

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
May 1st, 2012
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Interim Chair John Prosser at 7:00 PM.
2. **Attendees introduced themselves, giving addresses, Board members were identified. City council and guest** were introduced. Attendance record on file.
3. **Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the Jan. and Mar. 2012 minutes.
4. **The Treasurer's Report** by Peggy Johnson: \$2671.42 Total Funds. Separate accounts include: Gen. Fund, Pillar Fund, Charity Fund, Traffic Devices, and Planters (on Grand and 29th).
5. **Officer Vacancies-**
Chair – John Prosser, interim Chair, asked the board to appoint Dean Lynch to Chair. The appointment was unanimously approved. The gavel was turned over to Dean.

The Agenda format was changed to have Greg Brown with District 81 go next, followed by South Hill Coalition Planning.

6. **Rebuilding of Hutton School – report by** Greg Brown, Director, Capital Projects and Planning, District 81. Architect to be hired this summer, design process will start next fall, construction planned 2014. Part of Hutton built in the 1920's will be retained; however, the part constructed more recently may be changed. The neighborhood will be involved; flyers will be sent, announcements will be in the newspapers.

School size will change from approx. 475 to 550 students from the same draw area. Traffic impact and mitigation will be a component, working with the traffic engineers. The school is aware of children walking to school and plans for safe, well defined crosswalks. Green Building concepts are considered, if there is a "pay-back" to students, staff and the community.

During construction, the plan is to have Hutton school children attend the old Jefferson school after completion of the new school.

7. **South Hill Coalition (SHC) Planning Proposal** - neighborhoods joined in collaborative planning include Manito-Cannon Hill, Comstock, Lincoln Heights and Cliff Cannon. They would like RNC to join. Dean introduced Scott Chesney, Director of Planning Services. Scott advised that the amount of funds per neighborhood is small, so pooling our funds with the 4 other neighborhoods will leverage the money. The Coalition has identified "Connectivity" as an issue. This would include multi-modal transportation options.

The Coalition has developed a survey to determine community interest of all neighborhoods involved. A "Walk-ability audit" is planned. After those are done, there will be community forums. A Steering Committee will consist members from each council; allowing for one vote per neighborhood. If we don't join the coalition now, Scott has committed to a more efficient time-line for neighborhood planning to be compressed into 1 year. Concern was expressed about being able to coordinate our planning funds when Hutton is built. Scott suggested we can pre-plan connectivity, to the school now.

If we do this, we will need 1 or 2 people to commit to the process and serve as Steering Committee members. Three people raised their hands. A number of people are willing to do a walk-ability audit. If we don't join, the Coalition would use their planning dollars to survey Rockwood residents. Dean read the "Memorandum of Understanding" the 4 neighborhoods have developed and signed, focusing on "Centers and Corridors and neighborhood planning" and no mention of Connectivity. Concern was expressed about revisiting Center and Corridor Planning previously done in 2003. Scott said "Economic

Development is the City's responsibility and not part of the neighborhood planning. SHC (So. Hill Coalition) has voted and approved the MOU.

Motion made "to join the South-hill Coalition with the existing language on the MOU but that Rockwood desires connectivity". Dean Lynch, RNC Chair, was designated to advocate for Rockwood's priority, and report back to RNC if he isn't satisfied.

Dean asked for a show of hands for approval of the motion, from all Rockwood members present, with overwhelming approval. **14 RNC voting members voted "Yes" to JOIN the South-hill coalition with 1 "abstention".**

8. Announcements:

- **Rockwood Blvd. Design Committee Workshop** next Tuesday, May 8th, 7:00- 8:30 p.m., Hutton cafeteria.
The majority of RNC board approved expenditure for postcard to notify all Rockwood property owners of Workshop. An Invoice from city will be sent the middle of May. Total Cost: **\$434.22**
- **MAC Mother's Day Historic Rockwood Homes tour**, May 12th, 2012. Volunteers needed.
Further information at: www.nwmuseum.org
If anyone from Rockwood wants to man a Table about our neighborhood, at the Tour, contact David Braum - 456-3931.
Location of Tour Homes: 525 E. Rockwood, 537 E. Rockwood, 2105 S. Rockwood, 1821 Upper Terrace, 835 Over bluff, 826 Over bluff.

9. New Topics

- **Police Ombudsman Annual Report** – Melanie, Tim Burn's assistant, said they are available to citizens and that residents can contact them on line at www.spdombudsman.org

10. Unfinished Topics:

- **Unfilled officer positions-** Speak to Dean about willingness to fill these position
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
 - **Community Assembly Rep** - Julie Banks offered to attend next CA Meeting.

Heather Troutman, Interim Director of ONS, talked of the value of CA. That is where broad community concerns and goals are formed and approved. Neighborhood planning process, CAN-PAC

- **Spring Dump Pass Distribution** will be between 10 and 12:00 on Saturday, May 12th. There are limited passes; distribution is first come first serve.

11. **Major Frank Scalise**, Spokane Police Department. SPD are focused on property crimes. Spokane was #4 in the nation for vehicle theft. After being pro-active on this issue, we are no longer in the top 10. Home burglaries are a focus now, most are repeat offenders. They are using technology to track criminals. Follow issues on www.spokanepolice.org or fscalise@spokanepolice.org

12. **Agenda item for Sept. meeting:**

Rockwood Blvd. Redesign, Elections, Dump pass, Planning, Hutton School update, Law Enforcement, Executive Board Actions

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Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Next meeting: First Tuesday, Sept. 4th, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Prosser