

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting

May 7, 2013

Hutton Elementary School Cafeteria

Call to Order: 7:00

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as presented. One clarification – 2607 S Denver existing tax parcel should read 20,033 square feet.

Treasurers Report:

No treasurers report this month, treasurer out of town.

Exec Board actions: None

Hutton School update:

Greg Brown (Spokane Public Schools): The school district is holding an open house on May 23, 2013, 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Hutton Gym to provide the latest information on the school construction project to parents, neighbors and staff. Site plans will be presented and questions taken. New features will include wider streets, two-story cafeteria and gym, new landscaping to buffer and soften building elevations, car& bus pull out, “right-sizing” hard services, bicycle parking, preservation of the main entrance and the views of historic Hutton will be reestablished.

Guests:

- **Jon Snyder, District 2 City Councilman**
Not in attendance
- **Mike Allen, District 2 City Councilman**
Not in attendance

- **Tim Ottmar, Neighborhood Conditions Officer, Spokane Police Department**

Reporting neighborhood crime is important so the police department can monitor trends and will increase patrols if an uptick is noted. Call Crime Check to report incidents after-the-fact, and call 911 for incidents in progress.

Garage prowlings are on the uptick. Criminals are looking for “crimes of opportunity”, such as open garage doors.

Vehicle prowlings are also “crimes of opportunity”. Lock your car and don’t leave purses, backpacks, electronic devices in plain view. Park cars in driveway or garage, not in the street.

Home security includes locking doors and windows, watching for strangers in the neighborhood.

If you have something stolen, check Craigslist and pawn shops. A list of serial numbers is important for identification and recovery. Drugs as well as jewelry are difficult to recover with mail-order gold buying now available.

Community Assembly Rep: Julie Banks

Comp Plan update was shared with the Community Assembly.

There is a possible code revision at 32nd & Grand, to change zoning to “centers & corridors”.

At 29th & Regal, Altons is looking to expand.

At 29th & SE Blvd a land use change has been requested for 30 acres. The request is to change from the existing “Office & residential, 4-10 units” to “Centers & Corridors”, 15-30 multi-family residential. File # is B1200046comp. www.Spokaneplanning.org/compplan

Building Stronger Neighborhoods is sponsoring the follow events:

- Social Media Training on June 24,2013, 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the Tin Can
- Organization Success – Engaging Community (July)
- Volunteer Outreach (Sept)
- Event Planning (Oct)
- Succession Planning (Nov)

Outdoor Storage ordinance was approved by the Planning Commission and now goes to the Council for approval.

Funding has been secured for “Safe Routes to Schools”

Unfinished Business:

Grand Blvd houses: 2 are sold and closed, 2 are sold and pending, 1 is still available and may be torn down.

2607 S Denver: BLA has been approved and is being appealed. A meeting is scheduled for Thurs, 5-23-2013, 9:00am at City Hall in the Council briefing room. Neighbors want the property to be short platted so they will have a chance to comment on the adjustment.

Neighborhood Clean-up – dump passes:

126 passes were available. All of the \$10 and \$25 passes were distributed. Four \$5 passes are still available, see Carol if you would like one.

Dump passes will be available again in October.

Radar Speed Feedback Signs – “How they work” – Dean Reynolds

Speeds are measured at the first point of contact.

46,000 cars travel Rockwood Blvd in a two week period and of that, 78% are speeding. Northbound between 7:00am-9:00am over 700 vehicles pass. 524 (69%) are exceeding 25mph and 271 (29%) are exceeding 31mph.

Announcements:

Rockwood Timeline Update:

Phase 1 – Upper Rockwood & Upper Terrace - beginning May 13th, completed Aug 15th

Phase 2 – Upper Terrace & Garfield – beginning Aug 18th, completed Oct 14th.

Roads will be open to residents and services. Details will be sent to homeowners this week.

New Topics:

Councilman Jon Snyder is holding a “mobile office” tomorrow at The Shop in the Perry District 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Stop by with questions and comments.

Patrick Smith, an EWU student, is here conducting research on the “community perception” of our Spokane Police Department. He distributed a short questionnaire asking neighbors to offer their input.

Agenda Topics for June 4 meeting:

Graffiti Abatement Program – Eric Walker

Adjournment: 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McHenry, Secretary

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