

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2009  
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria  
Spokane, Washington

**Officer Dean Draper, Senior Police Officer**

Discussed drug trafficking in the RNC neighborhood and the police resources available.  
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**The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Jill Boyd at 7:25pm.

**The agenda** for the April 7, 2009 meeting was made available and approved.

**Minutes** from the March 3, 2009 meeting were not available yet.

**Treasurer's report:** the RNC account is \$0.43 more than in March. The bench fund has approximately \$967.

**Office of Historic Preservation:**

Kristen Griffon, new Director. She was formerly with the National Park Service.  
Her office can assist with questions.  
Services include special evaluations on property taxes.  
The 2012 National meeting for historic preservation will be held here in part due to our local approach to preservation and adaptive use of downtown buildings.

**Introductions** of Board members, officers and members

**Stop Sign Removal Discussion** centered around the following points:

- The City has given out conflicting messages.
- 30 stop signs are on the list to be removed – a large map (not filed) was presented by RNC members.
- Population growth is occurring to the south.
- Existing arterials are being narrowed: Bernard, Lincoln, High drive, etc.
- Additional arterials had been requested by the City Engineers, but not approved by City Council. Stop sign removal was approved.
- Arthur and Upper Terrace are on the Bicycle Master Plan.
- Development along arterials leads to increased traffic through the neighborhood.
- Due Process and media coverage were suggested.
- It appears that the city is creating arterials by the removal of stop signs.
- A neighbor in an adjoining neighborhood (Julie Cronin on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave) was involved in an accident immediately following the removal of a stop sign in her neighborhood.
- An RNC member on 17<sup>th</sup> & Arthur worked to get a stop sign installed. This involved support of the mayor's office.
- Does stop sign action require City Council approval?
- Does stop sign action require involvement of neighborhood councils?
- RNC needs to talk about the safety of neighbors, dog walkers.
- A neighbor on Upper Terrace reported that a vehicle that didn't stop at a sign ended up within 5' of a kitchen.
- There is no Rockwood representative on the City Council; we are outnumbered in voting.
- Suggestions included:
  - Fill all seats at the City Council meeting
  - Take pictures
  - Look at all neighborhoods impacted and look for support and consistent message.
  - Rockwood needs to be cohesive and vocal to make it difficult for those wanting removal to succeed.

- Fliers for neighborhood.
- Question: Since RNC is a 501©(3) entity can we be involved? Answer: yes, since it's not a political election.
- Timing is important.
- We can hire our own traffic engineer if we choose.
- **Motion:** Form an ad hoc Stop Sign committee, officially representing the RNC. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
  - The committee will consist of: Julie Banks, Kammy Magnuson, Neal Muller, Gina Schrock
- Stop Sign Committee will be on the agenda for the May meeting.
- A post card (filed with these minutes) to be distributed to neighbors by RNC members.
- Need to look at immediate needs and long term planning. RNC is in the queue with six others for Neighborhood Planning.
- Next steps
  - Come to RNC meetings
  - Are other neighborhoods welcome? No, PETT and CA can get the word out to others.

### **Children of Promise – Joy Jones**

- A program to mentor children
- Pamphlet provided (filed with these minutes)
- Screening is performed to ensure a good fit between children and mentors.
- 240 matches have been made with no problems.
- Referrals come from Spokane Public Schools, churches, not from the Dept of Corrections.

### **Community Assembly Report**

- Spring Clean Green is 4/25/09 from 9 – 12N. three dumpsters will be provided. No hazardous or animal waste will be accepted.
- Fall Clean Green will be 10/31.
- **Motion:** make the Traffic development fund in the RNC treasury available to the Stop Sign Committee. There is \$729.62 in this fund.
  - Discussion: Must be brought up to the RNC before money spent. Reimbursement for the cost of printing postcards and maps is not being requested.
  - The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of one vote against.
- Donations from Clean Green (usually average \$350)
  - **Motion:** Allocate donations from the Spring Clean Green to the Bench Fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The Sign Code Ordinance is before the City Council.
  - The city is defining where benches on city property can go and what messages they can contain.
- Swimming pool fees have been proposed by the Park Board.
- Cottage housing
  - New ordinance; only in designated centers?

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sonja Sallquist  
 Secretary