

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2006
St. John's Cathedral, Jewett House Guild Room
Spokane Washington

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

2. Those present were:

- John Prosser	Chairman
- Gail Prosser	Director
- Marilyn Akerhielm	Resident
- Carol Cunningham	Director
- Ron Akerhielm	Resident
- Jerry Cox	Resident
- Sondra Cox	Resident
- Mac McDonald	Secretary
- Margaret Johnson	Director

The agenda for November was reviewed and approved

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mary Verner reported that it is anticipated that the City Council will approve imposing impact fees on new developments.

It is also anticipated that funding for a City Arborist will be identified to be shared between the Storm, Street, Sewer and Water funds.

The City is considering replacement of existing "City Drive" signs with others, such as "Scenic Route" signs including pedestrian and bicycle logos to help encourage alternative forms of transportation in these corridors.

Ms Verner noted that Gonzaga University recently contributed funding toward pedestrian improvements on Hamilton Ave, which may signal a change in the Council's unwritten policy that has discouraged private participation in capital improvement projects.

A proposal to extend water main beyond the city limits will soon be considered by the Council. Ms Verner stated that she will oppose the proposal, but asked for dissenting views from the membership, but found only agreement with her position. There was a motion by McDonald seconded by Johnson to formally oppose the extension of water outside city limits. There were no dissenting votes, Cunningham abstained,

RESIDENT INITIATED PROJECTS

Continued discussion of draft policy for small projects under the sponsorship of the RNC. Some minor changes were discussed and approved, and there was a motion by G, Prosser seconded by Cunningham to forward the document to the City Legal department for review.

ANNUAL MEETING

There was a discussion of mailings and it was determined that John Prosser would email residents and members and mail notification cards. Marilyn Akerhielm will chair the nominating committee for the positions of Chair, Secretary, and two Directors.

PARK LETTER UPDATE

Gail Prosser stated that the Parks Director had expressed no objection to renaming the parkway triangles to honor the Olmsted's, but that he would like documentation of their involvement with the development.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Gail reported that there will be an effort to move bike routes off arterials, accompanied by an effort to provide better signage and marking of the new routes.

The question of changing the "City Drive" signs to something "such as Scenic Route" was put to a vote, with no objections. Gail will so notify Mary Verner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was submitted and accepted showing a total account balance of \$3,680.62.

OPEN FORUM

There was a general discussion of the possibility of creating historical picture calendars of the Rockwood neighborhood, with the possibility of dedicating any revenues to benefit the triangle park improvements.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- Annual meeting
- Elections
- Update on resident initiated projects

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert McDonald
Secretary