



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

Convened at 6:34 p.m. by Jeff Zabinski

Guests: Officer Doug Strosahl, Boris Borisov, Tim Burns

Introductions:

Ombudsman Update – Tim Burns reporting.

Student Guide to Police Practices passed around. Reading and commenting is encouraged. *My Spokane* business cards with phone number (755-CITY) of city services contacts passed around. *What to Do If You're Stopped by the Police* wallet fold cards were passed out.

Police Guild contract lapsed over 20 months ago. Prop. 1 creating the ombudsman office is now part of the city charter. New contract proposal did not include independent investigative authority for the ombudsman office. Council unanimously voted against it. There was a non-binding resolution passed a few months ago included the council definition of what independent investigation meant to them. The no vote sends the contract back to mediation. Tim reported that the language is "very close." If mediation fails, arbitration will be next, and that is not a preferred option.

Police Update – Doug Strosahl reporting.

Doug is the new Neighborhood Conditions Officer. He has 15 years of experience. This is his first NHNC meeting visit. Crime level is way down, but there has been some vehicle prowling and burglaries. Code Enforcement cleaned up an issue on the 3900 block of N. Howard before it even crossed his desk.

Q: any news yet on moving out of the Public Safety Building? A: no news yet, but it is still the goal. Precincts are wanted too. Captain Cummings is the north side captain.

Minutes of last month were passed around.

Planning – Boris Borisov with ONS/CE reporting.

Jeff attended the CA meeting. Planning was the hottest topic. In Dec., 2011, \$20,000 was allocated for neighborhood planning activities. Project plans, vision plans, and neighborhood plans are possibilities. Memo describing the process was distributed. Ten neighborhoods have not done planning yet, including NHNC. Options are to roll

planning together with other neighborhoods, or wait until 2015 and continue with an individual effort when city staff are available to assist (page 3 of the distributed memo). Holding 3 “workshops” with a consultant is proposed to develop a plan for NHNC for inclusion in the comp plan. If enough of the remaining neighborhoods are interested, the city would draft an RFP for a consultant. Every neighborhood will have a profile in the comp plan, but it will be more in depth if the consultant option is chosen. Late Dec. is hoped for for the RFP development.

Q: if NHNC approves this option, who would do the communication/publicity outreach – city, consultant, or NHNC? A: will have to check with Scott Chesney for exact details.

Q: do all 10 remaining neighborhoods need to approve this? A: no, but there will probably need to be a minimum “critical mass” before proceeding.

Q: how many of the remaining 10 have approved this so far? A: the effort has just started and most meetings are still coming up. Peaceful Valley approved it yesterday.

Opinions were requested and discussion commenced. Motion was made and seconded to accept the consultant option as proposed, contingent upon the answer to the outreach question. Discussion: importance of picking the right consultant was stressed. Wide range of skills and experience were desired. Boris described the RFQ process. Motion passed.

Boris concluded by saying he will be attending NHNC meetings at least once/quarter now.

Community Development – Buzz Bellessa reporting.

CD program was described. Handout of CD area map and summary of sidewalk projects was distributed. \$21,250 is the current allocation. Sidewalks are a 1:1 fiscal dollar match. Housing rehab is a 3:1 match. Kristen mentioned that the condition of the Garland area sidewalks has been discussed during their business district meetings. Lighting is also being discussed. Having better lampposts with outlets is desired. Sidewalk and rehab suggestions were requested. Sidewalk along Lacrosse going towards the park was suggested.

Q: should sidewalks remain the priority? A: general consensus was “yes”. Proposal moved and seconded. Passed.

Land Use – Buzz Bellessa reporting.

A draft Developer’s Agreement for the property at the bottom of the Monroe Street hill was distributed. The issue was summarized for the new attendees. Comment was made that the document seemed very well thought out and very well written. A concern was expressed that the item about a crosswalk on the southeast corner of the property might be a safety concern because of its proximity to the bottom of the hill. Rewording was proposed. Buzz will work on that. Tree replacement ratio number in the document is reversed. It will be corrected. It was moved and seconded to accept the document with the proposed revisions and then present it to Emerson-Garfield for review. Motion passed.

Clean-Up – Mike Flahaven reporting.

Event went well. A hazardous waste pick-up event was proposed for a future event. Concern was expressed that limbs are being dumped into the church parking lot before the event opens.

Other Business:

Garland Street Fair has been cancelled. Not enough volunteer organizers anymore. Block Party continues however.

Appreciation letters will be signed next month. Sendee list was reviewed.

John summarized the condition of his street. Repaving is planned in the next couple of years.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

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

NHNC Meeting Attendees – November 14, 2013

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandy Gill

Buzz Bellessa

John Foerster

Marci McDirmid

Kelly Patrick

Teresa VanDyke

Kristen Speller

Doug Strosahl

Tim Burns

Boris Borisov