

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009
Hutton Elementary School, Cafeteria
Spokane, Washington

1. **The meeting was called to order** by Chairman Jill Boyd at 7:05PM.
2. **Executive Board members** were introduced.
3. **Agenda** for 9/08/09 was approved.
4. **Minutes** from May 5, 2009 and June 2, 2009 meetings were approved.
5. **Ongoing Theme: Walkable Rockwood, Walkable Communities Program** – Gail P
 - "Walking for the Future", a flyer advertising a program on Sept 29th, was distributed. The program is supported by SRHD and several other healthy community groups.
 - The concepts of Active Transportation and Complete Streets were explained:
 - Streets are for all users – walkers, wheelchairs, bikes, etc.
 - There is a six-year comprehensive street plan.
 - There was a **motion** that RNC propose changing the name of the PETT Committee to Complete Streets Committee. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The proposal will first be given to the PETT Committee, then to the Community Assembly for final approval.
 - Also see the website, www.CompleteStreets.org for additional information.
 - It was suggested that the term "Walkable Rockwood" not be used until it's actually walkable.
6. **Guest Speaker: Heather Troutman, City of Spokane, Office of Code Enforcement**
Topic: Rules & Regulations, Forms of Complaint
 - A brochure, Code Enforcement, was distributed. Also see the website: www.BeautifySpokane.org.
 - Ms Troutman discussed what does and does not constitute code violation.
 - Land use violation does not involve sidewalks, basketball hoops on parking strips, etc, on the Right of Way.
 - Land use violation does cover too many dogs, parking in the front yard, junk vehicles on private property, yard sales over time, improper businesses, vacant/damaged/dangerous buildings, accumulations of solid waste, fire hazards,
 - There is a centralized complaint system for the city that forwards complaints to the appropriate agency.
 - See www.SpokanePermits.org for filing a complaint. Must be a registered user of the system.
 - A map of Code Enforcement Officer Regions was handed out. The Officers are limited-commission officers for the Spokane Police Department.
7. **Historic Committee Report** – Marilyn A
 - The four benches are here. Cost was \$3150, excluding installation. No grant was available from SPA.
 - For installation T. Bressler recommended Glenn Prosser. John P contacted him and he agreed to do the work. Installation will cost \$335 + tax (\$360) per bench.
 - Location for bench placement was suggested: one on the triangle at 25th & Garfield, 1 on Plateau & Garfield, and two on the triangle at 28th & Garfield.
 - A discussion took place on allocating funds to pay for bench installation. A **motion** was made to allocate funds equally from the Traffic Calming Fund and the General Fund in adequate amounts to cover the cost of the installation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - The concept of brick (stamped) crosswalks was discussed.

- There is a new, more economical, way to achieve the same look.
- They can stamp into existing asphalt and add strong traffic paint.
- Marilyn A suggested that several such crosswalks in the neighborhood would be a nice addition and suggested raising funds.

8. **The Treasurer's Report** was approved and filed with these minutes.

- A **motion** was made to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- A **motion** was made to allocate donations collected from Clean Green in equal parts across existing fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

9. **Going Forward: Goals, Suggestions, etc.**

- Kid-friendly, walkable streets
- Walkability tools to assess neighborhood
- Healthy living assessment tools

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Next meeting: October 6, 2009

Respectfully Submitted,
Sonja Sallquist
Secretary