



## North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

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First meeting in new location at Gathering House on Garland

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

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Spokane Police Update - no representative

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City Council Update

Wed, Oct 14th 4pm Plan Commission meeting will include hearing on cell towers re updated cell tower ordinances. Currently listed as final agenda item.

Cell tower on Monroe in progress.

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Cindy Shackelford - Crime Victim Advocate - Spokane C.O.P.S.

Specializes in areas of Identity Theft and Fraud - provided handout avail at COPS shops

- Shred events - Oct 16th
- Also held twice per year at NW C.O.P.S. shop at Shadle
- Reviewed common ways identity theft occurs, how to safeguard your information
- What to do if you are a victim of identity theft
- Safety tips

## Community Development - CDBG Update - Buzz Bellessa

North Hill and Emerson Garfield neighborhoods investigating joint gateway project on Monroe street.

Buzz and Sandy met with city groups to discuss the project and feasibility, timing, etc.

Questions about timing due to the large already approved North Monroe street project targeted for 2018.

City groups agree with the gateway project but want to have it coordinated with and to follow the larger N. Monroe street project as the area for the gateway sign is in the space that will be the staging area for the large equipment for the 2018 project.

The 2016 CDBG budget is \$36k. The proposal is to set aside the entirety of that funding and have Emerson Garfield do the same. Both council groups would need to vote in support of this proposal.

The city has asked that 2 years (2016 & 2017) of CDBG funds from both neighborhoods be held with the city and the gateway project done after the 2018 North Monroe project is completed. This would amount to \$128k.

The above proposal does not prevent Garland Business District from submitting a competitive grant as it is a different pot of money and different process.

Everyone who votes in favor of the proposal has to sign a Conflict of Interest document/form.

Questions as to whether if the N Monroe project is delayed, can neighborhood CDBG funds come back to neighborhood to pursue other projects in the meantime - Buzz will inquire.

Who can vote - a. If you have attended at least 2 NHNC meetings in a row and b. you have intention of being a member of the council, etc.

Comment from neighbor asked to consider some kind of barrier on downslope of Monroe as part of project to prevent cars from going onto the proposed site (ice, accidents.)

-Motion brought by Dan Fears to approve the proposal to use 2 years worth of CDBG funding for the gateway project.

-Chris Snow seconded the motion.

-Votes in favor: 16

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-Votes opposed: 0

-Abstentions: 3

Emerson Garfield will be voting on the matter next week.

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There is \$8k in street tree fund that hasn't been used yet. Buzz met with Alicia Powell (Forest Spokane) to discuss ability to use that funding this year.

Three options on the table:

- a. Find homeowners interested in having street tree work done - as of yet, no interest
- b. Replace some trees in Garland Business District - city arborist did not agree
- c. Gathering House street trees - cannot be on Gathering House property, can be on city right of way

-Motion brought by Sandy Gill to pursue option 3 to use \$8800 of street tree funding if a project can be brought to fruition within timeline.

-Bonnie Steward seconded the motion

-Votes in favor: 19

-Votes opposed: 0

-Abstentions: 0

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3rd item: Sidewalks

Proposal to investigate option of taking a portion of CDBG funds to create a larger fund that could be used for individual sidewalk projects.

Buzz asked for show of hands for support to begin preliminary investigation and understanding of this scenario. All hands raised.

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Community Assembly - Sandy Gill

Once per month, representatives from each of the 27 neighborhoods meet.

Sandy advised that the neighborhood notification act has passed and will become active in approximately 45 days.

City is in the middle of their budgeting process

-offer to have city rep come and talk about the budget

-funds potentially for neighborhood outreach, etc

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-city council requested another \$15k (\$500/neighborhood) to do special things within the neighborhood

As of Jan, CA meetings will be the 1st Thursday instead of 1st Friday at 5:30pm

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Until 2015, the city issued a calendar each year which noted neighborhood council meetings, other neighborhood dates/events.

Going forward, the funds previously used to produce those calendars will be made available to neighborhoods to produce communication and promotional materials.

The Office of Neighborhood Services will be holding a Neighborhood Council Brochure Training Oct 26th or Oct 29th. (Carrie will attend)

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There are three ordinances in motion:

- a. Foreclosure ordinance - help dealing with abandoned and vacant properties
  - b. Animal control ordinance - being updated
  - c. Junk vehicle ordinance
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There will be a stakeholder group meeting in early November to discuss the city libraries and a future study to assess services, facilities, etc.

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Garland Business District - Julie Shephard

New businesses coming: Planet Cafe in old Drinkery space, behind will be Cosmic Ranch shop and an AirBnB.

Friday Night is Art on Garland - will be done quarterly to start on a 2nd Friday

>5pm Spokane Art School

>FILT will have music on street

>Gathering House will have artists

>6:30pm - Spokaneite Cleaners - music and slideshow on side of building

>7:45pm - unveiling of winning "Love letter to Garland" projected on the wall

Shops will be staying open a bit later Friday evening

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Friends of Garland Party - Friday, Oct 16th 7-9:30pm \$25

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Will unveil renderings of future plans for the Garland Business District

Music, bites, beer/wine, auction items, etc.

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Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike Flahaven

Fall cleanup event this weekend Sat, 10/10 from 9am to noon, same place.

There will be 50 - \$25 dump passes.

The following Thursday, crews will do the curbside pickup of large furniture.

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Walk Ons

Melissa Whitstruck - Office of Neighborhood Services - intro on her role, dept.

Make sure events get to ONS to be put on their Google Calendar as that is what media uses to pick up events.

House on Providence - got opinion from legal dept. Owner Deceased. Abandoned property determination, now city can abate and paint over graffiti, etc.

Investigation how city to go through probate.

Julie - On Halloween "Vein drain" 11-3, Blood Center on Garland, free t-shirt with donation

Saturday night open mic at Gathering House 8-10pm.

Jeff adjourned meeting at 8:30pm