

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

6:30 PM @ West Central Community Center

For accuracy, members and guests, please sign in before taking a seat

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If you have attended at least 4 meetings in the last calendar year you may be by written request, become a voting member.

For excused absences please call or e-mail: Steve Corker at 509-230-3901 or at scorker@ix.netcom.com

Welcome and Introductions

Present: Arielle Anderson, Michelle Bennington, Mike Brakel, Steve Corker, Kelly Cruz, Ken Cruz, Kevin Brownlee, Naomi Flaherty, Shari Frankovic, Judith Gilmore, Kay Howard, Jen Hussey, Steve Kounkel, Toni Lodge, Jessie Norris, Helen Sandifur, Jo Ann Stewart, Stephanie Swan, Larry Swartz, and Jeremy Williams.

Excused: Mary Fryback and Bonnie McInnis.

Guests: Paula Binkooki SFD – Station 3, Sarah Brandon, John Cappalano SFD – Station 3, Stephanie Golgsmith, Christine Kimball, Kristina Hines, Harry Lawrence, Kimberly Lawrence, Candace Mumm Spokane City Councilwoman, Greg Ritchie, Ben Serr, Dan Wolfe SFD – Station 3.

WCNC Meeting was called to Order at 6:30pm

Dump Passes: 107 passes were used in the fall dump pass effort, with 22.11 tons of trash collected, at a cost of \$2,037.00. \$866.00 of credit was returned to the City. For the year, the neighborhood collected 46.06 tons of trash, more than double last year's effort, at a total cost of \$5,613 to the City. Most all dump passes distributed were used. Great effort by all. And, thank you Mary Fryback for your leadership in this effort.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Kounkel reported that he is preparing the Annual Report for the Office of the Secretary of State in Olympia. This report is required to keep our non-for-profit status. Current checking account balance is \$269.39 and our savings account balance is \$381.92. There were no changes from last month's balances.

Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Requests: Judith Gilmore and Mike Brakel organized and presented materials on each of the requests submitted. Each project was presented and time was provided for each project sponsor to speak. Explanations were made about the types of projects that could be funded. Neighborhoods cannot seek funds for purchases such as a printer or gas range, but can only do capital projects if they are a part of the infrastructure, such as carpet tiles, which were requested by the WCCC. Due to the changes in the Federal procedures and regulations, it is recommended that the process of suggesting projects next year begin in August or September of 2015 for 2016 requests.

Suggestion: Dutch Jakes Park - Light and Restrooms Request, \$7,000: The cost of a restroom would exceed \$50,000. We do not have enough funds to consider this request. So it was removed from consideration for 2015. Lighting options included bigger lamps on existing lamp pools or an additional lamps pole. It was suggested to put lighting under the existing tree canopy. The police officer in attendance, Tracy Hunter, suggested that lamps under the gazebo would just get vandalized. The main concern seems to be that light is needed on the northeast corner of the Park. Lighting is seen as a crime prevention device, for crime that happens all too often in is . The Park closes at 11pm. One resident that lives east of the Park states that she would call Crime Check in the summer when people were there after the Park closed. Crime Check asked

for descriptions of how many people, what they were wearing, were they armed, and she couldn't answer because there was not enough light available to answer the questions.

Suggestion: AM Cannon Park Equipment Request, \$7,000 - There are about \$11,000 in the existing project fund for a program which was to be funded over a three year period. Garrett Jones worked on this project and the discussion centered on adding additional funds to this project account.

Suggestion: Nettleton Triangle Project Request, \$15,000: Monies requested which will be added to the \$14,500 that exists in the current project account. It was brought to the attention of the Chair, that in a motion made months ago to establish a Special Audit Committee to review the activities of the WCNC CBDG activities over the past four years, that included in that motion was a requirement that no action could be taken regarding the Nettleton Triangle Project until the Special Committee had completed its work and reported to the full Council membership.

The Chair, Steve Corker, asked if the Special Audit Committee was ready to provide its formal report. Kay Howard, the co-chair of the committee, said she could give a short oral report, but no written report was available at this time. She stated that to complete the Committee's work she recommended that an attorney and accountant be hired by the WCNC to assist in completing the Committee's work. The Chair stated he believed that the WCNC Council did not have the funds available that would be required to hire these two professionals.

A motion made to reconsider the Nettleton Triangle Suspension of Action portion of the motion made three months ago. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion is carried. With 2 abstaining, 16 yea, with no votes against the motion.

Suggestion: Sidewalk Repairs, \$15,000 - Last month there was a business man who was concerned about the trash that was left in front of his and other business in his area . Providing trashcans is a qualified expenditure under HUD. Private business and/or residences would have to agree maintain the trash cans and dump the garbage. HUD money can only be used to purchase the receptacles.

Suggestion: Sinto Senior Center, \$4,000 - Decided to withdraw their application for CDBG funds due to the fact that these types of purchases would not qualify.

Suggestion: West Central Community Council - Carpet Tiles, \$4000-\$5000 - The whole project cost is about \$11,000. Rich Harris from the WCCC stated that they are also requesting funds from Emerson Garfield Community Council. The tiles would allow for more affordable upkeep. When stains are unable to be removed, only that section of the carpet damaged would have to be replaced.

Suggestion: Lands Council Greenhouse Equipment, \$5000 - For purchasing materials to build a greenhouse inside the A Street Station. They are also requesting funding from three other neighborhoods to complete this project..

Suggestions: Sidewalk Repair, \$15,000 – Request is to apply for money to the existing sidewalks account. As a requirement of this funding, we need to state the specific blocks, fill out a form with the location, and signature of the project owner. The last two years we have submitted the same list since. There were 40 sidewalks on the list. 9 have been done to date.

With the completion of the informational portion of the discussion, we then voted to consider, or not to consider, funding each project:

The votes were as follows:

Dutch Jakes: NO

Sidewalk Repair: YES, \$15,000

Nettleton Triangle: YES, \$15,000

AM Cannon Park Equipment: NO

Business Area Sidewalk Trashcans: YES, \$3-5000

WCCC Carpet: YES, \$4-5000

Lands Council: YES, \$5000

Since the total amount of the project approved for consideration exceeded the available fund, \$32,392.63, discussion then followed on how to allocate funds between the various projects approved for consideration.

Motion to authorize \$1,392.63 for trash cans. Seconded, and passed. Kelly Cruz will be the contact to finalize the application..

Motion to authorize \$5000 for WCCC Carpet Tiles. Seconded and passed. A letter has already been submitted with all information necessary to submit the application.

Motion to authorize \$5000 for the Lands Council's Request. Seconded and passed. Judith Gilmore is the contact to finalize the application.

Motion to authorize \$10,000 for Sidewalks. Seconded and passed. Kelly Cruz will work with the residents, gain their approval and finalize the application.

Motion to authorize \$15,000 for Nettleton Triangle. Seconded, and passed. Larry Swartz will be the contact to finalize the application..

The Chair noting that the hour had reached 8:00 pm as for a motion to extend the meeting beyond 8pm. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

Motion was made to accept the final project application for CDBG funds. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

The 2015 WCNC CBDG Requests are:

Business Area Trash Cans	\$ 1,392.63
WCCC Carpet Tiles	5,000.00
Lands Council Greenhouse	5,000.00
Sidewalk Repairs	10,000.00

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Nettleton Triangle Project	15,000.00
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TOTAL REQUEST: \$35,392.63

City Councilwoman Candace Mumm: She thanked us for our patience with the new process, the changes in funding requirement and as other Federal regulation changes regarding the CDBG Program. A question was asked about the recent traffic calming project on Maxwell, near the swimming pool and across the street from the Native Projects Center. She reported that they are now legal under the new crosswalk ordinance which now includes pedestrian refuges and midways.

Ariel Anderson was thanked for updating the WCNC email list. Judith Gilmore and Mike Brakel were also thanked for their work on compiling the CBDG project requests, and for managing the process at tonight's meeting and their work to complete the application process by the November 24, 2014 deadline.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Flaherty,

WCNC Secretary