

North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting Notes for October 10, 2013 at Willard School

Attended by: Jeff Zabinski, Mike Flahaven, Sandy Gill, Buzz Bellessa, Julie Shepard Hall, Ruth Snyder, Bonnie Steward, Kerry Schmidt, Kristen Speller, Cathy McMeekan, Teresea Van Dyke, Reverend Nead Abundis (Anita), Ken Morton, Jim Marchioro, Lt. Dave McCable, Rosa Wiess. Jeff began the meeting at 6:30 pm. Mike recorded the meeting notes.

Reported that the minutes to the previous neighborhood meetings are posted on our web site.

Lt. Dave McCabe with the police department reported on crime issues in the North Hill area. Crime activity has been relatively good with violent crime and property crime down. Dave said there will be a police department reorganization announcement in the future that will include a greater emphasis on property crime. Dave took questions and comments from the audience about specific crime issues.

Sandy Gill reported on the Community Assembly meetings. She has prepared a summary of the meeting and will share it by email if anyone is interested. There will be an administrative retreat on Oct 12th and everyone is welcome to attend. On October 30th there will be a joint CA and City Council meeting at the Downtown Library and everyone is welcomed to attend. Two upcoming Meet & Eat sessions - on November 7th will host the new library director at Cassanos. On November 21st (?) they will cover pros & cons of forming neighborhood non-profit organizations at the Corbin Senior Ctr. On October 17th from 5 to 6:30 pm there will be a neighborhood planning meeting in the council briefing room.

Mike shared the City's response to our request to not fund our request for permanent radar feedback signs in the Garland Business District. Through the Red Light Traffic Calming funding, the signs would have been installed on Garland near Stevens St. and Madison Street. The City stated that observed speeds are very close to the posted speeds and there were no reported collisions in the last 5 years. And through previous experience on Market St. the constant feedback signs do not have positive effect on speeds. The City recommended that we continue to use the portable radar feedback signs at this location. One person mentioned that there were two collisions on Garland in the last few weeks that may not have been reported. And there were comments that speeding is a problem through the Business District.

Buzz Bellessa reported on Land Use issues. He provided background information on the undeveloped land at 1030 W. Courtland Ave near the intersection of Monroe and Courtland. The site is located on the boundary of Emerson Garfield and North Hill neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are working on input for a developer agreement to protect the interests of the neighborhoods and the residents that live near the site. Buzz hopes to have information to share at a future meeting.

Julie Shepard Hall shared information about changes in the Garland Business District. The owners of the Milk Bottle have purchased the Spokane Cleaner building. The Masons building and the 3 houses north of it have been purchased by Synergy Properties. SK Market is up for sale. The Garland Vision

Business will be remodeled. Girls Day Out will be October 19th & 20th. The District will have board elections in November.

Buzz reported on Community Development. He provided an overview of the neighborhood's Community Development Block Grant funds. In 2014 the neighborhood will receive approximately \$21,000 in CDBG funds. Our past priority has been repairing and installing sidewalks. He shared a survey form that will solicit input from the neighborhood for projects and priorities for the CDBG funds.

Mike Flahaven reported on the upcoming neighborhood clean-up. The clean-up is scheduled for October 19th at St. Francis of Assisi church from 9 AM to Noon and include roll-off dumpster for clean green materials, issuing dump passes and registration for the pickup of large furniture items. Volunteers are needed to help at the event.

The next meeting will be at Willard School on Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.