



NHNC Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2014, Willard Elementary School

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

Guests: Melissa Wittstruck, Candace Mumm

Introductions

October Minutes Reviewed

City Council Update – Candace Mumm reporting.

Budget work is the current focus. There are salary and community center funding concerns. Warming centers are now down to just one, raising concerns for the homeless. Police and Fire overtime budgets and procedures are being looked at.

Community Assembly – Sandy G. reporting.

Joint meeting with the Spokane City Council is 11/19 at the Northeast Community Center. Founders Room, 5 – 6:30. Agenda pending.

Blight is being discussed. There seems to be enough procedural work in place to start addressing it.

Police body cameras were approved. An officer is willing to make a presentation to NHNC.

Traffic – Mike F. reporting.

Bump out at Lincoln and Garland proposal was approved. The project will go out to bid in the spring. Speed signs for Garland were approved last year.

Community Development – Buzz B. reporting.

Deadline for the 2015 spending submissions are approaching. Continuing the current sidewalk efforts such as along Lacrosse going west from the park was proposed. Approval signatures or meeting minutes are needed for this. Motion was made and seconded to continue this effort. Approved unanimously.

Trader Joe's announced plans for a Franklin Park outlet.

Neighborhood Planning – Sandy G. reporting.

Draft report of the general priorities from the consultant was passed around. Five areas were identified: 1) improve public safety, 2) improve crime prevention/response times, 3) strong local economy, 4) diversify the Garland Business District, 5) compatible development/preserve neighborhood character. Priority projects were also listed. Traffic calming/connectivity – Garland, Wellesley, Monroe, Wall; curb extensions- Madison, Lincoln, Post, Wall; bicycle routes – Madison, Longfellow; safer route along the bluff for pedestrians and bicycles; mid-block crossings – Adams & Wellesley.

Concerns were expressed about all Wellesley projects because of the size and traffic levels of that arterial. Delaying the final planning meeting to January was proposed to give more people a chance to review the draft. Comment was made that people prefer to see project specifics listed, such as priorities and specific locations.

Planning staff asked to meet with some of NHNC next week. General feeling is that the meeting is premature.

Many suggestions of how best to distribute the draft were proposed. Suggestion was made to focus on the projects matrix once the distribution was completed. Recommendation was made to proceed with the December meeting with the understanding that it shouldn't be for finalizing everything.

Shaping Spokane web page was recommended. It has a favorite places list. Spokane Historical App was also recommended.

Garland Business District Update – Julia S. reporting.

Several business changes have occurred – move ins, move outs, move locations, remodels. A grant was submitted for revitalizing the district. It is moving forward. A grant for planting draught tolerant trees, flowers, and grass was received. Rocket Bakery is remodeling. District is trying to work with property owners regarding business rentals too. There is lots of interest in attracting a sit-down pizza restaurant to the area.

Clean-Up – Mike F. reporting.

Fall event was successful. \$6500 was allocated. About \$200 over was spent. 34 tons were hauled, 400 people came through, and the food drive garnered 430 pounds. Q: how many curbside pick-ups were done? A: all but 2 of the 40 who signed up. No data available yet on how many of the dump passes were used.

Everyone was asked what suggestions they had for next year. Comments were made that the current program serves a wide variety of our area's population. Suggestion was made to look into the possibility of cleaning up "common areas" of the neighborhood just before the event is held, possibly using the work crew.

Mike indicated he is willing to continue as the coordinator.

Other Business:

After 11 years, Dan is stepping down as secretary-treasurer. The duties of the position and that of the other officers were described. Suggestion was made to share some of the duties, such as communication and the web page. Anyone interested should contact Dan. E-mail address is on the web page. Vote will be next month.

Question was asked if appreciation letters should be sent out this year. Consensus was that they wouldn't be done this year.

Adjournment: 8:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

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

NHNC Meeting Attendees – November 13, 2014

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandy Gill

Buzz Bellessa

Jim Marchioro

Kaiya Treffry

Carrie Ferran

Diane D.

Ray Butts

Ginny Butts

Caitlin Soriano

Mervin Soriano

Ian Siemen

Jade Siemen

Teresa VanDyke

Julie Bleaker

Chris Snow

Melissa Wittstruck

Candace Mumm