

NORTH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
Minutes

**Meeting called to order - 6:30 Thursday, March 13th**

**Introductions**

**The agenda** was approved. Proposed change to add a discussion about supporting Emerson Garfield with a letter for Community Development Grant was approved.

**February meeting minutes** were approved

**Emerson Garfield- CDBG** - Bathroom and pathway improvement at Emerson Park - We passed a motion to send a letter of support for their grant application. Scot will send a letter of support.

**SPD** - New neighborhood resource officer -Tyler Heiman - his cell is 509-873-4760, Email is the best to have a paper trail. His email is - [theiman@spokanepolice.org](mailto:theiman@spokanepolice.org). He is not a replacement for crime check or 911 calls.

- NRO program was missed and he is glad it is back. He has been more in the southern part of the city and is happy to be learning and supporting the north end.
- He covers Kendall Yards to Indian Trail
- Burglary numbers have dropped drastically and now the police emphasis has moved to a different area. Most burglaries were opportunistic crimes so remember to lock things.
- If there are problem houses, he can help with that. He can spend more time on chronic nuisance places.
- He refers to the crime check documentation so it is necessary that we keep calling about problem areas.
- He encouraged us to ride along. Anyone can do this. Email Tyler to figure out how to do a ride along.

**City Council** - Zach Zapone [zzapone@spokanecity.org](mailto:zzapone@spokanecity.org)

- Council approved Rowan and Maple/Ash stop lights to be put in in 2026
- Post street between Garland and Walton will turn into one lane with more parking on either side of the street.
- Homelessness - City Council would like to know how to increase transparency on new shelter sites. Good neighbor agreement with the shelters will be in place. Send feedback to the council.
- Empire health is in charge of who gets to run a shelter in the city

**Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) - Gabrielle Ryan.**

- Disposal passes are available to request online or at City Hall
  - Amber made a great video about going to the waste to energy facility for folks to watch

- Plan 2046 comprehensive plans - Thursday March 27th 5:30-7 District 3 meeting will be at Shadle Library- very important to get our input in for the next 20 years of Spokane.
- Event- Strength finder workshop - Wednesday May 7th 6-7:30 West Central Community Center
- It is the 25th anniversary of Neighborhood Council being codified into the city charter- They are figuring out how to celebrate this. They are creating a Zine about how to get involved in the city. Zine release @ Lilac City Live - Central Library Thursday April 17th 7pm start time. Event from 8-9. Resource fair, awesome stuff to see from the library archives and more.

### **Traffic calming**

- 2025- \$6,500 grant for each neighborhood
- Thursday May 8th is our curbside event - postcard will be coming out
  - We may increase from 3 to 4 items this time
- Dump passes are available now and will be until the funds run out. You can get a \$30 pass.
- Beautification project - We should be thinking about where we might want to do this in the neighborhood. We can get a 6 foot dumpster for a weekend - Need to pick what we want to do and a date and time for the project, then we can apply. We will discuss this next month. We have had successful experience doing the art alley in other years.
- Radar feedback signs- we can apply for 3 locations and we will likely get 2 signs - Mike will submit app early April

### **Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) -**

- The Fire Marshall is really interested in parking issues. They will take action if they can't get a firetruck through.
- Empowering communication workshop- Hive 10:30-11:30 March 22nd
- STA Route 33 is going to be expanding - and STA plans to create more of a reduced fare for low income folks.
- BSN meeting March 15th @ the Hive

### **Community Assembly -**

- District 3 town hall will be in September - each neighborhood in the district gets a chance to share- the topic will be Public Safety, traffic calming and homelessness. City council and other folks will be there.
- Joint CA/CC meeting on March 31st
- Sara Bauer was approved by the CA to be the liaison to the CHHS board

### **Community Engagement Grant, \$850 - Plan to spend:**

- Neighborhood gathering August 14th @ Ruth park
  - We will use \$200 for food
  - \$400 for a musician
  - \$50 for marketing the event
  - Use remaining funds to potentially use for a new feather sign

### **Old Business**

- Houseless Liaison Vote - postponed
- Street Art Design -
  - We will ask Chris to change a few things, replace one of the circles with some more true native representation and make it look like more of a movie reel.

**Creative District** - Meeting will be Tuesday the 25th 5:30-7:30 inside the Garland Theater. Come give input.

**New Business - Pride Day Involvement** - If you would like to volunteer for events, let us know and we can connect you to the contact.

### **Neighborhood Concerns/Issues**

- Proposed Development on Cora by Faith Bible Church - Development to begin in April. Market rate apartments with plenty of parking.
- Reminder to engage the new NRO about problem drug houses. If we all keep calling crime checks and talking to the NRO we can collectively help to get action taken against them.

**Treasurer report** - \$450 ish

**Next Meeting** - April 10th, 6:30-8:30pm @ Four Letter Word