

North Hill Neighborhood Council  
Minutes – March 9, 2017

Council Attendees: Jeff Zabinski, Mike Flahaven, Buzz Bellessa, Bill Weisgerber, Doug Strosahl SPD, Julie Shepard Hall, Bonnie Stewart, Mike Roberge SPD, Richard Leslie, Kristi McGuire, Ruth Snyder, Dan Brown, Dan Fears, Angila Murphy, Emma Noyes, Robert Hubler, Nigel, Ameer McElroy, Holly Renga, Monte Aerni, Dale, Mark, Tyler Riggs and Spokane Fire Department (Station 13) and We apologize for misspellings

Introductions were made: Spokane Fire Dept. (Station 13), Officer Doug Strosahl, Officer Mike Roberge. Neighbors are listed on the attached sign in sheet.

**Spokane Police Update:** Doug Strosahl - 3 chronic nuisance homes in the North Hill Neighborhood were abated in the past year. Additional NROs have been hired. The Police Dept has divided up the boundaries and we will be getting a new NRO.

Detective Carr is working on abandoned/vacant homes. There are 3 in the North Hill Neighborhood that have had complaints submitted.

Officer Mike Roberge is working with the Garland Business District on a new pilot program - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). He has reviewed the stats for incident complaints and has surveyed the neighborhood for opportunities to make changes to reduce crime opportunities. They will initially start the program in the Business District and once established, it will be broadened to include the Garland neighborhoods around the District.

**Guest Speaker** – Samantha Purcell was unable to attend and will be scheduled for another time.

**Fire Station #13** Due to a Safety Grant there will be increased staffing at some of the Fire houses. The Wellesley House is hoping to get another person.

**Garland District** – Julie Shepard introduced a new business on Garland, Nigel is opening Spokane Bike Repair. They are moving into the space that used to be Spokane Music Institute. Tyler from Beerocracy was there as well. There will be a Pub Crawl on St. Paddy's Day.

**Traffic Calming** – Mike Flahaven, Jeff Zabinski and Julie Shepard met with Bob Taylor, Kevin and Katie Myers from the City to discuss projects for consideration in North Hill. Several areas of concern were shared at meeting that will require more study by the traffic department:

- Garland rush hour traffic turning north and south onto Monroe
- Traffic merging from two lanes into one lane south bound on Post at Garland and north bound on Wall at Garland.
- Madison School – Rowan and Nebraska sidewalks directly west of the school and the crossing signal at Wall.

3 traffic calming projects were presented by Mike for support by our neighborhood. The applications are due in early April. The neighborhood voted to support the following traffic calming projects for this year:

- Support Emerson Garfield request for the addition of a marked crosswalk on Post St. at Cora.

- Upgrade the Willard School crosswalk signal light at Monroe and Heroy.
- Complete part 2 of a two year project to install missing sections of sidewalk on Lacrosse between Wall and Normandie (Clark Park).

**Community Assembly:** In Sandy's absence, Mike discussed a few items. Pedestrian Traffic & Transportation (PETT) Meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm Will be discussing the Initiative for Sidewalk Infill. Chief Meidl will discuss Outreach for Crime Prevention.

If neighbors are needing help assessing their trees for safety and health, Garth Davis of Urban Forestry can come and assess the trees on your property. His number is 509-535-7274 Ext. 212

STA is looking for input on the Central Line from Browne's Addition to SCC via Gonzaga.

**April Clean Up** The North Hill Neighborhood cleanup date is April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 1104 West Heroy. Volunteers are welcome. We have 3 events scheduled:

- Clean Green drop off
- Dump Pass Distribution
- Large Furniture Curbside Pickup by registration

Volunteers are needed and welcome

**Community Development:** Buzz – They have not met yet, so no report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.