

## Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting

January 08, 2013 7:00pm

### Hutton Elementary School Cafeteria

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting of the Rockwood Neighborhood Council was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair, Dean Lynch. Attendance was recorded.

#### **Quorum:**

A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting of November 6, 2012 were accepted and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peggy Johnson reported a deposit of \$44.00 to the General fund, bringing the balance as of 12/31/2012 to \$30.65. Additional funds include, Pillar fund: \$1537.56, Charity Fund: \$40.00, Traffic Devices fund: \$591.79, and Planters fund: \$70.00.

**Executive Board Action:** None

**Elections:** All candidates were elected by acclamation

Chair: Dean Lynch

Vice-Chair: Kelly Moorman

Secretary: Linda McHenry

Board Members: Ben Brucker, Jim Sullivan, Robin McDonald

#### **Presentations:**

Chuck Demarest, Principal Hutton Elementary, presented the Hutton School Rehab update.

Mr. Demarest stressed that the project is a "celebration". The #1 priority is to keep the school together. All classes will be relocated to Jefferson Elementary during construction. The building is being built to accommodate 550 students to allow for year to year fluctuations. Current enrollment is 495.

The final plans are not in place. Drawings are still being refined. The front annex will be going away and the historic portion of the building will remain. Parking needs will be addressed, but there are no plans for land acquisition at this time. The desire is to preserve the playgrounds for school use as well as a neighborhood park. Student safety to and from school is being addressed. Stakeholder committees are in place.

City Council Representative Jon Snyder was in attendance and expressed his regret that the LID improvements would not be going forward. The City Council will be taking a look at LID rules. There may be excess street bond money that can be used for traffic calming.

Other issues of interest being addressed by the Council include implementation of the new marijuana law, fluoride and the Avista agreement to address urban forestry issues.

Councilman Snyder urged anyone with questions or comments to contact him at [jsnyder@spokanecity.org](mailto:jsnyder@spokanecity.org).

Major Frank Scalise, Spokane Police Department, was not in attendance.

**South Hill Coalition:** The scope of work is still being refined. Connectivity is the main priority. The next meeting will be held around the end of January/first of February.

**Community Assembly Representative Report:**

Julie Banks reported on several items of interest from the recent Community Assembly meeting.

The Comprehensive Plan is being reevaluated.

Support for Prop 3, the library bond is urged. The cost will be \$7.00/\$100,000, or \$14.00 per year for a home valued at \$200,000.

Traffic calming applications are available online. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2013. Councilman Jon Snyder will help with the applications.

The Office of Neighborhood Services is engaging students to help with social media and websites.

Council President Ben Stuckart is holding a "meet & greet" on January 30, 2013, 5:00-6:30 PM at Cassano's Italian Grocery and Deli, 2002 E. Mission Ave.

2013 calendars are available.

In addition to her other positions, Julie is now representing our neighborhood council on the Public Safety committee.

**Old Business:** LID failure. Several neighbors express regret that the LID failed to receive sufficient support and felt that false and misleading information led to the failure. Not only was the information not correct, but it was presented at the last minute not allowing for the

misrepresentations to be corrected. Supporters of the LID felt the City provided misinformation as well as did neighbors opposing the project. Although the LID as initially proposed is now “dead” with no hope of reviving, a volunteer committee including Julie Lubbe, Ben Brucker and Kelly Moorman was formed and will revisit the LID for traffic calming from Garfield to Perry.

**New Business:**

Traffic calming applications:

Photo Red money is designated for traffic calming. A pedestrian crossing light at Grand and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave is being installed this year. It is a Photo Red project in Rockwood Neighborhood awarded through the 2012 funding cycle. There is now \$185,000.00 available for three council districts. We are allowed to submit applications for two projects, with a maximum amount of \$40,000.00 per project. One must be for arterials and one for residential. Our proposals will need to show a need and include data to back up support for the project.

Volunteers for the committee to identify traffic calming projects, gather data and prepare proposals are Julie Lubbe, Walt Johnson, Robin McDonald, Don Lamp and Tom Burns.

**Announcements:** none

**Future agenda topics:** Request an update from city about construction timelines, complexities and impact on neighbors of Rockwood Blvd rebuild.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McHenry, Secretary

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