

NORTH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes

Meeting called to order - 6:30 Thursday, May 8th 2025

Introductions

The agenda was approved.

April meeting minutes were approved with a few minor changes

SPD Lieutenant Ben Maplethorpe -

- As of the beginning of May, they got motorcycle officers back together and added one more for a total of 4. Traffic education and safety is the goal and in one day they issued over 60 tickets. Spokane has a fatal crash and speed problem and they are hoping to drive those numbers down.
- Our RO (Resource Officer) is Tyler Heiman theiman@spokanepolice.org. Reach out to him with any concerns.
- Call 311 for code violations like junk in the yard and abandoned vehicles.

ARPA Grant Update - Josh Cleaveland

- Josh works with the business districts to determine how the funds will be spent. Currently Garland, Hillyard, S. Perry and N. Monroe are all getting ARPA funding.
- Garland is in phase 2.5. The first phase was outreach with the district and neighborhood. Phase 2 is the small activation grants which businesses could apply for.
- The top priorities gathered from outreach are sidewalks, facade updates, trash removal, safety and lighting.
- Visit preservewa.org/spokane to learn more.

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) - Gabrielle Ryan.

- ONS Department news:
 - The New Director of ONS is Heather Hamlin and she will be starting in June.
 - Neighborhood summit is October 25th, 2025.
 - Applications for workshops are due July 10th. You can email workshop proposals to spokaneneighborhoods@gmail.com.
- SNLA (Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy) - Consider applying for next year as the program is fully funded again.

City Council - Zach Zappone -

- City is applying for creative district designation.
- They have allocated money for opioid funding in partnership with the county.
- There will be 4 different laws around holistic housing and homelessness , enforcement side - ban on camping , good neighbor agreement side of it.

Traffic calming and other Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike Flahaven

- North Hill Cleanup day was May 8th.
 - If anyone had items that didn't get picked up, they can call 311.
 - Mike will reach out to Amber at ONS to find out how it went for the city.
- May 24th was the Art Alley Clean up day.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) - Dan Brown

- As a reminder, there are lots of items to be checked out from ONS to use for events.
- Music Under the Oaks for July - Hayes park.
- Resource fair in the fall will be on the Gonzaga campus at the Hemmingson Center.
- Emerson park will be the new location for the Emerson-Garfield Farmers market.

Garland Updates -

- Global food market is happening Tuesday's 3-7pm in the Gathering House parking lot
- Local Knits is going in where Chris Bovi's shop was on Garland.

Old Business

- CDB Grant
 - Our request for \$8000 toward benches in Ruth Park was approved. We will be getting two new benches.
- We reviewed some ideas for a new logo for North Hill. Scot was going to give feedback back to the artist.
- **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.**

New Business -

- **Laura** shared about her experience doing Clifton Strengths Workshop that ONS helped put on.

Treasurer report - \$450 ish

Next Meeting - Thursday June 12th, 6:30-8:30pm @ Four Letter Word