

North Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting Notes for January 8, 2015 at Willard School

Attended by: Jeff Zabinski, Dan Fears, Ginny & Roy Butts, Karen Stratton, Dale Krwon (spell ?), Holly Renga, Ruth Snyder, Teresea Vandyke, Buzz Bellessa, Cliff & Sarah Winger, Carrie Ferran, Julie Shepard Hall, NCO Officer Doug Strosahl, Eric Bolstad, Jim Marchioro, Mike Flahaven, Melissa Wittstruck, Sandy Gill

Jeff began the meeting at 6:30 pm. Mike recorded the meeting notes.

Neighborhood Conditions Officer, Doug Strosahl provided a Police update for the neighborhood and asked if there were questions for him. A concern was raised about pan handlers operating on Monroe at Garland near Kim's Teriyaki and that urination is occurring in the alley behind Kim's. A discussion occurred regarding possible action. Doug reminded people to avoid leaving items in your vehicle because of prowlings.

Council Member Karen Stratton provided a council update. Amber Waldref has been working on Centers & Corridors designations and there will be a presentation February 4th at the West Central Community Center. A photo speed pilot project is planned for 3 schools in Spokane: Finch, Longfellow and Stevens schools. The city has received a 3.7 million dollar grant to reconfigure Monroe Street from Indiana to Kiernan Avenue. This will include lane reductions, lighting and curb extensions.

Two speakers (Mark and Linda) from District 81 spoke about the upcoming Bond and Levy vote this February. A discussion followed.

Sandy gave a report for Community Assembly. She shared that she had recently met with the Mayor to discuss the CD programs and processes. The next Meet and Eat will be in Chief Garry Neighborhood on January 29th at 5:30 PM discussing Pride Prep a new charter school. The CA will meet tomorrow, January 9th. One item of discussion is Short Term Rentals (30 days or less). There is more to learn about this type of business. Most of those present were more concerned about their experience with longer term rentals than with short term rentals.

Buzz provided a CDBG update. The rules for Community Development Block Grants funds are changing. There is a new task force being created to review the process. A competitive application process is being considered where neighborhoods may be able to combine their funding for shared projects.

Sandy was asked about neighborhood planning and she had no updates.

Julie Sheppard Hall provided an update for the Garland Business District. The District did not receive the Impact Capital Grant but she learned a lot about the process and will be better prepared for the next grant application. May 1st is the proposed date when volunteers are needed to plant trees and shrubs for the Green Grant. The Garland Street Fair is scheduled for August 15th.

Melissa Wittstruct with the City shared some deadlines. March 2nd the Traffic Calming proposals are due. June 1st is the deadline for neighborhood cleanup projects. Greening Grant applications are due June 29th.

Ruth reminded us that the COPS fund raiser at Sprague Lake rest stop is July 18 & 19 (Sat & Sun).

Mike asked for suggestions for the mobile traffic radar signs. Sites suggested include:

- Maple Street north bound at the top of the hill near Kiernan Ave.
- Mable Street north bound just north of Ridgeview Elementary after the bend.
- Queen Ave near Franklin Park

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.