

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010
Hutton Elementary School, Library
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:00PM.
2. **Minutes** from 09/07/10.
 - Postponed until October meeting due to size of September meeting agenda and number of residents who were not voting members in attendance..
3. **Treasurer's Report** - no report
4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – Gail P
 - There is a \$12M budget deficit for the City. There has been a notice of 116 layoffs. Bargaining units still need to weigh in. possible remedies include: B&O tax, utility tax increase, sales tax, parking vehicle tax, increased parking meter fines.
5. **City Council** - Richard Rush
 - The City is looking at 9% cuts across the board and is asking labor unions to forgo 2011 pay raises and put a 4% cap on healthcare. There is a 1% cap on property tax increases.
6. **Repaving of Rockwood Blvd**
 - **The Project** – Mike Taylor, Engineering Services, City of Spokane Phone: 625-6307
 - Funded by the 2004 \$117 Million Street Bond. \$47 Million remaining.
 - After 2017 there are big fines for overflow into the river. Lincoln Street project used the overflow for natural treatment of shrubs with the excess flowing into Canon Hill pond.
 - Overflow can go into private ponds, but requires permission of property owners.
 - Landscaping next to the road needs to be maintained by the property owner, so the property owner needs to have input into the level of effort required.
 - Street design to be completed by winter 2010.
 - Street work to be done 2013 spring/summer/fall.
 - Scope: north tip of Rockwood to SE Blvd; half of Upper Terrace.
 - Rockwood is a neighborhood collector street
 - Budget reductions will cause loss of 23 staff from the Engineering Department.
 - Striping is a liability if not maintained.
 - Richard Rush suggested a Transportation Benefit District with revenue-raising potential to fund streets and their maintenance.
 - Gail P is on the mayor's design committee.
 - Rockwood is a minor collector arteriole.
 - Rockwood between 17th and SE Blvd is designated in the Comprehensive Plan to include a bike lane.
 - Design will be done by a technical advisory committee and the mayor's advisory committee and will consider features, constraints, schools, STA, hospitals, emergency routes. Notification will be made to the CA. additional funding may be through LID and/or transportation benefit district.
 - Richard Rush: federal government help is available for arterials, but not for residential streets.
 - The street bond replaces "what's there" (curb-to-curb), anything else requires other funding.
 - **Lincoln Street Design / Neighborhood Experience** – Lori Kinnear & John Covert
 - The City wanted to tell them what would be done and the neighborhood said "No".

- A committee of about 20 was formed; only 5 remained at the end.
- Meetings began Sept 2007 and a paper was sent out to submit what they wanted.
- There were several City roadblocks to be overcome.
- The committee met with the mayor in the spring of 2008. The mayor provided a City landscape architect to make drawings.
- The storm garden idea was suggested by a resident and accepted by the city; each resident with a storm garden in front was required to sign that they would maintain it.
- The street width was reduced to accommodate parking and storm drain.
- Most blocks retained some street parking.
- Snow – plows will be farther out; snow will be stored in the parking areas.
- Lincoln was not designed as a bike street.
- Funding – the City provided four alternatives.
- Committee meetings were generally monthly, except Dec, July and Aug.
- Gail P: should Rockwood wait and go under the next street bond which might contain a provision for complete streets. The committee should look at this option.
- **Rockwood Blvd Neighborhood Design Committee formation**
 - A sign-up sheet was passed around.

7. Unfinished Business

- Clean Green – at Hutton on 10/30/10. Volunteers are needed. This will be John Prosser's last year to manage clean green.

8. New Topics

- None.

9. Agenda Items for the November Meeting

- January elections.
- Repaving meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting: November 2, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sonja Sallquist
 Secretary