

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting

November 6, 2012 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.

The minutes for the October meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Peggy Johnson reported the October bank statement had not arrived. Last activity was in September, a \$10 expenditure to file non-profit paperwork with the State.

Total available funds are \$2226.06. General account: \$-13.25, Pillar account: \$1537.56, Charity account: \$40.00, Planter account: \$70.00, Traffic account: \$591.75. Nova Duft and Peggy are researching the accounts and will report back to the body.

Executive Committee Action: None

Presentations:

Chuck Demarest, Principal Hutton Elementary was not in attendance.

Greg Brown, Director of Capital Projects, SPS, reported that the architectural firm has been chosen for the Hutton School rehab. They are experienced with historical restorations and have worked on several projects in the area. The project is still seeking four RNC members to represent the neighborhood on exterior aesthetics, parking and site issues. Contact Dean Lynch if you are interested. They are hoping to have everyone on board by January 13, 2013. There are four stages in the design process, with construction scheduled to begin June 2014. The complete schedule will be made available to RNC members.

City Council Representatives were not in attendance.

Tim Burns, Police Ombudsman, reported that his contract has been extended through August 2013. The Police Guild contract is up for renegotiation January 1, 2013 and the outcome will impact the Office of Ombudsman. Mr. Burns is awaiting the Use of Force Commission report which was due in September and is expect to be received soon. He encouraged neighbors to be in touch with concerns. The Ombudsman website site is www.spdombudsman.org.

Major Frank Scalise, Spokane Police Department, reported that things have been quiet in our neighborhood. Ours is in general a low crime area. The new police chief is "getting his feet

wet”, and becoming acclimated to the job. Major Scalise is very impressed with the new chief and is optimistic about the direction he will take the department.

Regarding neighborhood crime, one member reported a neighbor had experienced a break-in as well as a car prowling. Major Scalise encouraged neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious activities.....an involved neighborhood has a big impact in neighborhood crime.

SPD website: www.spokanepolice.org they are also on Facebook.

Rockwood Blvd Design Committee:

Don Lamp regretfully reported that the LID is “dead”. The proposal received 60% opposition. At this point, the project cannot go forward to coincide with the street paving, so it will be “curb to curb” construction. A meeting of those involved in the effort will be scheduled to discuss the process and look for improvements for future LID attempts.

Community Assembly Representative Report:

Julie Banks reported that she attended a storm water runoff presentation explaining the consequences of many of our everyday activities to our river and aquifer.

A joint Community Assembly/City Councilmember meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2012, 4:00-5:00pm at the Northeast Community Center.

On December 3, 2012 from 5:30-7:00pm there is a grant application process training being held in the council briefing center at City Hall. Focus is on traffic calming fund grants.

More representation is needed on various neighborhood committees. You need not be an assembly member to be on the committees.

South Hill Coalition: Terry Warrick reported on the October stakeholder meeting. The consultant has been chosen and the strategy process established. Twelve to sixteen workshops will be scheduled and will include students as well as area businesses. The next stakeholder meeting TBD.

Old Business: RNC website address is: <http://rockwood.spokaneneighborhoods.org> . Meeting minutes and agendas are included on the website.

Carol Cunningham was thanked for her long running contributions, specifically with sending out RNC email It is suggested that future minutes be produced in PDF form for ease in accessing the document.

Carol Cunningham reported a brisk business in dump pass distribution. Additionally, she received \$40.00 in donations which will go in to the general fund

\$5 passes = 40

\$10 passes = 50

\$25 passes = 75

Next pass distribution will be in April

New Business: none

Announcements:

Our next RNC meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013. It is the annual meeting. Neighbors attending this meeting automatically become voting members. The agenda includes the election of officers. We will be electing the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and three board members. Members interested in these positions should contact Dean Lynch.

Dean appointed Julie Banks and Gina Schrock to the nominating committee.

Good of the order:

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2012. There will be no meeting in December.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McHenry, Secretary (Acting)