

**NORTH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**September 12, 2024**

Meeting called to Order – 6:30 pm

Introductions were made

The Agenda was presented and a motion was made by Dan Brown to approve.

Seconded by Julie Shepard. The motion passed.

The minutes from June had been via email. A motion was made by Tyler Runyan and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. The motion was passed.

Spokane Police Report – no representation was present.

City Council Report – no representation was present

Guest speaker - Ryan Shea with the Wheelshare Program. The Lime Scooters and bikes have tracked over 250,000 trips in Spokane. There has been a consideration to add scooters with seats. In areas where there are parks, and downtown, speeds are being controlled to 15 mph. Last year they implemented a slow zone in the Garland Business District so the scooters/bikes could not run more than 7 mph. The only place where scooters can't go is on the sidewalks downtown. Using this program reduces vehicle trips. Lime uses a rebalancing program to distribute the number of scooters and bikes around the city every 48 hours.

Office of Neighborhood Services – no representation was present.

Traffic Calming/Cleanup Report – Mike Flahaven. The Spring clean up event was the curbside pickup and was successful. There will not be an actual clean up event for Fall. However, there are City Disposal passes in the amount of \$25. We received 34 passes. They are good until October 31<sup>st</sup>. You can request a pass through the email [northhillspokane@gmail.com](mailto:northhillspokane@gmail.com). There are still a few left.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods – Liaison, Dan Brown shared about the Spokane Neighborhood Summit. It will be held Nov 2 from 8am – 1:30pm. For information and to register

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/spokane-neighborhood-summit/>

The cost is free and open to any current or aspiring member of a Spokane Neighborhood Council.

The Good Neighbor Award is limited to 3 nominations per neighborhood. Nomination forms are coming.

There was also discussion regarding the need for liability insurance for councils.

Community Assembly Report – Liaison Dalin Tipton shared about a Spokane Parks presentation. They are offering grant opportunities for neighborhood park improvements. There was discussion about making CA meetings more accessible for neighbors.

Julie Shepard suggested that we apply for a grant to install 2-3 benches at Ruth Park. The motion was presented by Dalin and seconded by Lois McClain. The motion was passed. Dalin will get more information for the next meeting.

Garland District - Alexa Shortell shared about the new Board of Directors. She is organizing a vendor event for Halloween on October 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon – 6pm. This is a community event with many activities. KSPS will be sponsoring a movie at the theater.

The board is working with Darya Pilram, from Economic Recovery Corps on developing a plan to get Garland appointed as a Creative District for the Washington Arts Commission.

North Hill Strategic Plan – Scot discussed the last North Hill Neighborhood Action Plan was developed in May 2015. It is time to create a new action plan. It was suggested that we create a subcommittee to work on a new strategic action plan. There will be additional discussion at the next meeting. If anyone is interested in working on this plan, please contact Scot.

There was some discussion from neighbors regarding new multi-family housing being built on small lots such as the triplex being built on Adams and Decatur. There was some discussion regarding how we have sensible planning and development.

City Council Town Hall for District 3 – Scot created a presentation for the Town Hall meeting that will take place on Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Each neighborhood council will have 10 minutes to present to the City about what has been happening in their neighborhood, their concerns and their accolades. Scot added information regarding the new construction in the neighborhood and lack of communication with the council by the developers.

Old Business:

Street Asphalt Art – no representative was present.

New Business – nothing

Neighborhood Concerns/Issues (Open Forum)

One of the neighbors came to discuss the Jewels Helping Hands shelter that was opened a few months ago. The neighbor had to leave but the matter was discussed. The scattered shelter model is being implemented around Spokane neighborhoods, but

neighbors are not notified about these shelters. The idea is to have neighborhoods share the burden of the homeless population rather than it being focused downtown.

Summer picnic – Thank you Julie Shepard, Scot Webb, Mike Flahaven & Sandy Gill for their work in planning the picnic. It was agreed that we should start planning earlier and create an even larger event.

A motion was made by Dalin Tipton to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Monson.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Four Letter Word Event.  
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