

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2005
(Annual Meeting)
St. John's Cathedral-Jewette House Guild Room
Spokane-Washington

I. 7:04 p.m. Dallas Hawkins(residing Chair) not present yet. Pam Behring suggested all people present introduce themselves. All present stated their names and location (or approximate location) of neighborhood residence. Blank paper sent around for sign-in.

II. 7:08 p.m. Dallas Hawking called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. He also brought attendance sheet printout and informed all to check in on this form to be counted for attendance and to also record any additional e-mail addresses or changes on this form. In the absence of Ellen Robey (residing secretary), Lisa Komberec offers and is accepted to take minutes.

III. 7:16 p.m. Minutes from November are reviewed, and are accepted and approved.

IV. Treasurer Report: submitted by Kathie Hawkins, shows a balance of \$1899.61, with \$242.35 in our General Fund, \$30.62 in our Traffic Fund, and \$70.00 in the Planter Fund. It was discussed that due to the city's budget restraints the Rockwood Neighborhood may not receive any/enough money for planting and fundraising might be necessary.

V. Other Committee Reports:

-Traffic Calming Committee:

*Marilyn A. wants to see someone Chair the Traffic Calming Committee, now that she is not Chairing this committee (after many years of dedication to this committee).She feels people needs to get together on this committee and have a meeting to identify a Chair person and discuss and identify current and future issues, concerns, activities, and goals for this important committee. She also brings to our attention there are people who have signed up to be involved with this committee and encourages anyone interested to also sign up.

*Gail P. suggests people involved in the Grand District could work together with the people on the Traffic Calming Committee to achieve collective goals and activities.

* A suggestion was made that people could participate with the Traffic Calming Committee even if they can't attend the monthly neighborhood meeting.

VI. Community Assembly Report: Marilyn attended last meeting in place of Dallas and doesn't feel she has anything new to report. Dallas emphasizes the lack of activity is more than likely due to the CA is mainly working to collectively pass 'policy and procedures' and reaching an agreement is proving to be a difficult endeavor. Dallas informs all that the CA meeting is held the first Friday of each month at City Hall.

VII. Election of Officers and Board members

Prior to voting Dallas informs all that as the Bi-laws permit all present at the annual neighborhood meeting are eligible to vote for the current year and also if neighbors attend two regular meetings they are eligible to vote. He states for further clarification, "...by virtue of the fact of being here tonight, you can vote".

-Marilyn informs how people were placed on the ballot, and encourages additional names to be submitted. Marilyn reads ballot:

* Chair: Pam Behring

* Vice Chair: John Prosser

* Secretary: Dallas Hawkins (after a rescission by Lisa Komberec)

*board Directors nominees (two positions open)

1. Dallas Hawkins
2. Gail Prosser
3. Dale Smith
4. Bernie Nelson
5. Patsy Manson

-Joe Nichols places self up for a board director position

-Dallas explains duties of board members

- With no other nominations, nominations close, and for Chair, Pam Behring is approved as Chair for the RNC.

- With no other nominations, nominations close, and for Vice Chair, John Prosser is approved as Vice Chair for the RNC.

- With no other nominations, nominations close, and for Secretary, Dallas Hawkins is approved as Secretary for the RNC.

-Kathy Hawkins is continuing on the board as Treasurer for the RNC.

-With two board positions open people are encouraged to speak on their behalf or others, before the written vote is made.

*Gail Prosser feels being proactive and having a collective voice is important to her.

*Patsy Manson feels the neighborhood is very important to her and she will continue to be involved.

*John Prosser recommends both Gail and Patsy for positions on the board of directors because of their strong passion for the neighborhood and he stated he was confident in their abilities.

-written vote done to determine the two new board members, by the voting members and were collected for counting by Kathy H. and Marilyn A.

Dallas announced: The Board of Directors that will continue to serve in 2005-06 are as follows,

1. Chris Howel
2. Gerald Cox
3. Marybeth Smith
4. Paul Fitzpatrick

Results of the vote for the New Board of Directors (2- seats open)

1. Gail Prosser
2. Patsy Manson

-At 7:44 p.m. Dallas turns the meeting over to the new Chair, Pam Behring

VIII. Comments from the new Chair/ Vice Chair:

-Pam wants people to be thinking of issues that might need the attention of the RNC, that might have been being over looked or not getting the needed attention.

*neighbors submit verbal concern for neighborhood crime, "drug houses/apartments", and pedestrian safety including visibility of paint for crosswalks, also for the parking lots not being kept up. Chris S. mentions the pillar project is some thing we should be "getting started on".

*Dallas reminds all that we will be having the opportunities of the annual traffic awareness week and the 'hand out for pedestrian' day.

-Pam wants us to consider any guest speakers that we would like to have and notify her, an officer, or board member.

-Dallas recommends that flyers with neighborhood information and surveys be sent out as a means to get neighborhood input for concerns and comments.

VIII. Manito District Center Planning Update-Pam Behring:

-Pam informs all that the planning is still in the planning stage. The land use map, when complete will then go before the public for approval. She is encouraging everyone who is interested to take a look on-line for information and even comment on-line. She would like people to feel free to contact her or any of the board members with concerns or comments. She also encourages people to trust that the goal for the Manito District planning is requiring much dialog and input because the purpose is reaching common ground for the needed change to be positive.

- Marilyn tells all that she is confident in Pam's capabilities, knowledge and experience.

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business: None

XI. Open Forum:

-Bernie Nelson requests that the minutes show the neighborhoods appreciation towards the past council and boards members dedication and hard work for the neighborhood.

-Marybeth Smith: (on behalf of her daughter) invites all people to attend Ferris High Schools 'Rubber Chicken' game; 3:45p.m. girls, 5p.m. boys. To support Ferris wear orange/black.

-Dallas was asked by Kodiak Security Services to inform RN that they would like to attend a meeting and present information to us. General consensus was to not have them at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

R.S. Lisa Komberec