

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2010  
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria  
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:00PM.  
Guests: Jim Kolva, Kathleen Lynch, Tim Burns

2. **Minutes** from 05/04/10.

- Item #9: there was not a quorum present – requires re-vote.
- Item #8: no evidence of lawsuits against neighborhoods.
- Item #5: should say “no crossing guard on Grand” rather than “no crosswalk at 25<sup>th</sup>”.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the additions/changes noted above. The motion passed unanimously. Note: corrections have been made to the 05/04/10 minutes.

3. **Treasurer’s Report** - Peggy

\$221 in checks from clean green plus \$.03 in interest = \$2499.29 total.

Need to repay the 2 funds used to purchase the benches, so about \$110 of the \$221 goes to the General fund and about \$110 to the Traffic devices fund. Then we still owe the two funds about \$500. Motion from 5/04/10 meeting – withdrawn.

There was a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report which was seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – Gail P

- Spokane pools open Thursday 6/14/10
- There is a fundraises 6/11/10 at Comstock
- Tim Burns
- Annual Police Ombudsman report to City Council is required by law.
- Spokane has a very good police department overall.
- There were more than 130,000 contacts in 2008.
- There were 78 complaints, including about 50 external reports.
- More than 20,000 tickets were issued.
- There were 4500 arrests.
- There were 31 uses of Tasers with no complaints.
- See website [www.SPDomobudsman.org](http://www.SPDomobudsman.org)
- There is an effort to increase the authority of the police ombudsman’s office.

5. **City Council** - none

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

- Scope – map passed around – not filed with these minutes.
- Kids to school
  - AM: only 8-9 kids impacted; PM: 24-25 kids going home impacted.
- Contacted City Hall – got passed along to others.
  - Mayor’s office – left message.
  - Scheduled for curb-to-curb redo, not complete streets.
- No information available on safe routes to school. City’s job is to move people through the city as quickly as possible..
- Lincoln Street went door-to-door.
- Contact neighbors to form a small group to put information in the Fall newsletter about the RNC October meeting.
- Bike plan is a 20-year plan.

- Community desire can influence the City. Perhaps we could get it revised to Complete Street Bond. That would delay repaving until 2015. Need broad community group (including some beyond Rockwood) to influence the outcome. Needs to be comprehensive and not push traffic to other streets.
7. **Conditional Use Permit for 810 E. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Jim Kolva
    - Owners are requesting a conditional use permit.
    - A sign is posted today for a community meeting on 6/10/10 5:30PM.
    - The Moen House was built in 1938 by architect Albert Thunk in an Art Moderne style. It was recently put on the Registry of Historic Places.
    - It is located in a single family dwelling zone. Since it is being used for a commercial business, it is in violation of the zoning code. It has been used as an office for about two years.
    - Conditional use application process:
      - Hold community meeting.
      - Submit conditional use application which is reviewed by City staff.
      - The City issues a notice of Complete Application, after which another community meeting is held.
      - Then there is a Type III Hearing held by the Hearing Examiner.
      - Noise, traffic, aesthetic issues and impact on the neighborhood will be looked at.
      - Landmarks commission would have to approve any change to its exterior.
    - Comments:
      - John & Gail live close and believe they've been good neighbors.
      - The property was run down and the owners have created landscaping that has resulted in traffic calming.
      - Deliveries to the site have been minimal and not disruptive.
  8. **RNC Insurance** – continued discussions
    - Jonathan Malahan talked to the School District. Their Events Coordinating Department says neighborhoods do not need to have insurance.
  9. **Red Light Money**
    - a. 25<sup>th</sup> & Grand
      - Crosswalk paint doesn't hold up through the school year.
      - Funding requests have a higher weight if there has been a fatality and if there is a coordinated neighborhood effort.
      - Manito neighborhood proposed a concrete crosswalk with a foot activated device for bikers.
      - 6/10/10 is the deadline for requesting funds for this allocation cycle.
      - Motion: to amend the motion from 5/04/10 to support a colored crosswalk on the North side of 25<sup>th</sup> & Grand. Seconded. Vote: unanimous in favor.
      - Motion: that RNC support Manito's proposal for bike activation of the signal at 25<sup>th</sup> & Grand. Seconded.
        - Discussion: need to be progressive in our thinking for what we believe the neighborhood needs. The same car detectors can have the gain turned up to detect bicycles.
        - Vote: unanimously in favor.
    - b. Cannon Neighborhood
      - Speed indicator on Grand at about 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. a sign would be ineffective going up a hill.
      - Manito Park is the only park with 20mph speed limit all year.
      - Cliff\Cannon wants road diet on Grand.
      - Speed indicator signs are temporary; people become desensitized.
      - Motion: to support another neighborhood on this idea and give it a try. Seconded.

- Discussion: Move it along Grand. Volunteers can be user to reposition them.
- Ammendment: Support Cliff\Cannon's idea for mobile speed indicator sign on Grand Blvd.
- Vote: unanimously in favor.

10. **Unfinished Topics** - none

11. **New Topics**

- Summer picnic being considered for Manito, Comstock, Cliff\Cannon and RNC
- Summer Parkways event – 7/11/10 and 8/22/10
- COPs Night Out

12. **Old Business** - City Sidewalks

- Expensive, more so than bike lanes.
- Maintenance – property owners are responsible

13. **Agenda for the rest of the year**

- Report on traffic meeting guidelines document regarding calming in residential streets.
- New budget
- Bike/pedestrian reports
- Department of Ecology cleaning agents

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM**

**Next meeting: September 7, 2010**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sonja Sallquist  
Secretary