

North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting Notes for February 13, 2014 at Willard School

Attended by: Jeff Zabinski, Mike Flahaven, Sandy Gill, Buzz Bellessa, Ruth Snyder, Bonnie Stewart, Randy & Renae Marler, Teresea Van Dyke, John Lange, Bill & Cheryl Fogg, Ben Stuckart, Steve Salvatori and Richard Rush. Jeff began the meeting at 6:30 pm. Mike recorded the meeting notes. We reported that the minutes to the previous neighborhood meetings were posted on our web site.

Council Member Steve Salvatori gave a city council update.

- Council has approved the recent Tentative Agreement with the police guild.
- The City has sold the valley and north solid waste transfer stations to the County. There should not be a change in our solid waste rates. Efforts will be made to assist City employees who will transition with this change.
- February 24th the council will consider a resolution to support the concept of a limited Port District in the Washington legislature.
- February 24th the Council will consider a resolution to take a neutral position on the Spokane Tribe desire to construct a casino in Airway Heights. Last year the Council opposed the casino development on this site.

Council President Ben Stuckart discussed a proposal to allow Urban Farming in Community Development neighborhoods in the City. Urban Agriculture would permit market gardens that would allow residence to sell produce, fruit, flowers and eggs that they grow/produce. Urban Agriculture would permit small livestock to be raised. All Urban Agriculture efforts would have to meet city ordinances and license requirements. A resident raising small animals would need certification through the WSU Extension Office.

Stuckart's proposal brought a lively discussion from the neighborhood with folks that support the proposal and with folks that had concerns with raising animals in the neighborhood. An informal straw poll indicated that 100% supported allowing only market gardens. Another straw poll indicated that approximately 60 % supported both animal and market garden in the neighborhood. Those in favor support the pilot approach in which the city will learn whether further refinements are needed.

Sandy gave a Community Assembly Report. CA had earlier discussed a goal as being an "Equal" partner to City Government. Our neighborhood thought that the CA should be a "Recognized" partner to Government. Sandy will present this to the next CA meeting.

Traffic Calming applications are due March 10th.

Because of a snow storm the Clean-up meeting has been rescheduled for February 27th.

Buzz gave a Community Development Block Grant update. Our neighborhood has approximately \$8000 allocated for street trees and we will need to determine places to plant trees or reallocate the funds. Richard Russ had the name of a tree person he will share with Buzz.

New sidewalks and replacing damaged sidewalks has been a priority for our neighborhood. Sidewalks receive a 1 to 1 match in CDBG funds from the city. John asked if a sidewalk could be considered on the east side of Monroe on the upper ledge. He walks the dirt pathway all the time.

Mike discussed traffic calming ideas. Spokane Public Schools has raised concerns about excessive speed on Monroe at the Heroy intersection where there is a crossing light and crossing guard. They would like to see the mobile radar sign placed near the crosswalk to indicate vehicle speed. There is

no parking space along Monroe nor a parking strip along the sidewalk which may be a problem for placing the mobile radar sign. Also suggested was to consider the mobile radar sign at the Wall and Queen intersection where there have been accidents.

Possible traffic calming projects discussed:

- Sidewalk Bump-out on Garland at the Lincoln intersection
- Pedestrian activated flashing light on Garland at Lincoln
- Traffic Signs or traffic circle at Courtland & Cedar (Contact Rowland for input)

The neighborhood supported the idea of installing bump-outs on Garland & Lincoln. Need to discuss with businesses.

The next meeting will be at Willard School on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

NHNC Meeting Attendees – February 13, 2014

Jeff Zabinski – Chair

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Sandy Gill

Bonnie Stewart

Ruth Snyder

Kelly Patrick

Randy & Renae Marler

Bill & Cheryl Fogg

John Lange

Ben Stuckart

Richard Rush

Steve Salvatori