

December North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Meeting attendees: Darsi Kemp (COPS NW volunteer), Doug McGuire, Rob Bryceson, Jeremiah Johnson, Holly, Julie Shephard Hall, Mike Flahavan, Sandy Gill, Buzz Bellessa, Carrie Ferran, Jeff Zabinski, Dale

Introductions

Spokane Police Update - Officer Doug Strosahl - Neighborhood Conditions Officer

- Nothing significant to report, checked on a couple of houses with possible squatters
 - Activity log - avail at COPS - highly valuable as this presents actual evidence that can help support nuisance complaints
 - Be sure to also report things to crime check
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Garland Business District

- YES produced video overview of plans
- Survey went out to neighborhood, property owners, businesses, etc to find out what people like, would like in the GBC
- Multi-year vision
- Next goal is to raise additional funds to continue working on the plan and towards implementation
- Last week GBD had meeting with property owners and Candace Mumm and ideas for branding Garland Business District, possible event ideas, etc.
- La Comka bakery building and Tiger Tattoo building both purchased by a new property owner.
- Idea put out by neighbor to do fundraiser with people buying pavers with their names.
- Parking issues being discussed, options for additional parking as well as providing way finding so that people can find the parking that already exists.

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- Cooney Law is moving at beginning of the year. Their current building is owned by 3 different owners.
- Garland Theatre was purchased by a new owner, young family man with 5 kids. He also purchased Mark's Guitar and the 1/3 of the Cooney building that was owned by previous Garland Theatre owner.
- Planet Cafe - organic cafe is working on going into the old Drinkery space.

CDBG - Buzz

- New sidewalk initiative still being worked.

Community Assembly - Sandy

- Updated meeting time 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30pm in City Council Briefing Chambers
- Neighborhood notification process that passed city council allows for earlier notification to neighborhood about applicable activities.
- Notifications go to 2 designated individuals for each neighborhood.
- Training: Dec 28th 5:30pm at West Central Community Center.
- City Council passed the budget, includes money set aside for neighborhoods, approx \$500 per neighborhood. Education, Capacity building, Events, Materials. Application process being drafted and neighborhood council will need to submit by April for 2016.
- Tree money not used for existing projects will be applied to the residential tree program. There is a map showing the location, type and info about trees distributed through this program. Would like to use as much of the remaining money to plant additional trees in the North Hill neighborhood.

Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike

- Looking at April and October again for 2016, similar set up and offerings.

Walk Ons - Jeff

The Gathering House

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- Meeting location, have met at The Gathering House for 3 months, evaluating if this is working well and do we keep location or look for alternate locations.
- Neighbors present respond positively to keeping the current location.
- 12/18 The Gathering House is showing The Polar Express - free event, kid friendly, wear PJs, hot chocolate, etc. 5 or 5:30pm
- Stevie Lynn will be doing a Christmas Concert on 12/22 8pm \$5

Polled neighbors about possible topics they'd like to hear about, different speakers/presenters.

- Storm/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- Discuss tracking logs for nuisance complaints, how to get information that can be helpful. Neighborhood/Block watch. Parks Department updates. Crime Check reporting process, etc.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm