

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2008
St. John's Cathedral, Jewett House Guild Room
Spokane, Washington

Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Prosser at 7:05pm.

Item 2: Those present were:

Marilyn Akerhielm
Douglas Cox
Jerry Cox
Sondra Cox
Barb Chamberlain
Carol Cunningham
Margaret Johnson
Walter Johnson
Bernie Nelson
Gail Prosser
John Prosser
Sonja Sallquist
Gina Schrock

Item 3: The agenda for February 2008 was reviewed and approved.
Motion and second to approve -- passed.

Item 4: The minutes for January 2008

Members requested the minutes be amended in Item 9 to strike "The BAB rejected Hatch in favor of Garfield or Arthur." And the following sentence revised from "... recommendation of Hatch." to "CA resolution."
Motion and second to approve as amended. Vote: 15:1 (2 of the 15 were non-voting members) – passed.

Items 5-6: City Council report.

No council member present.

Discussion by RNC members re: no city council member attending for several meetings included:

- Ways of requesting council members
- Putting the request in writing
- Possible meeting time conflict with board and committee meetings

Item 7: Rockwood Neighborhood Planning Meeting report

Summary: nine RNC members attended the 2/5/08 planning meeting. Here are some observations:

- Too little was discussed about the Comprehensive Plan and its relationship to Neighborhood Planning elements
- How do we distinguish Rockwood Neighborhood from others? Streetlights, lighting at crosswalks, bike pathways, transportation
- The meeting was oriented to professionals/insiders, not someone new to the process
- Neighborhoods need to participate in planning as part of the visioning process
- Rockwood can benefit by Chaz Bates' experience and his willingness to assist
- There is a lot to learn before we can proceed with planning
- There is an option to do visioning with students and send problems to a central location
- CANPAC = Community Assembly Neighborhood Planning Action Committee
- The City doesn't want 27 plans that can never be completed
- The City wants neighborhoods to identify issues that can then be added to their Comprehensive Plan
- What does a "District" consist of?
- District meeting is the next step. District meeting is a requirement but not necessarily by 3/31/08
- Connectivity between neighborhoods must be done together
- Need 15 – 20 stakeholders, business and planners
- Must determine priorities

Item 8: Neighborhood Planning Query - Vote

Motion and seconded: That this council does participate in planning.

Comment: RNC does not need to go first. Other neighborhoods are ready and RNC could go and observe the process.

Vote: unanimously in favor of the motion. No abstentions. Jerry Cox to sign the document as Vice Chair; Carol Cunningham to sign the document as at large member.

Item 9: Clean-Up Dates.

Background: \$5000 is available for RNC. Dumpsters generally cost between \$1500 - \$1800. Excess funds go into a pool for other neighborhoods to draw from.

Dates: Spring clean-up 04/19/08 9AM – 12 noon at Hutton School
Fall clean-up 10/25/08 9AM – 12 noon at Hutton School

Item 10: Flower Committee.

Volunteers needed to take over the planters on SE, Grand, 29th. RNC member will contact horticulture extension to see if they would be interested. An item will be added to the RNC newsletter with the clean-up notification.

Motion: purchase 2 \$10 gift certificates for the women who previously maintained the planters.

Motion amended to 2 \$15 certificates. Seconded. Vote: Motion passed by a majority vote.

Comment: gift certificates are a thank you gesture, not a reward for services.

Item 13: Traffic Committee.

- PETT Committee voted 19:0 in favor of resolution for bike-pedestrian coordinator position
- Resolution will move to CA after responsibilities identified; normally will be a planner
- Bike-ped coordinator is in Comprehensive Plan
- There are grant possibilities for funding projects

Item 14: Historic Committee.

- Designs for park benches from the Park department to be investigated.

Item 15: Treasurer's Report.

Report to be filed with minutes. Excerpts -

Pillar fund: \$1465.56; \$0.21 interest; \$3624.28 total in treasury.

Item 18: Correspondences, Announcements.

- Phone call from police resource officer (COP shop):
 - Offered to come talk to RNC anytime we'd like
 - We will ask to have them come just before the law goes into force when police are permanently assigned to a given part of the city

Item 19: Open Forum.

- Question: why is RNC Council Chair the member of the CA? Answer: per by laws.
- Question: how can we get in touch with Chaz Bates to find out when he can attend planning meetings? Gail will contact him.
- Gail: is it a conflict of interest to be on PETT and Planning Commission and a stakeholder? Answer: yes.
- Question: Why do we need developers to participate in Planning?
- Question: Is there a maximum limit for the number of stakeholders? Answer: 10 – 20 or it becomes unmanageable.

Item 20: Agenda items for Next Meeting.

- Sidewalks along Grand – broken, trees/shrubs overgrown
- Snowplowing phone number

Item 21: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonja Sallquist
Secretary