

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2008
Hutton Elementary School, Library
Spokane, Washington

Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Prosser at 7:05pm.

Item 2: Those present were:

Marilyn Akerhielm
Jill Boyd
Jerry Cox
Marianne Guenther
Margaret Johnson
Walter Johnson
Bernie Nelson
Gail Prosser
John Prosser
Walt Ricker
Sonja Sallquist

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

Item 4: The minutes for June 19, 2008
Motion and second to approve – passed unanimously.

Items 5: Debrief Summer Party/National Night Out

- Turnout was approximately 200 throughout the evening.
- Budget for the event was \$600 from the general fund.
 - Expenses posted thus far are approximately \$410 - \$435.
 - We need to document “in kind” donations such as propane, glasses, hotdogs, time.
 - Spokane Preservation Advocates needs documentation of “in kind” donations for non profit. Jill volunteered to document these.
- Various suggestions were made for improvements for future events, such as having pens and name tags on each table; the table for donations should have been more centrally located; food lines on both sides of the table
- There were three donation boxes that resulted in combined donations of \$120 (\$60 for maps and \$60 for benches).

Item 6: NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) – Neighborhood Pride Tour

- A group of about 1000 NUSA members are coming to Spokane next May 20 – 23 for a conference.
- General information about NUSA: currently headquartered in Dayton, OH. Founded around 1973; has a board of 26; has an annual budget of about \$75K.
- The goal of the conference is to build stronger neighborhoods.
- The City of Spokane has earmarked \$300K to support the convention.
- There will be 10 workshops at the meeting, plus attendees will have the opportunity to tour through Spokane neighborhoods that volunteer to host them.
 - The hope is to provide about 15 tours for 50 attendees each.
 - Tour hours will be 3-7PM.
 - The city will provide a bus for each tour.
 - The neighborhoods will provide a community-oriented meal, perhaps a potluck, for their tour group.
 - The neighborhood will provide a forum for discussion of neighborhood issues – i.e., bike paths, pedestrian/bike friendly streets, etc.
- A motion was made and seconded that RNC participate in NUSA neighborhood tours.
 - Discussion: There should be a lead to plan this tour. Maryanne Guenther volunteered.
 - Seeking state/national funding should be a discussion item for the meeting.
 - Vote on the motion – unanimous in favor.

- A discussion followed regarding the Office of Neighborhood Services, including
 - That it is in transition with the departure of the Director.
 - It is moving to an automated database for information distribution.
 - PSAs – “you don’t have to move to live in a better neighborhood”

Item 7: CFL Program

- Deferred until next meeting.

Item 8: Board Retreat

- A suggestion was made that there be a board retreat to determine effectiveness, goals and direction for RNC.
- A letter will be sent to Hutton School regarding the meeting place.

Item 9: Envision Spokane (ES) Report:

- No report.

Item 10: Historic Committee.

- Bench pictures were approved by the Office of Historical Preservation.
- Following discussion, it was determined that the RNC must approve the selection.
- RNC will apply for a grant from the Spokane Preservation Advocates.

Item 11: Treasurer’s Report – copy filed with these minutes:

- Total in the treasury at this time is \$3594.96.
- A discussion followed regarding where donations collected from Clean Green should be allocated.
- A motion was made and seconded that donations go to the bench fund.
- A vote followed discussion: 1 abstained, all other votes were in favor. The motion carried.

Item 16: Correspondences, Announcements.

- A post card, including information that donations will go toward benches, will be sent out announcing the upcoming Clean Green which is scheduled for Saturday Oct 25th.

Item 17: Agenda items for Next Meeting.

- Participation in NUSA, along with a signup sheet.
- RNC planning efforts.
- CFL program.

Item 18: Open Forum.

- A suggestion was made that a “welcome to the neighborhood” letter be sent to new buildings in the neighborhood, such as the new medical building on 20th and Grand.
- Our web page is current and includes contact information.
- A suggestion was made to put the webpage URL on our mailings.

Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sonja Sallquist
 Secretary