

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Carol Cunningham at 7:00PM.
 - Introductions were made of all in attendance.
2. **Minutes** from 02/02/10.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **The Treasurer's Report** – none
4. **Community Assembly (CA) Report** – Carol Cunningham
 - Walkability audit
 - Parts of three neighborhoods are going to be audited.
 - There will be a walkability workshop. Julie B and Carol C plan to attend. Tentative date: 3/20/10.
 - Parks department
 - Developing a roadmap for the future along with priorities for spending.
 - Friends of Manito – fund to improve water at the “mirror” (duck) pond.
5. **City Council** - none
6. **Clean Green**
 - Dates: 4/24/10 and 10/30/10 (last Saturdays of April and October).
 - Location: Hutton Elementary School
 - Will we be sending out a postcard to neighborhood residents? Yes.
 - Where should donations go? This will be an agenda item for April.
7. **South Hill Kiwanis Community Assessment (Child-oriented projects)**– Joanne Benham, Youth Director for the City
 - Meetings are at the South Hill Community Center
 - Kiwanis sponsors youth clubs such as LC Key Club, Chase Builders Club and Lincoln Heights K Club.
 - They provide scholarships, run concessions at the soccer field.
 - Looking at an assessment of potential future kids' needs, what can be done and how Kiwanis can be involved.
 - RNC suggestions included:
 - Safe routes to schools – advocated by SRHD and the Y.
 - Ferris HS is to be rebuilt and parking expanded. How can we make it cool for kids to walk or bike to school?
 - Brick crosswalks at crosswalks.
 - Hutton Express – include physical activities.
 - Thornton-Murphy Park – the play park structure was originally funded by Kiwanis.
8. **Fire Department EMS Levy** – fire department representative
 - Handout filed with these minutes.
 - The levy is on the 4/27/10 ballot.
 - The cost is less than fifty cents per \$1000 assessed property value.
 - EMS provides 1st response, basic life support.
 - AMR is a private ambulance company.

- It costs about \$8 million per year for 60 paramedics plus equipment, training, fuel, mechanic, management, quality improvement initiatives.
- The loss of funding would make it difficult to provide advanced life support.
- Washington Survey and Rating Bureau gave our EMS a level 2 of 10 rating in 1990; this has since dropped to 3, which can have an insurance impact, especially for businesses.
- EMS staff members have multiple roles and EMS generally has a faster response times than ambulances.
- The levy will provide service to continue at its current level.
- www.SpokaneFire.org

9. **RNC Insurance discussion** – Carol Cunningham

- Jill – there was a meeting with City attorneys in November 2009; Carol – talked with Jonathan Malahan. All neighborhoods were invited to attend.
- Jonathan had found no reason why neighborhoods would need insurance.
- RNC is a non-profit corporation
- Two kinds of insurance: business liability insurance and Directors and Officers insurance.
- State Farm is a company that provides insurance to small non-profits. Insurance agent Jack Praxel provided Carol with an application and will bring a cost quote to the March RNC meeting.
- Contracts with the school district include a clause about insurance.
- RNC insurance discussion will be on the April RNC meeting agenda.

10. **Unfinished Topics** - none

11. **New Topics**

- Highland-Plateau property, formerly owned by Ormes.
 - The new owners had planned to build a 4-car garage adjacent to the sidewalk on Plateau. This was found to be a violation of neighborhood covenants and building code.
 - It is now slated to be a 3-car garage with a setback of 35’.
 - There is no mention of an ADU (Auxiliary Dwelling Unit) in the current plans.
 - Question: can the Comprehensive Plan help; it talks about design. Assistance may be found with the Planning Department and/or www.SpokaneCity.org.
- Childrens’ Investment Fund
 - On ballot in August?
 - \$.35/\$1000 assessed value.
 - To provide school dropout prevention and child abuse programs. (Note: Spokane has a 39% dropout rate.)

12. **Agenda Items for March meeting:**

- Street Department topics (previously scheduled for the February meeting)
- Clean Green donations
- RNC insurance

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting: April 6, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sonja Sallquist
 Secretary