

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

6:30 PM @ West Central Community Center

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

Remember non-members, 3 out of 4 consecutive attended meetings qualifies you for membership.

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: Mike Brakel at 509-993-3339 or at mbrakel36@gmail.com

Attendance: Arielle Anderson, Mike Brakel, Kevin Brownlee, Steve Corker, Kelly Cruz, Mary Fryback, Judith Gilmore, Kay Howard, Jen Hussey, Kitty Kltizke, Steve Kounkel, Harry Lawrence, Kimberly Lawrence, Bonnie McInnis, Jessie Norris, Helen Sandifur, Jo Ann Stewart, Stephanie Swan, Larry Swartz, Sarah Tosch. Guests: Jake Miller, resident; Counsel Woman Karen Stratton; Sarah Brandon, resident; John Brandon, resident; Debra Park, resident.

Called to Order at 6:30pm

Presentation: Levy and Bonds

Speaker explained history of Spokane schools and the definition of levies and bonds. Bonds go to major construction, safety and security, etc. Levies go to education. Ballot is on February 10, 2015.

Bonds

Description was given of the major Bond projects in Phase III (2015-2021). Many elementary schools requiring upgrades and replacements. Also includes smaller facility improvements, technology upgrades and specific security and safety upgrades.

Levies

This is a proposed renewal of an existing tax. This is not a new tax but a renewal of the 2012 levy. The amounts requested are less than what was requested in 2012.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report

Everything is the same from the meeting before.

Nomination Committee

Provided a copy of the ballot with existing nominees.

City Traffic Calming Report

Applications for speed signs are due on March 1st. We need to make decisions on where these go in the February meeting. First sign goes up in June and is up for 12 weeks. Discussions around having the signs up two years in a row and/or using CDBG funds to have a permanent sign. Suggestions include adding a sidewalk. Permanent signs are approx. \$3k. Steve will try to find out how much these cost, if we can use CDBG funds, etc. Schools are doing their own thing, so neighbors should provide locations at the next meeting. (Edit: These minutes were approved with the understanding that we would note the confusing surrounding this topic. Also, traffic calming signs are only up for 2 weeks. Our confusion was resolved at future meetings.)

Neighborhood Clean Up Program

Kickoff is February 18th at City Hall @ 6PM. They are asking neighborhoods to discuss and provide feedback on the short term rental ordinance by February 6th.

CA Report

Bonnie McInnis and Council Woman Karen Stratten spoke on the recent CA meeting with the City. City is looking for a Planning Director and Community Housing Director. Feedback was provided to the city regarding the recent CDBG process. The city is still deciding how to manage the CDBG process in 2015.

There are SPD are looking at schools (Finch, Longfellow and Adams) to collect data to see if the numbers warrant some kind of process to catch speeders or violators of crosswalks.

West Central now has two officers at the community center. The city is working to improve coordination between the city and the COP Shop. It is unclear what their role is in the neighborhood. Kelly asked that a SPD come to a WCNC meeting to explain what the role is of these officers. Council Woman Karen Stratton will see if she can find out more.

Council Women Candace Mumm and Karen Stratton will have a mobile office at Shadle.

CD process is being challenged. Within 90 days the CD process will go before the CA for final approval. The application process is second to the model which is up for review in these next 90 days. Pressure to go to a competitive model OR funds should be put into a larger bucket to have a bigger impact. Steve asked if members would prefer the current or competitive model. Members indicated they need more information.

Adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Naomi Flaherty, Secretary