

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2010  
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria  
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:00PM.  
Guests: Stephen Barbieri, Angel Spell, Joe Shogun
2. **Minutes** from 06/01/10.
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Peggy
  - The RNC bank account had \$2499.46 as of the August statement
  - Benches still need to be paid off.
  - A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – none
5. **City Council** - Joe Shogun
  - The 2011 City budget has a deficit of \$12M. sales taxes are down, utility tax revenue is down. Cuts will be made in police, fire and elsewhere.
  - Spokane cannot continue to increase deficits. Decisions will need to be made regarding expectations and what is affordable.
  - The 2011 budget must be passed by the end of 2010.
  - The mayor may be asked to come speak regarding the budget.
6. **KYRS Presentation** – Stephen Barbieri
  - KYRS is a non-profit, non-commercial radio station broadcasting on frequencies 89.9 and 92.3
  - "YRS" stands for "Your Radio Station"
  - Stephen Barbieri is a board member of KYRS
  - History: the station began in 2003 and has approximately 60K listeners. It broadcasts local programs, local "community conversations" (forum for public comments) at 12N Wednesdays, and public service announcements.
  - KYRS is fundraising to be a full power radio station that will be able to reach 400K residents all the way north to Kettle Falls.
  - The station has received a \$180K federal matching grant. They need to raise \$60K.
  - Construction on the new tower begins late November 2010.
  - See web page [www.KYRS.org](http://www.KYRS.org) for additional information and program schedules.
  - Membership is \$35.
7. **Urban Forester Presentation** – Angel Spell
  - Each neighborhood is different. How can the Urban Forestry department serve RNC?
  - They account for < \$60K of the general fund of the city's budget. They accept grants and contributions. A \$300 donation will get you a tree plus labor to plant it.
  - Susie Forest – this year the 100<sup>th</sup> Susie tree will be planted in Spokane.
  - Spokane is a Tree City USA due to Arbor Day activities, spending \$2 or more per capita and a committee.
  - Utility bills will soon have a line for designating a contribution to the urban forest.
  - Preservation – Rockwood neighborhood has a mature canopy.
  - Street projects
    - A tree inventory is taken.

- Recommendations are made for removal/retention.
- If a tree is scheduled for removal, the resident will receive a letter from Angel granting 30 days for appeal.
- Rockwood repaving – an engineer has not been assigned, yet.
- Go to [www.SpokaneUrbanForestry.org](http://www.SpokaneUrbanForestry.org) for a list of certified arborists. Citizens can do minor pruning for safety, but they must follow the guidelines – see web page.
- Urban Forestry reports to the Mayor's office. The Parks Department provides operational support.

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

- Clean Green
- Heritage Church on 29<sup>th</sup> – the school is gone now. Some citizens were found to be on the church's property. The church will either sell the land to them or charge for its use.
- Summer picnic at Comstock had a small turnout.
- Conditional Use permit was granted for the Moen House.

#### **9. New Topics**

- None.

#### **10. Agenda Items for the October Meeting**

- Clean Green – October 30<sup>th</sup> at Hutton School.
- Rockwood repaving
  - Notice of October agenda item will be included in the Fall RNC mailing. Michael F created verbiage for the contents.
  - City engineering person to be invited to a meeting.
  - Someone involved in Lincoln Street project to be invited to a meeting. That neighborhood got funding from a wastewater project. RNC needs to get funding for traffic calming, perhaps from Red Light funds. Likely not much available through that approach. A portion of Rockwood doesn't have sidewalks.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM**

**Next meeting: November 9, 2010**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sonja Sallquist  
Secretary