jail, booking area, and Community Corrections Center.
 - There was a discussion of building downtown vs the West Plains
 - Facilities would provide programs, including mental health, job applications, anger management, GED, culinary arts, animal care.
 - ROI:
 - Training: fork lift operators, flaggers. Can this help pay for the project?
 - Why not use raceway (already owned) next to the State Prison.
 - Average stay is 11 days.
 - Avoid duplication of effort – the State already has a program. Can the City utilize it?
 - The cost is anticipated to be \$200 – 250M.
 - For more information see web page www.SpokaneCounty.org/JEP
 - Contacts:
 - Ozzie Knezovich Knezovich@SpokaneCounty.org 477-6917
 - Lt. Mike Sparber mssparber@SpokaneCounty.org 477-2101

- Mark Richard (Spokane Co Commissioner) mrichard@SpokaneCounty.org 477-2265
 - Capt John McGrath (Jail Commander) jmcgrath@SpokaneCounty.org 477-2337
- Opposition Perspective – Michael Poulen
 - See handout
 - Opposed to spending \$200 – 500M.
 - How would it be funded in these times?
 - Other areas are closing jails/cells.
 - Thurston Co just built a jail they can't afford to operate.
 - Regarding the process: Mr Poulen stated that he was denied the opportunity to speak before the board regarding the emergency nature of the project.

8. Unfinished Business

- Clean Green – \$184 was collected.
 - 3 ½ dumpsters were filled.
 - Truck drivers spent 3 ½ hours sitting in their trucks.
 - There was no driver to take household waste dumpster and replace it.
- Elections –
 - The following positions are up for election: Chair, Secretary, 3 Directors.
 - The Vice Chair position is currently open due to a resignation. It has 1 year left in its term.
- RNC is required by its By Laws to have 4 meetings per year

9. New Topics

- None.

10. Agenda Items for the January Meeting

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Next meeting: January 3, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sonja Sallquist
 Secretary