

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting

March 5, 2013

Hutton Elementary School Cafeteria

Call to Order: 7:00

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as presented

Treasurers Report:

- No change since last report. \$23.12 check against General Fund is outstanding. Balance remaining owing on General Fund and Traffic devices is \$137.83 each as of latest payment.
- Balances:
 - Total: \$2,270.00
 - General: \$30.65
 - Pillar: \$1,537.56
 - Charity: \$40.00
 - Planter: \$70.00
 - Traffic: \$591.79
 - Benches: \$0.00

Exec Board actions:

Dean Lynch submitted letters to Mayor Condon and Director of Engineering Services, Mike Taylor requesting the City reconsider replacing fog lines and crosswalks on Rockwood Blvd during the street rebuilding project. Additionally, we are requesting that utility sleeves be placed during the street project at Rockwood Blvd & S Helena Ct and Rockwood Blvd & Arthur to facilitate future traffic calming amenities.

Hutton School update:

No presentation on Hutton School project. We should have an update at the April 9th meeting. The biggest issue being addressed now is providing adequate parking without encroaching on the playground and sports courts.

Guests:

- Jon Snyder, District 2 City Councilman – The City has recently passed an ordinance changing the multi-family tax incentives. Developers have applied for a project under the old provisions at 29th and Garfield.

Neighbors discussed the development at 20th & Grand. The final product was nothing like the initial proposal. Jon agreed that it is always a challenge for neighborhoods to keep on top of development when property changes hands. It takes a lot of give and take and involvement between neighbors and developers.

Jon will be the Council representative on Channel 5's Council Connections. Law enforcement issues will be discussed.

A conference on Regional food economy is coming up this spring.

- Mike Allen, District 2 City Councilman – not in attendance
- Captain Frank Scalise, Spokane Police Department – Captain Scalise had nothing specific to report and opened the presentation to questions.
 - A neighborhood crime summary is available on the SPD website or can be sent to Dean.
 - The child luring incident at Hamblen was brought up. Captain Scalise said these incidents are infrequent but taken very seriously. The list and location of registered sex offenders is available on the County Sheriff website.
 - The graffiti initiative is being drafted. The plan should be put together by June at which time they will be recruiting volunteers to help with the abatement.
 - What to do if you are stopped by police:
Stay calm, keep your hands in plain sight, be respectful and reasonable.
- Tim Burns, Spokane Police Ombudsman - not in attendance
- Lupito Flores, Station Manager, KYRS Community Radio - Mr. Flores provided an interesting history of KYRS, Spokane's community radio station, from 1999 when the FCC opened low-watt band access to provide locally owned air time to people in the community, to 2009 when KYRS was approved as a full power non-commercial station. The station operates on a listener & community supported budget of \$150,000 and thousands of volunteer hours. All donations are gratefully accepted. The broadcast can be found on 88.1 and 92.3 as well as streamed at www.kyrs.org.

South Hill Coalition Planning update: Terry Warrick/ Don Lamp

Dean presented the coalition update. The board is in the process of interviewing a new consultant. The decision should be made the week of March 11th. Connectivity, roads and safety are the primary areas of focus.

Community Assembly Rep: Julie Banks

Comprehensive plan update is going forward. A new Plan Commission liaison for the CA, David Burnett, has been recommended to the City Council and Mayor. The most important issue is the Urban Growth Area and land use in the City. Debate focuses on whether to concentrate on in-fill to existing urban landscape utilizing existing infrastructure and increase density, attracting business/ services, or to encourage development at the outer perimeter which will require infrastructure costs to be paid by taxpayers. On March 13th the Plan Commission will receive feedback from the three community meetings held for public input.

There are two vacancies on the Plan Commission currently and efforts are underway to fill.

Mayor Condon shared the 2012 Annual Report and offered to conduct tele-town hall meetings with neighborhoods that are interested.

Marlene Feist gave an update on the integrated clean water plan that will control pollution in the Spokane River from storm water overflow and raw sewage escaping from it.

Unfinished Business:

The 2013 traffic calming "red light" monies application has been submitted. We are asking for an island at Rockwood and Arthur. Estimated cost is \$22,000. We wanted to include crosswalks and signage, but there are many regulations requiring more resources than the neighborhood council can provide. Thanks to Don Lamp for his work on this project.

Radar speed feedback signs have been approved. We will have one in the 1100 block of E Rockwood from April 18th – 29th recording westbound traffic, one in the 500 block on 17th Ave from May 28th- June 10th recording westbound traffic and one in the 1900 block of Hatch from July 29th – Aug 12th recording northbound traffic. Dean Reynolds will research at what distance the speed detectors "detect" the speed at which cars are travelling.

The foreclosed property at 2607 S Denver have been purchased for \$230,000 and developers are planning to tear down existing structures and build three "modern" style houses. Neighbors have expressed concern.

A town hall meeting is being held on March 25, 2013 at the East Central Community Center. Neighborhood Councils will be presenting to the Council. Dean will present for RNC and seeks input from neighbors for the presentation.

The Heritage Church was sold and purchased by the Foursquare Church. The single service now being held is causing traffic problems, and the church wishes to hold three services. Bernie suggested the minister be invited to address the group at the May meeting.

Dump passes will be available on the first Saturday in May and the last Saturday in August.

Future agenda topics:

Hutton School update – parking & child pick-up and drop off plans

Police annual report

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McHenry, Secretary

Rockwood Neighborhood Council