

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2008
St. John's Cathedral, Jewett House Guild Room
Spokane, Washington

Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Prosser at 7:00pm.

Item 2: Those present were:

Marilyn Akerhielm
Jill Boyd
Jerry Cox
Sondra Cox
Carol Cunningham
Kurt Gauss
Margaret Johnson
Walter Johnson
Bernie Nelson
John Prosser
Walt Ricker
Sonja Sallquist

Item 3: The agenda for May 2008 was reviewed and approved.
Motion and second to approve – passed unanimously.

Item 4: The minutes for April 2008
Motion and second to approve – passed unanimously.

Items 5-6: City Council report.
No council member present.

Item 7: Clean-up Report and Donations Report – Jerry Cox, Vice Chair

- Approximately 12 people helped;
- Approximately \$4-500 raised;
- Four dumpsters were filled.

Item 8: RNC Meeting Signage

- Discussion covered what to use, and where and when to place them.
 - What kind of sign?
 - Sandwich boards with posting on both sides – this option was preferred
 - In ground signs
 - Where?
 - 14th and Grand, 29th and Grand, SE Blvd, Rockwood, Garfield.
 - All board members responsible for putting them out
 - When?
 - Day of? – this options was preferred. Signs to say “tonight”.
 - Day before?
- Also discussed was the weight of the signs.
- John P will create a design and compile a materials list.
- Those present felt RNC could organize our own work party to assemble our own signs.

Item 9: Neighborhood Planning Report

- “Movie night” next Tuesday. Announcement e-mail was sent out by John P. Topics are mostly about peak oil.
- Per John P, planning has gone through all district meetings. Last week CANPAC presented “planning light”, a simple version of the planning manual.

Item 10: Webmaster Report: Walt Ricker

- Information on the RNC web site is now current, including officers.
- There was a discussion of how much information to provide on the contact page. Each officer stated their preference for their information.
- Layout:
 - Rockwood history blurb
 - Also suggested was to list the next meeting date/time
 - Monthly meeting minutes will be posted
 - A blog link exists. Discussion took place on the best use for this feature.
- Other discussion included
 - Listing the RNC web page on the meeting announcement signs
 - Meeting announcements are currently listed in the South Side Voice.
 - By Laws / Mission statement:
 - Per the City, it is illegal to state in the By Laws that membership fees may be collected since neighborhoods are City sponsored.
 - Can be a member at age 16.
 - To change By Laws is a 60 day process and requires a supermajority vote in favor.

Item 11: Meeting Time/Place

- Hutton School has been reserved for the 1st Tuesday each month beginning in September.

Item 12: Summer Picnic

- Through several contacts Gail P has found out that on the evening of “Cops Night Out” RNC can block off a street without a permit.
- The date will be given to the webmaster.
- Discussion took place on whether the event should be a picnic, ice cream social, summer gathering or party, and whether an alcohol permit would be needed.
- Ideas were suggested on how to best advertise the event: South Side Voice, e-mail, Inlander, meeting announcement boards, church reader board, 7-11 store, etc. Attendees are to make additional suggestions as ideas are identified.

Item 13: Envision Spokane (ES) Report:

- Carol and Kurt are splitting duties.
- Kurt is coordinator of cluster.
- The group has had its second meeting
- Documents filed with these minutes includes
 - an e-mail from Thomas Linzey, Envision Spokane Advisor, dated 5/15/08,
 - Neighborhood Council Cluster Governance Rules,
 - proposed timeline for submission of home rule charter amendments to Spokane voters,
 - Neighborhood Council Cluster meeting draft minutes dated 4/30/08
 - Community group cluster meeting #1 minutes and agenda, dated 4/30/08,
 - Community cluster meeting #2 document
- There is a meeting Monday 5/19/08. Carol requested ideas for submission to the agenda:
 - How does CA fit in?
 - Beyond human rights issues, what should we include?
- Amendments to the City Charter are to come from all three groups. Three documents will be created and merged into one.
- ES proposes creating legal structures to empower citizens.

Aside: Peggy is now a representative to the Sustainability Taskforce. Rockwood doesn't qualify for City Block Grant Funds. Should RNC be able to tap into funds for sidewalks, paving, etc?

Item 14: Historic Committee.

- Next meeting Marilyn will report on the design and cost of benches. Must be approved by the Historical Advocates Committee.
- Pillar maintenance is complete.
- RNC can possibly apply for grants for traffic calming.
- Marilyn suggested the theme of the 2008 RNC Picnic/Party be relating to the 100th anniversary of the Olmsted Triangle Parks.

Item 15: Treasurer's Report – copy filed with these minutes:

- Clean green raised \$379.24 which has been allocated to the bench fund.
- Total amount in the RNC treasury is \$3986.12.
- There was a motion which was seconded and approved to reimburse John P for the purchase of paper for producing minutes, etc, in the amount of approximately \$10.

Item 16: Correspondences, Announcements.

- Great Change Out Caper, an Avista initiative
 - There will be a meeting 5/16/08 to decide which neighborhoods will be recipients of compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). No RNC member is able to attend.
- There will be a roundtable meeting Wed 5/21/08 at 10:30AM in the City Council chambers to discuss how to drive growth to centers and corridors. Gail P is attending to represent Rockwood.

Item 17: Open Forum.

- Planters – is anyone interested in taking over their care?
 - Three Rockwood neighbors have indicated they might be interested.
 - A suggestion was made to post signs on the planters stating help is needed.

Item 18: Agenda items for Next Meeting.

- Rockwood neighborhood party

Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonja Sallquist
Secretary