

North Hill Neighborhood Council - May Meeting

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Introductions

Speaker - N/A

Spokane Police - N/A

City Council - Karen Stratton

- City council had first budget meeting last week. First priority was public safety items including additional assistance to COP Shops, additional resource officers, etc.
 - Monroe street - Resolution to create a temporary advisory board to serve as stakeholders for the 2018 Monroe corridor project. North Hill neighborhood will also be represented.
 - Riverfront park - Meeting today with Park Board, groundbreaking on 6/9, construction will start near gondola meadow.
 - Investigation re Chief Straub is still ongoing. Investigator working to get details in order to provide a final report.
 - Presentation from lantern festival group, they will be coming back this fall. Tickets will be less costly than last year, presentations will be larger as well.
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Community Assembly - Sandy Gill

- Long term sidewalk repair program - Sandy asked if we have support for the Pedestrian/Transportation committee to pursue discussions and investigation of a city-wide program to address this. - Attendees were in favor.
- In-fill housing: idea that rather than building in undeveloped land outside the city, look at opportunities to utilize undeveloped land within the city. Process in place to begin looking at in-fill as a solution for addressing need for additional housing units in the city of Spokane.

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- Zoning options presented are already on the books, but Planning Department advised that problem is that this program has rarely been used.
- Issues with type of dwellings, some being built not fitting in with character of existing dwellings in neighborhood. Need more care in zoning and design types allowed in particular areas.
- In-fill Housing Focus Group - Meeting on June 30th 5:30-7:30 in lower level of City Hall. Looking for representatives from each neighborhood by June 23rd.
- 57 trees obtained by North Hill neighbors as part of the residential tree program. Another 1,000 trees will be available in October.

Office of Neighborhood Services - Charlie Kline

- Code enforcement is complaint driven re human health and safety. Complaints can be called in or form can be filled out.

Garland Business District - Julie Shepard-Hall

- Sat 5/14 is Art on Garland. Have approx 25 satellite dishes to be auctioned off and they will be by Cooney building at Lincoln. Scavenger hunt, music at The Gathering House, food truck will be available, etc.
- New art gallery opening next to Rocket Bakery.
- Walk, Bike, Bus program underway. Initial contact is being made with residents via letter. Received grant through this program to receive a new bicycle kiosk. It will go next to US Bank on Lincoln
- June 13-17 is street music week. Musicians play along Garland during lunch hour to help raise money for Second Harvest
- New businesses: Wine, beer and tapas bar will be opening in the old Drinkery space. The Gathering House will be opening a commercial kitchen and will also be working with refugees on job training program for Food Truck businesses.
- First Fridays swing dance at The Gathering House.
- New bump-outs at Lincoln are working and have been well-received.
- Murals going up on the side of the Clock House, Drinkery and Ferguson's.
- Looking at creating committee to explore option of '2nd Saturdays'

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- Tiger Tattoo moving out end of May and Sweets Fly Tying (fishing store) will be moving into that space.
- Serenity group, meets at The Gathering House, work with PTSD and wounded vets and tie flies for fishing. Tuesday mornings.
- New newsletter for The Garland District, will be produced monthly and will be paper version highlighting people and businesses in the district.
- Trees on Garland - they don't have water source. Looking for residents to adopt a space around a tree to plant, water and weed, etc. We have 69 trees in the Garland District area.

Community Development - Buzz Bellessa

- Working on updating 2017 applications. Applications in September of this year will be or projects completed in early 2018.
- Next 2 years of funds already committed to the project with Emerson-Garfield for the neighborhood boundary area.
- Anyone interested in learning about the CDBG program: 2 workshops on May 17th 10-12 and 18th 3-5pm. Also asking interest about evening session June 15th.

Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike Flahaven

- New record set for Clean Green: 14.6 tons in 5 large dumpsters. Dump passes were gone in about 15 minutes. 132lbs of food and \$19 in cash donated to Second Harvest.
- Fall clean up will be Saturday, October 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm