Rockwood Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

No minutes from the February meeting were available for approval. We will take a vote to adopt the minutes at our April meeting.

Member roll call

Treasures report – No change from last report other than .23 interest, with a balance of $1899.84 total in the bank account.

There was a pledge of $1000 from Marilyn and Ron Akerhielm, as well as John and Gail Prosser to fund traffic devices in the neighborhood. John wanted to make it clear that the pledges were meant for the Garfield area only.

Secretary Position- Due to Dallas Hawkins resignation, the secretary position is open again. It was stated that Marilyn Akerhielm may take the position. All were in favor of Marilyn to take the position, but the Council will have to verify if she is willing to accept.

Rockwood Traffic Committee- March 17th at Hutton Elementary Library will be the next meeting of the Rockwood Traffic Committee. The goals for the meeting are to create a mission statement and to discuss the problems in the Garfield area with the amount of traffic, as well as speeding.

There was some interest in doing a traffic study of the area. Val Melvin will be our contact for the study. Val stated since the area was in the Manito Planning District, there will be another study of the area.

Spring Green Up/Spring Clean Green/Dump Passes/Curb side Pickup- Our neighborhood shouldn't have many people interested in a hazardous material pick up other than the elderly. We will put a notice in the newsletter after we select a date. People will call for pickup of the materials.

Dump passes haven't had enough response in the past, so we will not be doing them this year.

Curb side pick up was a big hassle last time it was done. We didn't have that many people that were interested.

Spring and Fall Clean Green seems to be the most successful. A date will be selected for the events which will occur in April and October. We will post the dates in the Spring Newsletter.

Newletter/Card/Survey- Dallas volunteered to do the Spring Newsletter or postcard this year. It was determined by the group that a newsletter was the best idea to get more information out to the neighborhood. The newsletter will go out in early April, so we can announce the dates of the Manito Center Meeting and the Spring Clean up.

Manito Center Report- Rockwood will have their Manito Center Open House on April 14th. This will also be the date for our April meeting so we may avoid meeting during spring break.

Community Assembly Report- John Prosser gave a report on what the CA is working on currently. Some of the issues were as follows:
> Demolition Permit Ordinance-Saves historic buildings from demolition.
> Park Board Appointment Process-Changed to voted position.
> Policies and Procedures-CA voted it down
> ONS update
>> New Parking Kiosks down town
>> Clean up Orientation-Cleaning from the Core
>> Waste (Haz-Mat)Pickup for Seniors
> Land Use-Kay Strate was voted in to the liason position for the plan commission. R1 will increase to 10 units per acre.
> All City Traffic-Hand Out for Pedestrians during Traffic Awareness Week
> which will be held from April 9th to 17th. Rockwood will promote Hand   out for

Pedestrians on April 9th .

Signs for Neighborhood Meeting- We only have 2 or 3 left of the 6 original signs. We need to have more made but the 6 we had cost $150.
Erich Prahl said he knows someone that could make the signs for us.

2828 S Garfield-Joe Organick says that they plan on taking the lot down 4 feet. There was some concern that the current side walk along 29th is too narrow with just over 5 feet in width. Code states side walks need to be 7 feet, at the very least. The building would have a wall up against the sidewalk.

Neighbor Jo McDonald says that the developer is not working with her to protect her privacy. Some neighbors stated that we need to focus on one change to make the building fit the lot better. Drainage may be a good subject to focus upon.

Respectfully submitted
Kathie Hawkins
Treasurer/Acting Secretary