

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2007 Approved As Written March 15, 2007
St. John's Cathedral, Jewett House Guild Room
Spokane Washington

1 The meeting was called to order by Chair John Prosser at 7:00 pm.

2. Those present were:

• John Prosser	Chairman	• Walter Johnson	Resident
• Gail Prosser	Director	• Bernie Nelson	Resident
• Carol Cunningham	Director	• Sonja Sallquist	Resident
• Marilyn Akerhielm	Resident	• Marybeth Smith	Resident
• Ron Akerhielm	Resident	• Ron Erickson	Resident
• Cathryn Backlund	Resident	• Linda Ott	Resident
• Drew Backlund	Resident	• Walt Ricker	Resident
• Jerry Cox	Resident	• Dave Ott	Resident
• Sondra Cox	Resident	• Marianne Guenther	Resident
• Margaret Johnson	Director	• Taylor Bressler	Spokane Parks

3. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

4. November minutes were approved.

5. City Council Report

Gail Prosser reported that Brad Stark is sponsoring a resolution for traffic calming which has advanced to the City Council. It is believed that this resolution is a result of several neighborhoods not having CD funds, and this was an attempt to level the playing field by making City funds available.

It was not known whether the Conover-Bond development had applied for a building permit, but the SEPA checklist should come to the neighborhood for review.

6. Right of way vacation. There were 7.5 feet along 600 feet on the North side of 29th to be dedicated for traffic mitigation as a condition of the rezoning of the property. Last spring, the City replaced utilities and repaved. The developer is now requesting to purchase back this dedicated land.

Eldon Brown of the City Engineer's office reported that:

- 29th is a major E/W arterial
- the water main project was not intended to include street widening
- each new project request includes in part, conditions for allocation of property for street widening in anticipation of future projects
- in this area, the city has 15 feet less than the desired width
- The city is not in favor of vacating right of way.

7. Questions and discussion.

How would Cloninger use the additional 7.5 feet?

Landscaping and additional amenities for the property. Currently, if the City were to pursue a widening project, removal of any improvements would be at Cloninger's expense. If the land were vacated the City would have to purchase it again at 100% assessed value.

Mr. Brown observed that traffic analysis could determine whether additional right of way would be required.

What is the protocol for the City to buy property back?

Mr. Brown stated that it must be purchased at 100% of assessed value. He also stated that the City is obligated to adhere to the comprehensive plan, which shows 29th as a primary arterial.

John Prosser stated that the RNC has this opportunity to make a recommendation on this issue to the Council.

There was a motion and a second to disapprove the vacation of right of way. Passed with no opposition.

8. Taylor Bressler (Parks Department update on Olmsted Triangle Parks. After information on the history of the parks, Mr. Bressler stated that the Park Board has a standing naming committee, and asked how the parks should be developed. Discussion included a desire to keep a low profile, the problems with providing sidewalks, keeping the original Olmsted design and aesthetics in mind, a desire for benches and a comment that more park-like use of the triangles could reduce traffic speeds in the area. Mr. Bressler stated the issue would go to the Park Board on the first Wednesday in March, and asked whether the RNC would expect signage on the parks consistent with other City parks; consensus was yes. There was also consensus that a task force of interested individuals should be brought together after the Park Board meeting to discuss details of the park development.

9. Elections. Ballots were distributed and the slate of nominees was approved as presented with no opposition. The new Board of Directors is:

- Chair John Prosser thru Jan 2009
- Vice Chair Dallas Hawkins thru Jan 2008
- Secretary Robert McDonald thru Jan 2009
- Treasurer Margaret Johnson thru Jan 2008
- Director Gail Prosser thru Jan 2009
- Director Carol Cunningham thru Jan 2008
- Director Gerald Cox thru Jan 2009
- Director Kathie Hawkins thru Jan 2008
- Director Sonja Sallquist thru Jan 2009
- Director Bernie Nelson thru Jan 2008

Gail Prosser reported on the Traffic Committee proceedings.

10. The treasurer's report was presented and approved as attached, with the comment that \$260 had been put into the General Fund from monies that were collected with no specified purpose.

11. Announcements/Correspondence. The Chairman received a SEPA notice that Walgreen's was planning to begin construction of a store at 29th & Grand on property that had recently been rezoned to CC1.

ONS was sent a draft of the resident initiated projects proposed process, and would not put comments in writing to avoid the appearance of being the RNC's counsel.

12. Open Forum. The planters located at 29th & Southeast Blvd. were damaged and the City is apparently not intending to replace them. There was a motion and second that the Chairman craft a letter to the responsible individuals, with cc's to the Mayor & Council informing them of the situation and requesting that the planters be replaced. Passed with no opposition.

Ms Akerhielm reported that the RNC will receive a \$1000 grant for historical preservation.

13. Agenda for next meeting.

- a. Re-invite Brad Stark.
- b. Discuss Traffic calming devices and measures.
- c. Discuss sidewalk repairs and snow removal.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Minutes taken by Sonja Sallquist
Respectfully transcribed and submitted,
Robert McDonald, Secretary