

**Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting**  
**May 6, 2025**  
**Hutton Elementary School Library**

***Introductions***

- The meeting opened at 6:30 with introductions; 15 residents (2 on zoom), and 4 guests.

***City Updates***

- Spokane Police Department Update (Officer Micah Prim)
  - Rockwood is a relatively low crime neighborhood.
    - Cliff Cannon has currently had an uptake in crime.
  - The current crime hotspot is around 19<sup>th</sup> and Grand Boulevard.
    - Most calls regard suspicious activity: Call Crime Check 509-456-2233.
  - Shut garage doors at night and don't leave valuables in vehicles.
- City Council Update (Paul Dillon)
  - Holding opioid meetings with Spokane County.
  - The District 2 Town Hall is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the MLK center.
    - Good Neighbor Agreement for homeless shelter facility siting.
  - Working on an ordinance that would allow for block parties and special events.
  - Perry Street sewer project is a challenge and will be completed by the end of May.
  - **Questions**
  - What about Prop 1?
    - We are working on a more comprehensive ordinance
      - The easy solution would be for the city council to simply prop 1.
    - Although 75 % voted in favor of it, he thinks it needs to be more carefully crafted.
  - What about the new state rent controls?
    - He said there are some concerns about it, but he believes that it will help with more affordable housing.
  - What is the timeline for the traffic calming project on Rockwood near 10th Ave?
    - The plan is scheduled for this Fall. He will get us the details.
  - What about the new requirements to have a rental?
    - Yes, there is a business license requirement.
    - There is a city registry for awareness and to be able to assist with problems.
  - Has the city looked at burying lines when major street construction like Perry?
    - Yes, the city will be burying the lines on Perry.
- City of Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Update (PollyAnne Birge)
  - The new ONS Director, Heather Hamlin, will be starting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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- Other ONS highlights:
    - The Spokane neighborhood Summit needs presenters
    - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> from 9- 1 is the battery take back for rechargeable batteries.
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### ***Neighborhood Issues / Concerns***

- Crosswalk at 29th Avenue and South Arthur Street (Traci Bemis)
    - Kids cross here on their way to the middle school.
      - There have been some near misses.
    - **ACTION:** Bill will contact Comstock NC to develop a strategy.
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### ***Business Meeting***

#### Old Business

- Cleanup Committee – Neighborhood Cleanup (Elizabeth) ***Cleanup Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>***
  - The Rockwood cleanup day will be Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon.
  - There will be roll-away dumpsters and dump passes.
- Events Committee – Annual Neighborhood Event (Toni)
  - The block party is tentatively scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> in front of Hutton School.

#### New Business

- CE Grant Application (Bill) **Vote**
  - Proposal to allocate the CE Grant as follows:
    - \$300 – Food and drinks for the block party
    - \$275 – Activities for the block party.
    - \$175 – Zoom license renewal
    - \$100 – Printing marketing materials
  - **MOTION:** To allocate the CE Grant funds as proposed.
    - Ann motioned; Dave seconded.
    - Motion passed unanimously; a quorum was present.
- Library Update (Dana)
  - New library hours Mon to Sat – 9 am to 6 pm and Sun 12 (noon) to 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>



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