



## NHNC Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2013, Willard Elementary School

Pre-meeting discussion on marijuana rules interim ordinance for the Garland area. There is a 1000' separation rule from schools, parks, etc. There is a question about grandfather clauses if new schools are built. The map was passed around.

Convened at 6:35 p.m. by Mike Flahaven

### Introductions:

There are several first time attendees tonight. Found out about the meeting on the neighborhood app. Building's door did not automatically unlock again. Jeff will contact the school district.

### Ombudsman Update – Tim Burns reporting

Complaint or compliment calls are welcome. 625-6742. Non-response calls are a current concern. The components of it are being worked on. Some are "last resort" calls instead of police calls. 755-CITY is the proposed new My Spokane number being soft-tested for those. Ombudsman cards were passed out. Student guide to police practices bookmarks with QR scan codes were passed out.

### Police Update – Lt. McCabe reporting

625-4237. NHNC area has been quiet, outside of the current hotspots in the city. Property crimes are up 5%, but the normal upswing amount is double digits, so the rate is slowing. Violent crimes are down 3.5%. Doug Strosahl is the new conditional officer as of 9/1. 625-3384. He has a COPs shop office. Ruth reported that drug house reports seem to be up at the COPS shop. Drugs tip line is 363-8210. More general tip line is 242-8477.

Q: Seems like gang activity is in the news a lot. Any insights? A: No activity increase has been seen, but there have been some high profile reports in the news. Gang database has ~2300 entries currently. The shooting south of here on Monroe was gang-related, but the Eagles shooting probably wasn't.

Q: what happened to the former middle school anti-gang program? A: DARE morphed into school resource officers. The new Chief favors programs like that and already started a junior basketball program. Some new intervention officers are also now being trained.

Q: I saw another syringe on the sidewalk by Clark Park. Should I call it in or walk by? A: Throw it away, but report it too in case there might be on-going drug activity in the area. Infection danger is low. COPS shop has disposal containers too.

Q: How is the precinct set-up progressing? Is it inter-twined with COPS? A: COPS is a separate entity that works closely with the police. Downtown precinct has been set up. Other sites are being checked. It depends upon funding. There are 4 possible areas, one of which may become a new HQ even.

A graphic downtown assault story will be on the news tonight. Five youths were identified thanks to video footage and have been incarcerated.

Complaint was made about a Garland area construction vehicle driving over a newly paved driveway. The rock company and city engineer were both called about it with no response. Citizen was given a number to call.

Community Assembly – Sandy G. reporting.

Red light camera contract will be coming before the council in the next few weeks. Speaker on the topic was proposed.

CD meeting was the 10<sup>th</sup>. How CD funds are distributed to non-profits is being discussed. Buzz will try to track down more details. CD area maps were distributed.

Handouts on mayor's budget proposal were distributed.

PETT advisory board is being discussed. Reps are being sought. All can apply.

Planning Department - be on the lookout for a new neighborhood planning process in 2014. Neighborhood profiles are being put together. Process will eventually lead to city comp plan revisions.

Community Housing & Human Services Board rep needed.

Putting the CA notes onto the NHNC web page was proposed.

Community Development – Buzz B. reporting.

Funding for 2013 is in place. Most funds went to sidewalks. Monroe and Cora and Post being worked on right now! \$21,250 is the allocation. Matching funds are available for several areas – sidewalks, housing rehab, etc. Several neighborhoods are having the same issues NHNC did with communication.

Clean-Up – Mike F. reporting.

Fall event is Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Mailer/flyer example was passed around. Will have dump passes and large furniture pick-ups.

Logan Neighborhood had the same issue as NHNC's spring clean-up – set out appliances missing.

Other Business:

Council candidate Mumm gave a brief statement.

June meeting minutes were passed around for review.

COPS van will be at the Discovery Shop parking lot on Sat. from 10 – 2.

Orientation training will be Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Feedback was requested from new meeting attendees.

Question was asked on how to get an ally paved. Local Improvement District (LID) details were given and CD funds were also mentioned. Maintenance after LID is homeowner responsibility. \$36-\$40,000 per block is a rough cost. Share can even be paid with utility bills. Engineering Services was recommended as a contact.

Adjournment: 8:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

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

NHNC Meeting Attendees – September 12, 2013

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandy Gill

Buzz Bellessa

Ruth Snyder

Cathy McMeekan

Lt. Dave McCabe

Tim Burns

Kerry Schmidt

John Lange

Caitlin Soriano

Mervin Soriano

Kelly Patrick

Candace Mumm