

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2011
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Interim Chair John Prosser at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Executive Board members** and guests were introduced.
3. **The Treasurer's Report** – Peggy Johnson deferred
4. **Rockwood Blvd. Design Committee Report-**
Ron Wells summarized the work of the committee. Lin Zickler presented to the group last month. He is a landscape design consultant. Curb to curb bond money will do re-paving. Storm water run-off can be supported through a separate source of funding. Mike Taylor, City Director, is working with the group and presenting ideas. Cross walks are a priority, as well as physical enhancements. LID may be an option for funding some options, as well as grant money Councilman Rush and Snyder have suggested. Targeted repaving - 2013.
It was suggested that if the Design committee needed money, they could host a neighborhood clean-up and use those funds for mailers.
The committee is interested in decreasing traffic entering Rockwood and not diverting traffic to Garfield. It was discussed that RNC has been working on other priorities and traffic issues around our school for years and is looking ahead to using our neighborhood planning money for these issues
5. **City Council Representative** deferred. Councilman Rush and Snyder left RNC meeting to attend simultaneous scheduled Rockwood Blvd. Design Committee meeting in the library.
6. **NeighborWoods Program- Spokane Urban Forestry** Beth Mort
Angel Spellman, neighborhood resident and Urban Forester was in attendance as well. NeighborWoods is looking for 3-5 members from each council to look at needs within their neighborhood. Angel will be the contact in our neighborhood for this program. This will be added to the unfilled positions within Rockwood.
7. **Spokane Public Schools-** Dr. Nancy Stowell, Dist. 81 Superintendent
District 81 has many diverse priorities, 60% of children are at the poverty level, 55 language groups and is the largest employer in the city; including, support services, human resources and teaching/learning. Dr. Mark Anderson, Rockwood member, is responsible for facilities. The district is spending \$4 million/year on smaller projects.
Jefferson will be rebuilt, construction begin summer, 2012. Hutton students will attend the old Jefferson when that is done in 2014 or 2015. Design will begin in 2012 to 2013, and desire to place on the Historic Register.
Graduation rate improving: in 2006-07 - 57.7% (on time); 2007-08 - 60.3%; 2008-09 - 62.1%
New stats will be coming forward soon. **It looks like 2009-2010 will have a drop-out rate of 20% and graduation rate above their projected 67%.**
Technical Response- the District is now tracking all students who leave schools and continue their education elsewhere.
Adaptive response- 3 examples:
 - On Tract- intervention program that keeps students in school in vocational or alternative programs.
 - ICAN- Individualized Credit Attainment Now. Students come in after school to pick up needed credits for graduation.
 - **Development of an Early Warning System-** looking at indicators that predict drop out.
8. **Avista-** Steve Trabun, spoke about "Smart Circuits" project from matching stimulus funds. Re-conductor work will upgrade power lines to improve service and have faster restoration times. This

will begin in Rockwood as weather permits this spring. Crews will be seen along Hatch between 17th and 24th.

9. Officer Rex, Supervisor from Police Dept. Two new programs:

- **Repeat Offenders (ROPs)-**
- **Pro-Active Patrol Teams- (PACT)-** undercover and surveillance techniques
- **They will have cuts in their officer numbers following retirement**
- **Vehicle Prowling-** Do NOT leave valuables in cars

10. Jonathan Mallahan, ONS Director

- Neighborhood Planning process and timing being re-considered. Other neighborhoods in District 2 have higher needs. Example: Lincoln Heights.
- ONS here to help neighborhood re-invest in neighborhood councils. Many programs have emerged because of councils and Community Assembly.

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11. Unfinished Topics

- Current open positions:
 - **Secretary**
 - **2 board members**
 - **NeighborWoods program**
 - **CA Land Use Committee**
- Positions filled to help transition new members
 - **Interim Chair:** John Prosser
 - **Interim Vice-Chair:** Carol Cunningham
 - **Community Assembly Rep.** Marilyn Akerhielm
 - **CA N-PAC contact** - John Prosser
 - **Web Master** - Walt Johnson
 - **Neighborhood Clean Up Coordinators** – Carol Cunningham, Lisa Cumbaric

12. New Topics

Dump Pass discussion \$25.00 passes for general

\$5.00 - \$10.00 for clean green.

What should go in newsletter besides Dump Passes April 30?

13. Agenda Items for May Meeting

- City-Wide Traffic Calming draft - vetting?

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Attendance record on file

Next meeting: May, 3rd, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Prosser