

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting
March 4, 2025
Hutton Elementary School Library

Introductions

- The meeting opened at 6:30 with introductions; 16 residents and 2 on zoom.

City Updates

- Spokane Police Department Update (Captain Jake Jensen and Officer Micah Prim)
 - Jake is the new South Hill Captain and Micah is our new Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO).
 - Micah plans to attend all Rockwood NC meetings.
 - Rockwood is a relatively crime free neighborhood.
 - Please drive carefully and slow down; another pedestrian fatality yesterday.
 - Has there been an increase in pedestrian fatalities?
- City of Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Update (Annie Deasey)
 - Highlighted the info in the ONS update.
 - Community engagement grants need to be approved by the CA Budget Committee before expenses are incurred.
 - Report potholes to 311.
 - 2025 Traffic Calming projects should start soon.
 - Mobile speed trailer applications are due by April 14th.
- City Council Update (Paul Dillon)
 - We are currently interviewing for the position of ONS Director.
 - CC approved the 2026 traffic calming projects.
 - In 2025, Rockwood is getting the intersection redesigned at 10th and Rockwood.
 - Also, a Lincoln Heights adaptive design project on 17th Avenue.
 - The city continues to pursue an exemption from carbon tax for Spokane's waste to energy plant; the carbon tax would preclude continued operation of the facility.
 - Considering code enforcement overhaul for unregistered vehicles.
 - Residents expressed concerns about:
 - Impacts of no longer requiring parking with development.
 - Paul is opposed to HB 1380 (would allow homeless people to sue cities).

Neighborhood Issues / Concerns

- Planter Boxes near 19th and Grand



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- These boxes have not been maintained.
 - Is there any funding to fill them with plants?
 - Development at 1121 East 27th Avenue
 - There is a permit application to subdivide this parcel into 4 smaller lots.
 - NCs are considered entities in the comment period.
 - Flooding / Drainage Issues near 28th and Perry (Jonathan Middleton).
 - The city has been unresponsive
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Business Meeting

Old Business

- Land Use / Historic Preservation Committee – Historic Street Signs (Toni)
 - An oversized demo sign was displayed.
 - The actual signs may cost \$50 each including installation.
 - Residents could donate through the NC and receive a tax donation.
- Neighborhood Safety Committee – Asphalt Art (Elizabeth)
- Cleanup Committee – Neighborhood Cleanup (Elizabeth)
 - The Rockwood neighborhood cleanup day will be Saturday May 17th.
 - There will be roll-away dumpsters, electronics recycling and dump passes.
- Events Committee – Annual Neighborhood Event (Tanya)
 - Proposal for a block party similar to the one in 2023.

New Business

- Neighborhood Safety Committee – Mobile Speed Trailer Locations (All)
 - Applications are due by April 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next Meeting April 15th



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