

North Hill Neighborhood Council - March Meeting

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Introductions

City Council - Candace Mumm

- Working with officers on problem property on Garland
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Speaker - Spokane Fire Dept - Bob

- 2017 EMS Levy Ballot Measure
 - On April 26th Ballot, will be mailed between April 6-8th (due by April 26th)
 - This is a RENEWAL, not a new levy. Will be at same rate as it currently is today.
 - Would be for another 6 years
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Spokane Police - Doug Strosahl

- Nothing significant to report, working on trying to get abatement for problem properties
 - Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) - Google for tips and ideas on things you can do to protect your property and make it less desirable to issues.
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Community Assembly - Sandy Gill

- Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30pm in City Council Briefing Center
- ONS budget of \$500 for neighborhood, grant application due in April. Considering brochures, refrigerator magnets, etc.
 - Buzz motioned to give Sandy autonomy to pursue ideas to utilize funds for brochures and/or magnets. Julie seconded. In favor - 10 Opposed - 0
- Library distributing survey for city library plan.

ONS - Melissa Wittstruck (Charlie Klein)

- Free tree event again for April. Online application open now through April 6th and includes descriptions of the tree species available.
- As of today, 33 trees have been signed up for in North Hill neighborhood.
- 4 greening grants from last year, planting contractor will work on that in April.
- Traffic calming applications are in, working with Jackie Caro to finalize the application.
- Code Enforcement training - Shadle COPS shop March 16th at 5:30pm space limited, RSVP to Patrick Stryker at main COPS office. Includes neighborhood walk and talk with a code enforcement officer.
- Needs complaint form to investigate code enforcement issues. Forms available online and at COPS shops.

Traffic Calming - Mike Flahaven

- Applications have been submitted for 2016.
- 2015 application projects:
 - Bump out Garland and Madison and crosswalk to be marked - approved, date TBD
 - Bump out Garland and Stevens - application pending
 - Bump out Garland and Lincoln - approved, will be completed this year, no exact date as of yet
- Residential sidewalk application - finish sidewalks along Lacrosse between Wall and Clark Park. Different guidelines require 51% approval of residents within 400 feet of the project. Have 25 signatures, need another 26. Asking for ideas of how to obtain remaining signatures.

Street trees - Sandy Gill

- Will be sending out newsletter with info and will post flyer and info onto our website as well.
- Hoping to encourage at least 50 neighbors to get and plant trees. 1,000 trees were available city wide, 500 left.

Garland Business District - Julie Shepherd-Hall

- GBD was approached last fall by Spokane Regional Health District re Walk, Bike, Bus program. Have allocated approx \$11k for bicycle racks or bike corral. Looking to find place to put this, has to be on city property, working on ideas for that.
- Canvassing of Garland District and surrounding area will occur, targeting 400 households, up to 1200 people who will receive the map that outlines the various walk, bus and bike routes through this area.
- Businesses will provide coupons and discounts on the map/packet.
- Looking to work with Y.E.S. on design of racks or corrals.
- Art on Garland - May 14th - working on artists to paint satellite dishes, working on music and other art displays and events.
- Not yet announced but there is interest in someone buying the old liquor store.
- Someone looking at leasing La Comka bakery space.
- Drinkery space continues to be worked on but no opening date.
- Cooney will be moving soon to their new space on Indiana. Building will likely need a lot of updating prior to new tenants/businesses.
- Masonic Lodge projects progressing.
- Gathering House to start swing dance classes and open dances soon. Open to public.
- 6 churches in the neighborhood doing joint service at the Garland Theatre on Easter Sunday.

CDBG - Buzz Bellessa

- Application process gearing up for 2017. North Hill already committed 2017/2018 funds to combine with Emerson Garfield funds for gateway project between the two neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike Flahaven

- Flyer to go out around Marh 28th.

Thursday, March 10, 2016

- Spring clean up April 16th, 9am - noon - for residents only.
- 4 large dumpsters on site for clean green waste.
- Dump passes will be available again on a first come, first serve basis.
- Will offer registration for curbside pickup again as well, pickup will be Thursday following the clean up event.
- Will also collect food and monetary donations for Second Harvest as we have in the past.

Open forum/Q&A

- For questions about street strip plantings - Angel Spell in Urban Forestry Dept.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm