



NHNC Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2013, Willard Elementary School

Convened at 6:32 p.m. by Jeff Zabinski

Guests: Kelly Cruz, Tim Burns

Introductions:

Community Assembly – Jeff Zabinski reporting.

Sandy Gill's notes from the Feb. 1st meeting were passed around and summarized. Highlights included fire department's need for capitol replacements and the police department's top 3 priorities.

Community Development – Buzz Bellessa reporting.

Handouts were distributed about Urban Forestry tree replacement and the 2013 sidewalk program. Reallocating tree money to the sidewalk fund is being proposed. Buzz believes tree replacements are only for CD areas but he will check to be sure.

A new CD area map has been generated by the GIS Department.

Four sidewalk projects are on the list for our area. Buzz has to submit the list tomorrow.

Land Use

World Wide Video/Erotic Boutique issue is on the council agenda for March 4th. City web page will have all the details soon. A Letter to the City Council regarding the Adult Entertainment Stores has been sent out via email for review over the past month. Since we have received no objections, we approved sending the letter to the City Council showing our opposition to this business.

Traffic

Calming project applications are due March 1st. Funding is from Photo Red money. Speed sign for Garland is among the proposals. Everyone was encouraged to think about project ideas for next year.

Mobile speed sign placement suggestions are wanted. Garland east and westbound, Ash, Queen, Rowan, and north of Garland on Monroe were suggested. The locations need sufficient space for the trailer to be parked. Suggestions due March 1st.

Clean-Up

Spring event will be April 27th, 9 – noon.

Other Business:

Comp Plan Review Sessions will be Feb. 19th at the Shadle Library and March 13th at the City Council Chamber - 5:30 to 7:30. Guest Cruz summarized his concerns regarding planning.

Code Enforcement training attended by some NHNC members last year was summarized. The new training now available sounds more robust. Code enforcement area coordinators (unpaid) are being discussed.

A new officer, Lt. McCabe, will begin attending the NHNC meetings next month. Door kicking reports seem to be up in the city. Guest Cruz reported that some officers will soon walk beats in some areas instead of just doing car patrols.

North Hill COPS shop proposal meeting sponsored by the Garland Business District will be the 20th, 5:30 – 7, at the City Church on Garland.

Quizno's will hold a Spokane COPS Child ID Program fund raiser at several of their Division outlets. 50% of the sales will be donated on certain days. Flyer was distributed.

Charter Vote – Tim Burns reporting.

Ombudsman charter change vote passed with about 70%. A study of other cities with ombudsman type of commissions was done. Plan calls for 5 commissioners – 1 from each city district and 2 appointed by the Mayor which must be approved. Independent investigative authority component is still being finalized, but may end up similar to the 2011 model. Office probably won't have discipline authority. It is unknown if the Spokane Police Guild will file an unfair labor practices complaint.

Tim's office is now in City Hall on the 1st floor right off the Post Street entrance. 2012 annual report will be out the 25th. It will be on the web page. Offices in Neva-Wood and East Central COPS are now operating too. Hope is to have similar functionality in all COPS eventually. A quote was made that there is "a cautious excitement" about the new chief and ombudsman in the dept. right now.

First time attendee Ed B. was welcomed. Traffic on Garland is one of his concerns.

The recently published marijuana map and concerns about how it was developed without wide-spread input was discussed.

Concerns about the future usage of Division, Francis, and perhaps Wellesley were expressed. North-South Freeway may alter patterns significantly.

Adjournment: 7:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

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

NHNC Meeting Attendees – February 14, 2013

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Buzz Bellessa

Ruth Snyder

Teresa VanDyke

Ed Bedell

Kelly Cruz

Tim Burns