

North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting Notes for February 12, 2015 at Willard School

Attended by: Mike Flahaven, Jeff Zabinski, Diane Albertson, Jeremiah Johnson, Teresea VanDyke, Julie Shepard Hall, Holley Renga, Bonnie Stewart, Carrie Ferran, Chris Snow, Randy Marler, Ruth Snyder, Roy Butts, Virginia Butts, Jim Marchioro, Melissa Wittstruck, Alicia Powell, Sandy Gill, Nathan Gwinn

Jeff began the meeting at 6:30 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Mike recorded the meeting notes.

Community Assembly (CA)

Sandy provided a Community Assembly report. There will be a committee meeting on Feb. 24th at 5:30 PM at NE Community Center to discuss Community Development Block Grant funding and allocation process. Bicycle Master Plan is being revised. CA retreat is set for February 20th from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Finch Arboretum. The CA Public Safety Committee is looking into Long Term Rentals (living units) and looking at the possibility of proactive rental inspections. Sandy asked for neighborhood thoughts about rental housing impacts:

- Poor Maintenance of building and yard
- Domestic problems
- Accumulation of garbage
- Owners can be slum lords and/or absentee land lords

Possible solutions:

- Land lord or owner take responsibility
- Rental inspections

The neighborhood voted to support the Public Safety Committee's proposal to explore solutions to problems with long term rental properties. Sandy will bring this decision to the discussion at the next CA mtg.

Neighborhood Clean-up

Mike discussed the upcoming spring and fall clean-up events. Our neighborhood plans to have 3 events as in previous year: Clean green drop off event, curb side trash pickup and dump passes.

Possible dates for the clean-up services:

- April 18th will be our first choice for the spring event and April 11th will be a fall back date.
- October 10st will be our first choice for the fall event and Oct. 17th will be a fall back date.

The neighborhood unanimously supported the proposed neighborhood cleanup services.

Traffic Calming

Mike discussed the traffic calming applications. He proposed to apply for bump-outs/bulb-outs at the Willard school crosswalk at Garland and Stevens. In the past the neighborhood has received concerns from the crossing guards about the drivers not reducing speed and disregarding the guards. The neighborhood unanimously supported our neighborhood applying for traffic calming bump-outs at Garland and Stevens. Once support from the school is confirmed, Mike will submit an application.

Garland Business District

Julie provided an update for the Garland Business District. May 1st is the proposed date when volunteers are needed to plant trees and shrubs for the Green Grant. The Garland Street Fair is scheduled has been changed to August 8th and its theme will be the 60s and 70s era.

Greening Grant

Alicia provided information about Greening Spokane and the application process to submit proposals. She provided examples of projects. Applications are due June 30th. Also 2000 trees will be available for planting on private properties.

Planning

Sandy talked about the neighborhood profile. Nathan from City Planning is looking for input from our neighborhood. A draft was shared. We will discuss further at our next meeting.

Our neighborhood is waiting for the draft plan from the City Planning Dept. When it is becomes available we will need to review and determine if it captures the future we want for our neighborhood. We discussed the possible timeline for completing the plan. Those interested in meeting to review and discuss the plan include: Bonnie, Chris, Teresea, Roy & Ginny, Jeff, Jim and Randy.

Miscellaneous Items

An attendee asked about recent Graffiti. Melissa shared that Graffiti could be reported on the City's My Spokane web site or call Code Enforcement at 625-6083. Forms can also be completed at COP Shops.

Consider sidewalks for safety at Rowan and Queen

Cell tower being proposed at 4108 North Monroe. A handout was distributed. Check out the location so we can discuss in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.