

Rockwood Neighborhood Council Meeting
December 9, 2025
Hutton Elementary School Library

Introductions

- The meeting opened at 6:30 with introductions; 15 residents and 1 guest.
 - Two residents participated via Zoom.

City Updates

- Spokane Police Department Update (Officer Micah Prim)
 - Officer Prim's daughter recently graduated from the Air Force Academy in San Antonio TX.
 - Several vehicle break-ins in the past month.
 - Don't leave valuables inside your car.
 - Motorcycle patrols have been enforcing traffic safety.
 - Consider having packages delivered to your place of employment.
- City Council Update (Ginny Ramos)
 - Easement request at 1810 South Rockwood Boulevard.
 - Applicant requesting land for a driveway.
 - Park Board delayed the vote
 - 2026 Traffic Calming Projects approved.
 - Greenway on 27th Avenue
 - Lane reduction (road diet) on Grand Boulevard.
 - Waste to Energy Facility
 - Spokane is struggling with path forward due to carbon emissions.
 - State has not exempted the plant from the Climate Commitment Act.
 - Landfills are exempt.
- City of Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Update (ONS not present)
 - The **Spokane Neighborhood Summit** as held Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025.
 - Dave Lucas and Bill Doley represented Rockwood.

Neighborhood Issues / Concerns

- Easement request at 1810 South Rockwood Boulevard
 - On December 3, 2025, the Rockwood NC submitted a letter to the Park Board expressing opposition to the proposed easement request.
- Speeding on 16th Avenue East
 - Large volumes of traffic "cut through" daily.



Business Meeting

Old Business

- Historic Preservation Committee (Toni) – Rockwood Historical District.
 - The Cliff-Cannon process took two years.
 - Prevents full tear downs.
 - New construction has to be compatible with neighbors (non-conflicting).
 - Need to retain an architectural historian
 - This could cost \$20-30K.
 - A Cannon Hill resident did all the work for free.
 - There are 279 houses in the National Historic District.
 - The national recognition does not prevent anything.
 - The easiest approach would be for the local historic district to be identical to the national historic district.
 - All these assessments have been completed.
 - Bill asked if we could do this in phases?
 - For example, start with the homes in the existing National Historic District, then incorporate additional homes as a second step.
 - The pond area north of East 27th Avenue is now a preserved wetland.
 - Sabrina mentioned that **Spokane Preservation Advocates** offers grants.
 - Bill offered to send an email to Rockwood residents to gauge interest in the project.

New Business

- Rockwood NC Elections in January (Bill)
 - We will be electing vice chair, treasurer and 2-3 Board positions.
- 2026 Community Engagement Grant (Bil)
 - Let's start thinking about what we want to do in 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

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