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## ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2012

### Hutton Elementary School Cafeteria

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chair Dean Lynch at 7:03 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Quorum was present**
3. **Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 1, 2012 minutes.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Peggy Johnson reported Total Funds of \$2226.00. Peggy agreed to research individual funds to find out the restrictions on their use.
5. **Executive Committee Actions:** There were no Executive Committee Actions since our last meeting.
6. **Chuck Demarest, Principal@ Hutton Elementary School** was unable to attend.
7. **Deana Brower – School Board Member** introduced Shelley Redinger, our new Superintendent for Spokane Public Schools.
8. **Shelley Redinger, Ph.D – Superintendent Spokane Public Schools**, discussed
  - **New Strategic Plan** for the next 3-5 years for the district:
    - Technology, Facilities, Safety, Security, Curriculum & Standards.
  - **Listening/Learning Survey**
  - **Board Superintendent Goals**
    - **Early Learning**
      - Full Day Kindergarten
    - **Middle School Options**
      - We currently have grades 7 & 8 model
      - Potential K thru 8
    - **Facilities Plan**
      - Buying future properties
      - Joe Albi Stadium – do we invest, rent, athletic facilities....etc.
  - **Open Door Policy** – If you have issues/concerns, she can be contacted directly at:
    - **Phone: 509-354-5900**
    - [ShelleyR@spokaneschools.org](mailto:ShelleyR@spokaneschools.org)

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## **9. Greg Brown, Director of Capital Projects – Spokane Public Schools – Hutton School Update:**

They are currently in the middle of the architectural selection process, and have narrowed it down to three companies. Interviews will commence the week of September 19, 2012. They hope to start the design of the building this winter. Public meetings will be held, and the community will be invited. They will be obtaining input from: Community, Parents & Staff. Open houses will be held to share information from the three groups. The design committee includes the Community. The original building will be renovated. The portable buildings will be removed. During the rebuilding process, the students will relocate to the old Jefferson School. Busing will be provided. More information is available at the following website: [www.spokaneschools.org](http://www.spokaneschools.org), select the link for the construction site.

## **10. Charlotte Lamp – Rockwood Boulevard Design Committee Update:**

The LID design has been accepted by the City. Forty (40) trees are expected to be added between Arthur and Crestline. There will be a crosswalk at Garfield and Rockwood Blvd. A round about and crosswalk will be at Arthur & Rockwood Blvd., with a paved path up the hill. Pedestrian safety is a priority. There will be one pillar at the Southeast Boulevard Entrance. Rockwood Boulevard homeowners will receive a letter within the next 2-3 weeks inviting them to a City Council hearing regarding the Rockwood Design. The Neighborhood Council will notify members via email of the hearing. Sidewalks will be added on the north side from Perry to Crestline. Bump outs with turf or trees will be added to slow traffic. There will be striping of streets, and bike lanes added.

## **11. Jon Snyder – City Council Representative** provided a document with information on our Tax Dollars at work in various neighborhoods throughout the city:

- **Transportation Benefit District – (\$20 TBD Car Tab Fee)**
  - Arterial Grind & Overlay
  - Residential Grind & Overlay projects
  - Residential Chip Seal projects
- **Photo Red Traffic Calming Program – (Proceeds from Red Light Infractions)**
  - East Central – Thor & Hartson (Curve Sequence Lights)
  - Lincoln Heights – 17<sup>th</sup> & Mt. Vernon (Curb Bump Outs)
  - Cliff Cannon – Maple St. between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> (Curb Bump Outs)
  - Southgate – 42<sup>nd</sup> & Hazel (Street Trees)
  - All Neighborhoods – varying locations (Mobile Speed Signs)

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## 12. Terry Warrick – South Hill Planning Coalition Update

Steering Committee members representing Rockwood are: Dean Lynch, Don Lamp and Terry Warrick.

- The Neighborhood Vision Workshop was held in June. Individuals from all five neighborhoods participated in identifying issues and concerns within their neighborhoods, and solutions. Data from the survey, of which we received over 700 responses, was presented to participants, and is in the process of being presented to the City for review. An overview of the results of the survey showed that the top priority for the Neighborhoods are: Streets (potholes, cracks, slowing traffic, re-paving, uncontrolled intersections, etc.), Safety (sidewalk repair, sidewalk additions, child safety, Block Watch, etc.), Crime, Traffic Calming, Tree Maintenance, Property Maintenance, Preserving Historical aesthetics, and Noise Pollution. The top 3 concerns for the Neighborhood projects included all of the above, plus Bicycle access and safety.

**13. Fall Clean up – Dump Pass Distribution – Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.** Dump passes will be available at Hutton School.

**14. Police Ombudsman – Melissa Nystrom** reported that they are open for business. Tim Burns is in negotiations with the City to extend his contract. More information can be obtained by accessing their website: [www.SPDOmbudsman.org](http://www.SPDOmbudsman.org).

**15. Spokane Police Dept. – Major Frank Scalise** was present to address any issues the attendees had. Speeders on Grand Ave by Manito Park were brought up. Major Scalise advised the group that traffic concerns can be reported to the department. He provided the following contact number: 624-4150

More information can be obtained via their website: [www.spokanepolice.org](http://www.spokanepolice.org).

- **911**: Call when a crime is in progress
- **Crime Check 624-2311**: Call when a crime has already happened
- **Cop Shop**: Call if you have a concern or question

**16. Unfinished Topics – None reported**

**17. New Topics – None reported**

**18. Community Assembly Representative Report – Julie Banks**

Neighborhood Representatives meet every month. They make recommendations/decisions to the City Council (i.e. Panhandling Ordinance, proper use of Photo red funds). The National Preservation Conference will be held in Spokane in October. The Rockwood Neighborhood will be included in their walking tour.

**19. Announcements**

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- **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Cliff Cannon Neighborhood will be holding a Block Party at Huckleberry's from 3 -5 pm. All are invited.

## 20. Possible Agenda Items for October Meeting

- **Block Watch**
- **Ban on Quick Fix Alcohol**
- **In-fill Development**
  - What are the rules
  - Height limitations
- **Olmstead Parks**
  - Broken sprinklers
  - Trees dying
  - Basalt rock walls are deteriorating

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next Meeting: First Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**NOTE: For all future Council Meetings, please enter the cafeteria via the Southeast Door (by the playground).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Warrick