

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2009
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria
Spokane, Washington

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

Item 2: Introduction of Board members and officers

Item 3: The agenda for the February 2009 meeting was made available.

Item 4: The minutes for the previous meeting were under review.

Un-numbered item: Recent Residential Jewelry Robberies

Police Sgt Royce discussed a recent number of jewelry robberies in the neighborhood:

- They are sporadic and random.
- The most recent one was reported 1/14/09.
- Jewelry is difficult to trace
- Officers, mail carriers, UPS and FedEx drivers are watching for prowling

Recommended actions for residents to take:

- Lock doors
- Be alert
- Call 911 for a crime in progress; call Crime Check to report a crime not currently in progress
- Close ground floor windows and doors; lock when gone
- Keep shrubs trimmed back to prevent them from being a hiding place
- Put valuables in safe, if available

Item 5: Discussion of Proposed Residential Stop Sign Removal – 26th & Arthur

Bob Turner (BTurner@SpokaneCity.org) – traffic department discussed:

- There are 80,000 traffic control signs
- State and federal laws require periodic evaluation of traffic control
- 4-way stop signs are intended for high-volume, high-collision rate intersections
- Traffic counts were done last summer to provide a snapshot
- The counts taken indicated the intersection in question did not meet requirements for high volume
- Radar gun measurements at various times indicated 29mph was the fastest speed; speeding is an enforcement issue
- A reference was made to the guideline “Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices”, AKA “MUTCD”.

Rockwood residents discussed the importance of the stop signs, including

- Garfield is the busiest street in the city for traffic
- The neighborhood is not on a grid; there are dead ends
- Arthur is on the city bicycle list, which will lead to more congestion
- A sidewalk is needed – RNC to partner with the city, PTA, school and council
- Each site needs to be evaluated separately

Other comments included:

- Most kids are driven to school
- A stop sign can provide a false sense of security if drivers don't stop
- Not talking to the neighborhood was an error

Item 6: School District 81 Bond Presentation

- Information was presented and discussed regarding the various projects, including renovations for Hutton, to be funded by the renewal
- 3/10/09 is election for 3 year replacement levy
- **B**ond = for **B**uilding
- **L**evy = for **L**earning
- Bond requires 60% voter approval

- Levy requires 50% voter approval

Item 7: Envision Spokane Discussion

Discussion included:

- Eleven proposed rights have been developed by the ES members
- Single subject rule: the proposal would go to voters as one piece
- Town hall meetings to be held
- A concern was placed that both pro and con sides need to be represented and heard
- RNC has not voted to support ES; just information gathering

Item 8: 2009 Elections – Nominations

- Chair – Jill B
- Secretary – Sonja S
- BOD – Gail P
- BOD – Ron E
- BOD – Walt R
- Community Assembly -- John P
- Additional nominations from the floor: none.

A motion was voiced and seconded to accept the nominees as proposed.

Vote to elect: unanimous; no oppositions.

Item 9: new Officer Remarks

Jill expressed her thanks to John and Gail P

Item 10: Traffic Committee:

- No report.

Item 11: Historic Committee.

- No report.

Item 12: Treasurer's Report – copy filed with these minutes:

- No report.

Item 13: Community Assembly Report.

- No report.

Item 14: Agenda items for January 2009 Meeting.

Item 15: Open Forum.

- Walt is webmaster
- Documents to be posted on the website
- Parking in driveways
 - Cars can be parked on the street for 24 hours
 - New legislation will allow RV parking in driveways; this includes boats
 - Numbered side of the street is the front of the property
 - E-mail John P by Thursday with comments
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Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonja Sallquist
Secretary