



NHNC Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2014, Willard Elementary School

Convened at 6:30 p.m. by Jeff Zabinski

Guests: Candace Mumm – City Council, Doug Strosahl - SPD

Introductions:

Police Update

A list of summer Garland events was provided to the officer.

Crime report for the northwest district came out Monday - down 18% this month, and 11.5 this year. North Hill area was the quietest overall. Prowlings and residential burglaries were the main reports. An apartment building on Atlantic had multiple calls and a long time problem house was boarded up.

Garland & Stevens school crossing problems were reported on by the crossing guard – speeding, running past the school crosswalk marker cones. Speed sign seems to encourage late night speeding. Officer will pass the report on to the traffic sergeant. Adding a push button crossing signal light was suggested.

City Council Update

The city attorney was checked with just before this meeting. There is still no word on the porn store case, but supposedly will be very soon.

Ethics group met about the council funds reallocations complaint. The vote dead-locked at 3 to 3 so the complaint was dismissed. A new ordinance is being proposed to prevent similar problems in the future. Candace is a co-sponsor.

There has been increased activity at the bottom of the hill in the area of Cenex and the Gilded Lily – prowlings, etc. An emphasis patrol may be conducted.

A crosswalk ordinance is being drafted by Candace for new streets and reconstructions in corridors and adjacent to schools and parks. At a minimum, painted crosswalks will be required. Different colored concrete is another crossing possibility.

There is a possible new plan for funding new streets and repairs. Riverfront Park changes may also be included. Meetings to introduce the plans are scheduled. A handout was distributed.

The new plaza by City Hall was described. The name will not be Glover as was originally announced. Name suggestions can be submitted.

Drumheller Springs is a mess. Code Enforcement has been notified. Some of the garbage may be traceable back to the source. The site has considerable history – a Native American school, encampments, and a slaughterhouse have all been located there.

Q: How does the consultant for the planning effort work? A: Establish a high volume of communication with them. Push them for what you need. They work for us. Ken is our contact with them and Boris helps too. Draft of the postcard going out hasn't been seen yet.

Community Assembly – Sandy Gill reporting.

Quarterly meeting with the council is 5/28/14 at East Central. There is no agenda yet.

CDBG changes continue. What should the structure look like for deciding how funds are spent now that the CD areas are gone? For the 1st year they will go to specific targeted areas. There will be no say on housing rehab anymore. It will be city-wide and based on applicant eligibility. There will also be no input on human services anymore. Board will decide those. CHED funds input will be possible until 2015 and then a new process yet to be determined will be implemented. A handout was distributed. Board's new acronym is CHHS. CA wants strong communication because of the new complexities.

Plan of Spokane handout was passed around.

There will be 3 concerts at Audubon Park this summer – 7/10, 7/24, and 8/7.

Land Use – Buzz Bellessa reporting.

Developer's Agreement for the Monroe hill property was passed by Emerson-Garfield.

An advertising company is reportedly building on the former garage property on Monroe just north of Garland.

Community Development – Buzz Bellessa reporting.

Sidewalks on Lacrosse are awaiting approval.

Possibility of tree funds shifting is being investigated.

Parks are not targeted for CDBG funds.

Schools are a possible target for the next meeting.

Traffic – Mike Flahaven reporting.

Elvira repeated that cross-walk speeders are still a problem. Crossing guards are being flipped off while performing their duties. Candace reported on a mobile system pilot project and will be meeting with District 81 in the next 2 weeks about it.

It will be at least another month before we hear back on the current traffic calming applications.

Clean-Up – Mike Flahaven reporting.

Event was successful, but only 47 of the 80 dump passes were used. Other neighborhoods are having the same problem. 12.5 tons of clean green were collected. There were 113 sign-ups, which was almost a record. There were 40 sign-ups for trash pick-ups. Some of those weren't used either but the results were good overall. 350 pounds of food were collected for the food bank. We did break the budget, but reallocation should handle that. Using this same routine for the fall event was proposed.

Other Business:

Fund raiser will be 5/17 – 5/18 at the eastbound Sprague Rest Stop. A possible use of the funds was proposed – bringing more people into the NHNC picnic and using the time for planning.

Garland Block Party will be 8/16. District is from Madison to Stevens. Car show may not happen. No official word yet. The entire Masonic Block may have been purchased by a realty company and some rehab of the building may be occurring.

Submitting graffiti reports should be possible at the end of May.

Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

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

NHNC Meeting Attendees – May 8, 2014

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandy Gill

Buzz Bellessa

Bonnie Stewart

Kristen Speller

Teresa VanDyke

Randy Marler

Scott Cross

Dennis Kent

Kevin Abundis

Anita Abundis

Gladys Steele

Elvira Albers

Melissa Wittstruck

Officer Doug Strosahl

Candace Mumm