

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2010
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:00PM.
 - Introductions were made of all in attendance.
2. **Minutes** from 03/02/10.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - The account has increased by \$0.12.
 - No deposits or withdrawals
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – none
5. **City Council** - none
6. **City Streets Department topics** – Mark Serbousek (Maintenance) and Mike Taylor (Engineering Services)
 - New snow removal policy
 - There is a new pilot program. Instead of Condition Red”, etc, there are Stages 1, 2, snow emergency. Details to be posted on www.SpokaneStreetDepartment.org.
 - Stage 1: notify citizens; plow arterials, STA, hospitals, central downtown; 2” on ground and 4” forcast; supplement with utility crews; monitor residential hills. Sidewalks to be shoveled within 24 hours of the end of storm. Three year tier: ask, ticket, abatement.
 - Suggestion: look for community volunteers to assist eldery, schools, snowbirds, etc.
 - Stage 2: six or more inches on the ground, with more forecast. Stage 1 enacted; downtown 2AM-6AM all cars off streets; residential: within 12 hours all cars moved to one side based on house#: 2009-2010 = odd year, 2010-2011 = even year. Use private contractors, as necessary. In the winter see the city's web site, www.SpokaneCity.org for an almost real time map.
 - Question: why is Garfield plowed like an arterial? Mark will find out.
 - Which streets will be repaved this year
 - There are about 45 projects being undertaken this year. Details are posted on their web page.
 - These road construction/repair jobs are family level – about 30 jobs per million dollars of construction means about 1200 jobs for this construction season.
 - Pavement patching policy when a street is dug up
 - Patching/sealing: after sewer/water work the city tries to get back in one year to seal the edges. Private (Avista, etc) are supposed to seal right away. The City oversees.
 - Adding interesting historic material as crosswalks in neighborhood
 - See 2 handouts (neighborhood layout and Traffic Bisecting) filed with these minutes.
 - Asking the city for specifications.
 - Can this type of historic enhancement be included with the Hutton School remodel?
 - Use of real brick as historic enhancement on Wall Street has failed; stamped concrete, such as in Browne's Addition, will have better survival.
 - City officials stated the City would consider the concept of having it raised a bit – sustainable traffic calming.
 - Mike can get a cost. HUD, EPA, DOT – for funding, plans must make sense. Possibly set up a Transportation Benefit District or Street Utility?
 - Traffic calming requirements when red light camera money is available
 - This money will be divided between the Districts.

- How to get funding for traffic calming: Express interest as a neighborhood and have a before/after analysis done. Then we can compete for money.
- 26 neighborhoods in 3 districts. Neighborhood Services is the liaison. Then it's taken to the Streets Dept for an analysis and prioritization. There will be a cutoff date each year.
 - Required way of paving bad sidewalks
- Sidewalks can meander.
- For bushes overgrown onto sidewalks, file a complaint and the city's urban forester arranges for trimming in line with code enforcement.
 - Other topics from residents
- Upper Rockwood redesign – when can this be started.
 - Group of stakeholders from RNC. Gina S will work on pulling together a group.
 - Have dialog with HOA about water management as a tradeoff for traffic calming.
 - Considerations: on street parking, continuing the blvd

7. **Traffic Awareness Week / April 9 – 18** – discussion postponed

8. **RNC Insurance Discussion continued** – Jack Praxel

- See handout filed with these minutes
- Jack explained the two kinds of insurance coverage:
 - Director/officer liability. General use is to cover for events such as wrongful termination, objections to spending of funds, breach of duty, slander, libel. Covers all court costs. RNC cannot set policy and it has no binding authority, it can only give advice.
 - Business liability coverage. Covers personal property and in home business liability, neither of which apply to RNC. Covers bodily injury, property damage. The contract with Hutton for the use of the school puts an insurance requirement in writing, but it is not enforced.
- No decision on coverage was made; continue discussions in future meetings.

9. **Clean Green Disposal April 24** – where should collected donations go?

- Discussion postponed for May 2010 meeting.

10. **Unfinished Topics** - none

11. **New Topics**

- The RNC secretary brought up an e-mail she received from Tony Perkins (Political Finance Specialist with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission) requesting attachments to various RNC minutes between March 2008 and March 2009 regarding Envision Spokane activities.
 - Moved and seconded: The secretary will comply with the request from the Washington Public Disclosure Commission. Vote: 2 opposed, all others approved. Motion carried.
 - Moved and seconded: RNC will reimburse the secretary for expenses incurred in complying with providing the requested information above. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Next meeting: May 4, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sonja Sallquist
 Secretary