



NHNC Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2013, Willard Elementary School

Called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Jeff Zabinski. Building door did not automatically unlock at the scheduled time. Jeff will contact the school district.

Guests: Lt. McCabe - SPD, Kelly Cruz

Introductions were done. March minutes were passed around.

Clean-Up – Mike Flahaven reporting.

Spring event is April 27th from 9 – noon at St Francis. Most meeting attendees reported they had received their flyers. Mike has received phone calls with questions. Dan has received 2 e-mails. 70 dump passes, 40 appliance pick-ups. Using the safety vests suggested for traffic control staff. Appliance pick-up and NHNC informational hand-outs were distributed for comment. There was a minor time correction needed on the informational one. Q: is it just one appliance per address? A: yes, but some flexibility exists for that. Jeff will contact the work crew. Suggestion was made to have them bring some clean-up specific tools too. Volunteers should arrive around 8:30.

Garland Festival approached Mike about getting a dumpster. It would cost ~\$200 from the fund. Proposal was made to support the request and it was approved.

SPD Update – Lt. McCabe reporting

Which officers visit which neighborhood councils is being re-shuffled. He hopes to stay with NHNC but does not know yet. He has changed to working the graveyard patrol shift now.

There have been slight upticks in burglaries, garage thefts, vehicle thefts, vehicle prowling, and vehicle recoveries. There are suspects and there will be increased patrols, probably for at least the next 2 weeks. The numbers are not any “busier” than any other parts of the city and not a bad indicator for the quality of the NHNC area in general. Five Mile is also experiencing some numbers increases. Everyone was reminded to call Crime Check to report things.

Q: are there any public service campaigns currently planned? A: not currently. Q: can we get any cameras installed in city parks? There are problems across from my house in that park after midnight. A: yes, and if they can’t install them themselves, they can work with the nearby property owners. Attendee volunteered his property.

Community Assembly – Sandy Gill reporting.

CA meetings are the first Friday of every month in the Council Briefing Room.

Council is getting calls about the amount of time allowed to leave a car parked in the same spot. It is a 12 hour limit currently, but enforcement is complaint driven. Council wants comments on what is reasonable. Some complaint calls might be neighbor-vs.-neighbor or harassment based. 24 hours, 72 hours, and 5 days (working vehicles only) were suggestions offered. Q: is it legal to straddle the curb, like what is done along Bridgeport? A: no one was sure (Lt. McCabe had to leave) but it was thought not. Q: how serious is the problem in reality? A: Unknown.

CA retreat is 5/11, 9 – noon, at the East Central Community Center. Agenda is under development.

Hearing on outdoor storage regulations is 4/24, and the adult store hearing will be held at the start of that same meeting. 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Having a good attendance showing was suggested.

A new option for neighborhood planning called “The Plan for Spokane” is being considered. It is a condensed method involving consolidated neighborhoods and assistance from the city, with a 6 – 8 month turnaround instead of the normal 24 months. 50% of the remaining 10 neighborhoods are needed for participation for the effort to proceed though. There is a meeting at the library tomorrow at 11 to discuss the topic.

Sandy reminded everyone that if they want copies of her CA notes, they can send her an e-mail.

A complete traffic projects list has been compiled and was passed around. There are 5 in the NHNC area. An open house about the Normandie/Garland area project is the 25th at Willard Elem. in the multi-purpose room, 6:30 – 7:30.

List of the traffic calming projects that were proposed was read – speed radar signs, temp speed signs, sidewalk in-fills, etc.

City policy focus groups are being put together. There are LOTS of topics to choose from. An e-mail was on the topic was sent but Sandy can't recall seeing it. She will request a resend. Jeff Stevens is the District 3 contact person.

Community Development

No update. Suggestion was made to bike around the CD area now that the weather is getting nice and look at the sidewalks in order to prepare maps for future project submittals.

Other Business:

A Health Dist. rep will attend the Garland Business Dist. meeting next week to discuss a proposal that, if approved and funded, could affect ~600 houses in NHNC. Mike may attend and rep may be able to attend an NHNC meeting too.

Air Force is giving a tanker presentation on 4/25 at Lincoln Center, 4 – 6:30. EAS study is required.

Some rapid transit routes are being proposed, some going through the NHNC area.

Speaker suggestions were required.

COPS Update

Ruth got 10 new volunteer sign-ups. 4 have completed training, including one attending the NHNC meeting tonight. The proposed Garland location is no longer an option. It has apparently been rented. Additional facility rental funds being available from the city are still a question and probably unavailable.

There was a discussion about increasing the COPS mobile unit visibility. Talking to GBD about parking it in some areas and having "open house" sort of events. Theater was suggested. Next meeting is Wed. at Neva-Wood.

Fund raiser is the I-90 east bound Sprague rest stop, 20-21st, opening at 7 a.m.

Adjournment: 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

Minutes submitted by Daniel Fears, NHNC Secretary. Corrections and additions welcome.

NHNC Meeting Attendees – April 11, 2013

Jeff Zabinski
Mike Flahaven
Daniel Fears
Sandy Gill
Ruth Snyder
Teresa VanDyke
Bill Ellison
John Lange
Catherine Willis
Kelly Cruz
Lt. Dave McCabe