

NORTH HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Minutes

Meeting called to order - 6:30 Thursday, June 12th, 2025

Introductions

The agenda was approved with minor changes. Together, Spokane Bond cannot make it tonight. Proposal to replace with discussion of plans for August gathering. Motion was approved.

May meeting minutes were approved.

SPD no rep here today

City Council - Zach Zappone

- The big thing on everyone's mind is the protest from yesterday. The Council and Mayor are gathering information and they hope to keep learning from what happened.
 - The Trump Administration has shown that they intend to keep ICE doing things like this.
 - The protest started with ICE taking people who had work visa permits that were revoked and intended to send them back for asylum. These people were friends of Ben Stuckerts and had the intent of helping them. It was an act of civil disobedience.
 - Kootenai police were not involved but were called in just in case anything else happened in the city.
 - SPD did not use tear gas or rubber bullets but they cannot confirm if the county officers didn't use rubber bullets. They are waiting on the sheriffs to confirm that.
 - There were bad actors but by and large most people who protested were peaceful.
- There is a homelessness ordinance coming up at council on 6/12
 - Home Starts Here
- STA - new CEO task force has recommended sending one person forward. Zack opposed this as he felt there should be multiple finalists for the city to choose from. The citizens advisory board recommended the same.
- A neighbor thanks the city council for the camera that they got on Courtland.

- Keep reporting the parking violations/code enforcement issues. Having them documented is key.

Together Spokane Bond - Unable to attend

New logo - Mervin - art deco logo style

- Logo was discussed and folks wanted it to look more like a house. We will revisit and vote for the logo at our September meeting.

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) - Gabrielle Ryan.

- There are a ton of free summer events. Check the ONS newsletter for all the up to date information on these.
- There are a bunch of yard games and things to be checked out from ONS.

Ruth Park Gathering - August 14th

- hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers
- Sarah Schlick - volunteered to bring a grill as well as Scot and Julie
- River Latin band will play

Traffic calming and other Neighborhood Cleanup - Mike Flahaven

- Cleanup was a success- not a lot of garbage. About 20 folks showed up.
- Mike picked up dump passes
- Radar feedback signs were approved

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) - Dan Brown

- Month off of BSN
- Dan is on the Budget Committee and they will be reviewing the neighborhood budgets soon for next year.
- STA- public meeting 6/24 GU hemingson center 4-6 on the Division Project

Community Assembly Report - Sara Bauer

- Laura came to CA and will likely be one of our CA reps soon.
- Plan Spokane will be the comprehensive 20 year plan starting next year. Planspokane.org and you can email them at planspokane@spokanecity.org. They plan to have their first draft out early 2026.
- Spokane Neighborhood Summit is free and open to all and will be October 25th held at GU. Make sure to get a ticket.

Garland Business District News -

- Sidewalk sale on July 25th and 26th.

- Kitty Klitzke was at the meeting. They are thinking about reducing Post to one lane and making diagonal parking in the other lane. They are thinking about striking the street to make parking spots clearly marked on Garland.

New Business -

- **Dan** - Creative District meeting this coming Tuesday.
 - Discussing doing second Saturdays on Garland.
- **Check-out system at the Library** - utilize the tickets and discover passes and music lessons at the library. Free head shots at the library as well. "The library of things"
- **Street Art** - near Madison Elementary should be completed around July 8th.
- **Jesus fest** - Questions from neighbors around what this event is and who put it on. Large city permit required for this event.
 - Concerned neighbors would like to discuss the process by which this permit was required. Businesses were not informed that the street would be blocked.
 - Gabby with ONS suggests contacting Danielle with the city at 509-625-6195. Danielle is the ring leader of all the people involved in permitting. She may have some information that could be helpful.
- **Facebook** - Reminder that we have a Facebook page for the neighborhood and the council. Be sure to remember to join both of those.

Treasurer report - \$486.72

Next Meeting - Thursday September 11th, 6:30-8:30pm

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