

January North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Introductions

Spokane Police - Cpt Tom Hendren

- New commander of North precinct. Has been in N precinct since Sept.
- Addressing plans for how to address chronic crime issues in the neighborhoods
- Born in Spokane, 20 year police vet, 3rd gen law enforcement, grandfather was former Spokane city police chief
- 3 detectives for all of north side property crime, understaffed but working hard to address
- Need help from residents
 - Continue to call crime check
 - Get to know your neighbors
 - Keep an active eye for anything odd
 - Keep doors locked
 - Keep car doors locked, do not leave any valuables in vehicles
 - Keep activity log of suspicious behavior, etc
- Neighborhood Nuisance Activity Log
 - Preferable to have logged in Microsoft Excel or Word document and soft copy sent in for easy incorporation into crime database and easier analysis
 - Specific details: license plate numbers, addresses
 - Care should be taken with photos and videos to not invade privacy
 - North of Garland, send to Doug; South of Garland, send to Tracy (NCOs)
- thendren@spokanepolice.org 509-625-4049

Office of Neighborhood Services - Melissa Wittstruck

- Amendments gave better notice to neighborhoods re land use proposals
- Neighborhood Notification Training 101
 - Materials on the planning services website
 - 201 Training - Jan 28th at West Central Comm Center 5:30-7pm — Decision Criteria - will address effective commenting on a proposal
- City Hall closed Monday Jan 18th
- Traffic Calming Workshop District 1 - Jan 26th - time TBD - NE Community Center
- Clean Up Program Workshop - Feb 25th - time TBD
- All events listed at spokaneneighborhoods.org - click on “view Google Calendar”
- Damon Hunter taking over for Alicia Powell - Forest Spokane Residential Tree Program
- Will follow up on \$8800 tree funds, what kind of trees, how many, how to allocate

Clean Up - Mike

- 2016 events tentative dates
 - Spring - Sat April 16th 1st choice date, Sat April 23rd 2nd choice date
 - Fall - Sat Oct 15th 1st choice date, Sat Oct 8th 2nd choice date
- Plan is to offer same services as previous events
 - dump passes
 - dumpsters for yard waste
 - curbside pickup (appliances, furniture or trash - have to pick one)

Community Assembly - Sandy

- Meets 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30pm in City Council Briefing Room
- CDBG Committee talking overhaul of the Sidewalk Program, specifically focusing on repair projects

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- Proposal is to have a sidewalk program that targets individual low income property owners that have sidewalks that need to be fixed. Homeowner anywhere in the city could apply.
- Sandy asked attendees if they agreed or disagreed with the general idea of the program proposed?
 - Chris Snow made a motion to agree with request for more detailed definitions
 - Seconded by Dan Fears
 - 9 in favor, 2 abstain
- Buzz Bellesa made a motion that we support sourcing \$150k seed money to use for this program from the overall \$700k allocation (all programs, all city total) - to commit only for the first year but with an expectation that there will be a review prior to committing to any additional years.
 - Seconded by Chris Snow
 - 10 in favor, 1 abstain
- There is a new pocket of money available to neighborhoods - \$500
 - Neighborhoods just have to apply, simple 2 page application
 - Education, capacity, events and/or materials
 - Designation needs to be made by April and requires documented action by council

Meeting called to a close at 8:30pm