

NORTH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
Minutes

**Meeting called to order - 6:30 Thursday, April 10th**

**Introductions**

**The agenda** was approved.

**March meeting minutes** were approved

**SPD Lieutenant Ben Maplethorpe -**

- A prominent burglar was released from jail and burglary numbers are up. They are running extra patrols but that is more over near the Shadle area. Reminder to keep things locked up.
- Neighbors noted that Tyler, our new NRO (neighborhood resource officer), has done a lot about problem houses. There was gratitude expressed for that. Remember to email him if you would like to connect.
- Keep reporting things to crime check so the officers have data.

**City Council - Absent for Spring Break**

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

- ONS Department news:
  - Department is short staffed, but a new Director will be starting in June.
  - Annie has moved over to Engineering so there is a new Community Programs Coordinator position opening that will be filled after the new director begins.
- Browne's addition council has been highlighting a resident who did impactful work in their neighborhood. If other neighborhoods would like to do this, Channel 5 News has offered to help cover short videos about residents in a neighborhood. Great way to document history in your neighborhood.
- Lilac City Local (Library magazine) is featuring the Neighborhood Council
- Events and activities:
  - April 17th Lilac City Live - Central Library 7-9pm. ONS will share their Zine (Magazine), on understanding city gov't and how it operates. There will be booths, popcorn, and beverages. Main event starts at 8pm.
  - Water Wise Wednesday Workshops 5:30-6:30pm South Hill Library on Perry, every Wed. in April
  - Bylaws Clinic put on by Gonzaga Law will be at Shadle Library on 4/29 from 6-7pm
  - Strengths Finder Workshop - Clifton strengths will be held on 5/7 from 6-7:30 @ the West Central Community Center
  - Golf courses are open
  - Skate ribbon is open for roller skating and scooters

- April through August activity guide just dropped in the Spokane Rec Guides

### **Traffic calming and other Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike Flahaven**

- Funding will run out soon for Dump Passes for this season.
  - Go online or go to City Hall to request one while supplies last
- North Hill Cleanup day will be May 8th
  - You can put out four items on your curb.
  - We have a postcard coming out that will have all the nitty gritty of what is allowable and what is not.
  - Post card has the Summer Picnic listed on it as well
- We applied for the Mobile Radar Signs to be placed on Wall both North and South bound near Rowan.
- Garland International Market starting May 6th

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

- Music Under the Oaks for July - Hayes park
- Resource fair in the fall will be on Gonzaga campus
- Emerson park will be the new location for the Emerson-Garfield Farmers market
- All neighborhoods have completed or signed up for the training for the Community Engagement Grant. Nice work!
- Balboa neighborhood has gone dormant.
- BSN next meeting is 4/19 and following the meeting Gabby and ONS cohort will be showing and demonstrating the equipment that is available to all the neighborhoods. 4/19, 10:30 am at West Central Community Center.

### **Community Assembly -**

- Tuesday Nights between Mother's Day and Father's Day, 6-7:30pm at City Hall, there will be community meetings to discuss the fentanyl issue. This is started by a mother in Spokane who just lost her son. This series kicks off under the Pavilion on Mother's Day, May 11th at 6pm.
- CA voted to accept the draft resolution that says the no minimum parking requirements aren't working in all circumstances. This resolution went to council.
- The Land Use Council could use more attendance from all neighborhoods.
- CA is looking for a hybrid meeting moderator. If you know someone, contact CA.

### **Community Engagement Grant - Plan to spend:**

- Neighborhood gathering August 14th @ Ruth park
  - We will use \$200 for food
  - \$400 for a musician
  - \$50 for marketing the event
- Scot got quote for a new Feather Sing from Build a Sign for \$100
- It was brought up to redo our logo

- Scot and Julie met with a local artist who would do a new one for free and Scot proposes giving the rest of the funds to that artist (so about \$100)

### **Old Business**

- Street Art Design -
  - Chris did a redo of the art and changed to include a feather and sun
  - Plan to have this done by July
  - Motion was approved to approve this design
- CDB Grant
  - We have put in for \$8000 for the grant which is small compared to other neighborhoods
  - All neighborhoods total have asked for double the amount of the entire grant.
  - We have asked for 2 benches for Ruth Park. We are hopeful that we will get it since it is such a small ask.
  - We are still in the running and we will update the council once we know more

### **New Business -**

- **ARPA Grant** - Installation of Lights in the Trees is on the docket. Small activation grants for Garland Business District are open for application
- **Creative District** - They held a successful meeting last month and did an asset map and began the application.
- **Scot will be leaving the chair role at the end of his term.**
  - **Contact Scot if you would like to discuss stepping up into this role.**

**Treasurer report** - \$450 ish

**Next Meeting** - Thursday May 8th, 6:30-8:30pm @ Four Letter Word