Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes February 15, 2007 Approved as Amended March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 St. John's Cathedral, Jewett House Library Spokane Washington

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

2. Those present were: (\* Voting Member)

John Prosser	Chairman *
Gail Prosser	Director*
<ul> <li>Sonja Sallquist</li> </ul>	Director*
Jerry Cox	Director*
Bernie Nelson	Director*
Sondra Cox	Resident*
Carl Bernson	Resident
Dian Cummins	Visitor
Andy Plant	Visitor
Pastor Bob Christian	<b>Business Representative</b>
Elizabeth Regan	Resident
Ann Lynch	Resident
Eleanor Best	Resident

3. A quorum was not present to approve the agenda.

4. A quorum was not present to approve the January Minutes.

5. City Council Report

There were no City Council members present.

6. At the invitation of Director Bernie Nelson, Pastor Bob Christian of the Heritage Congregational Church and Leroy Eadie of the Department of Planning Services were available to present the facts pertaining to the Application by Heritage Congregational Church for a 2500 SF Addition and an LED message sign.

Pastor Christian began the presentation conveying the interest of the Church to expand the enrollment of the Christian School operated on the premises from the existing count of approximately 100 to 200+. The first step in that would be a campaign to get the recognition of the existence and purpose of the school. To accomplish that it is their wish to replace the existing signage with an electronic sign. The 2500SF Addition was yet to be decided, but was a requirement prior to application for an electronic sign. It was stated that in time the school hopes to build a permanent school of approximately 25000 SF and remove the temporary buildings. Leroy Eadie explained that the need to build a 2500 SF addition would not be enforced. The only application form the City has for an electronic sign had this requirement and was an administrative glitch. The owner has the property and the zoning to support a 25000 SF Building, subject to applications, permits and plan review should they apply for that. The signage under review was discussed in terms of placement, brilliance, and ability for "movement of message". The City does not allow the "running sign" in this circumstance.

7. Questions and discussion.

How is it possible that the City could allow a permanent Building when the original permit was for a temporary school?

A. The permit was for temporary buildings, not a temporary school.

What are the requirements to expand beyond 100 students?

A. A Traffic Study at the expense of the owner would be required.

There was concern expressed by the area residents about the amount of traffic in the area at times of the day and that there is no management of the traffic generated at drop off and pick up times. Concern over the safety of the students was expressed. The Pastor and Board Member agreed to open dialog to address this concern.

The pros and cons of the 29<sup>th</sup> and Pittsburg Barrier and its traffic flow implications in the neighborhood were discussed.

Leroy Eadie stated that the City has no plans to remove the barrier at this time. (amended by Bernie Nelson) Approved by vote

8. Clean-up dates were announced. Three (3) roll off containers are scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to Noon.

9. Traffic Report. Gail Prosser reported that the All City Pedestrian, Transportation and Traffic Committee met on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Brad Stark presented <u>Resolution 2007-0004</u>, a neighborhood traffic calming initiative. The initiative would put \$150,000.00 dollars into a fund that would require a neighborhood to come up with matching funds for an approved traffic calming project in their neighborhood. Following discussion, a vote was taken supporting this resolution, 11 in favor and 2 against. The PeTT committee voted to inform each city council member, by letter of these results and to include the attendees' city wide representation.

10. The treasurer's report was presented. The only change was interest.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted, John Prosser, Chair