

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2010
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:05PM.
2. **Minutes** from 04/06/10.
 - A request was made to enhance the *City Streets Department topics* item to include additional comments made by the city representatives.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the addition noted above. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - none
4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – Gail P
 - There is a 2 hour meeting each month, including too much to digest and report on monthly at RNC meetings. She is 2 months behind.
 - Some CA issues are time sensitive, for instance the noise ordinance.
 - The question was asked whether other neighborhoods have liability insurance.
 - Others do not. Colmstock used to, but dropped it.
 - About half meet in schools, but none have given the school documentation of insurance coverage.
 - Jonathan Malahan did a national search; no results.
 - Question: is the issue one of someone falling? Answer: No, just that the school contract states it's needed.
 - Question: Is there a date for a bike lane on Pittsburg St? The private school is leaving.
 - There is a master bike plan, but one problem is that neighborhood councils are bordered by others and there are connectivity issues.
 - Pittsburg is wide and conducive to a bike lane.
5. **City Council** - Jon Snyder
 - Red Light Money and Traffic Calming
 - About \$150K from red light cameras to be distributed at about \$50K per legislative district.
 - Going to make a short list of traffic calming devices.
 - The City wants this year's money to be used quickly. There will be only about one month for councils to make requests. To be discussed at CA this Friday, then neighborhoods have thirty days. The City Engineer approves projects.
 - This year's money will only be spent on arterioles for items such as speed indicators, crosswalk striping, curb bump outs, etc.
 - Question: will the volume of traffic be a determiner in funding, or school crosswalks? Answer: "Traffic Management Guidelines" talks about residential traffic calming. To get around that guideline, funding will only be for designated for arterioles.
 - Process: neighborhood submits the idea; the City will put a price tag on it; the City Council will ultimately approve projects. There are 13 councils in our district.
 - Note: there is no crossing guard at 25th for Hutton School.
 - If striping is approved, some money will be set aside for subsequent re-striping.
 - Motion: That RNC support painting crosswalks at 25th & Grand, and upon consensus approach Manito neighborhood council to go in with RNC on the proposal. i.e, make a joint request.
 - The motion was seconded.
 - Discussion: provide a safe route to school. There is a frustration about not being able to tap into funds. RNC needs to be able to move on projects. Manito meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Can someone go and present the concept?

- Vote: passed unanimously.
- Question: Can traffic calming occur on arterioles? Answer: Yes. It's not traffic control, but a way to make cars go the speed limit.
- Someone from Riverside, CA, is looking at Spokane's neighborhood council system. Note: Traffic is the #1 concern that brings members out to meetings.
- Note: Richard Rush from last month: the concept of raised crosswalks was presented. Might be additional funding available.

6. **Cost of adding interesting historic material as crosswalks in neighborhood** – Marilyn A

- Striping costs about \$100/sq yard.
- Stamping costs about \$45/sq yard.
- A crosswalk is 40' x 11' = 50 sq yards, so
 - cost for non-stamped, painted would be about \$5000;
 - cost with stamping would be about \$7200,
 - with admin about \$7200 – 10,000
 - we would need grant money
- Marilyn plans to talk to the city engineering department about the possibility of 20mph on Garfield from Rockwood to 29th.
- Can RNC partner with Hutton PTA for collaborative funding?

7. **Rockwood Blvd Repaving** – committee report

- Michael Flannery met with Gina S and a city engineer.
- Rockwood to be repaved during the summer of 2013. the contract will be let October 2012, so RNC needs to know what we want by the end of 2011.
- They let the "powers that be" know that we are a working group. City department contacts: Gary Nelson and John Cobert.
- Options to look at:
 - curb extensions (catch and retain water.) Get as many other entities on board as possible, for instance, city water department, bicycle advisory board, etc.
 - use a machine called an *air spade* to determine which trees can be saved.
- What does RNC want and how can we get involvement from the neighborhood?
 - No money available for a mailing.
 - Can add an item onto the Fall clean green newsletter.
 - Use e-mail.
 - Form a committee if enough residents are interested.
- Lincoln St project was delayed for 1-2 years due to various issues.
- Current street bond is curb-to-curb. Next street bond will include complete street concept.
- LID? Can City do a presentation?

8. **RNC Insurance** – continued discussions

- Carol C met with Jonathan Malahan to ask him to continue to address the question with the city's schools; to have them change the contract to omit the necessity of insurance.
- It was stated that there is no evidence of lawsuits against neighborhoods.
- Perhaps the Mayor could talk to the Superintendent of Schools?

9. **Clean Green Disposal April 24**

- \$221 collected. Slow turnout. The flier advertising it came out late.
- Five volunteers helped out.
- Motion: That donations go towards the first crosswalk.
 - Discussion: First we need to pay back money taken from the two funds for the benches. The Treasurer needs to tell us what needs to be paid back.
- Motion: That any funds above that previously voted to replenish the funds used for benches go to traffic calming. Seconded.

- Discussion:
 - Question: What is the General Fund is for? Answer: mailings, allows moving money to cover projects.
 - Vote: 1 opposed (wants discussion next month); 7 in favor.
 - Note: It was determined after the close of the meeting that there were insufficient voting members present to have a valid vote.)

10. Police Report

- Let City Council know that we want funding for NROs to continue. Some activities are required by law.
- Various sources of funding could be identified: for instance, selling confiscated hand guns to dealers (not public) could generate about \$50K per year; use a fleet of take home cars to put more cars on the streets.

11. Unfinished Topics - none

12. New Topics

- Bernie N – follow up with Heritage Church: The City has approved the church's plan for the sale of their lots.
- Gail P – SRTC handout: Visioning Process for a comprehensive transportation plan. Transportation and land use require collaboration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting: June 1, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonja Sallquist
Secretary