

# **WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

**6:30 PM @ WCCC**

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

*Remember non-members, 3 out of 4 consecutive attending meetings qualifies you for membership. On most items, when votes are taken, one vote will be for members only and a second, non-binding vote will be taken which including all participants.*

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

*For excused absences, please call, or e-mail, Mike Brakel at 509-993-3339 or at [wcnc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:wcnc.chair@gmail.com).*

**Called to Order 6:33pm**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of February 10 Agenda and January 2016 Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. This passed.

January Minute: Steve Corker and Kelly Cruz were present. There were two misspellings as well. IT was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

**Annual Council Elections**

It was moved, Seconded, and approved to elect Larry Swartz to member at large.

Steve Kounkel was nominated for Treasure. It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Steve Kounkel as treasure.

Arielle Anderson was nominated for Community Assembly Representative. It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Arielle Anderson as CA Representative.

Jessie Norris was nominated for Community Development Block Grant Chair. It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Jessie Norris as CDBG Chair.

Mike Brakel was nominated for Chair. It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Mike Brakel as Chair.

Kimberly Lawrence and Kelly Cruz were nominated for Vice Chair. It was moved, seconded and approved to close nominations. A paper vote was taken. After votes were counted, Kimberly Lawrence was elected as Vice Chair.

It were announced that there are no nominations for the role of Secretary at the start of the meeting. Marshall Cuthbert volunteered. He does not currently meet the membership requirements. It was moved we suspend the bylaws and because of the absence of a qualified volunteer to serve as secretary, we authorize the chair to appoint an acting secretary until such time as a qualifying member fills the position or the appointee fulfills the membership requirement. This was seconded and approved. Mike Brakel then appointed Marshall Cuthbert as acting Secretary.

**Traffic Calming - 15 minutes**

The following ideas were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting this month and shared with the General Council through email and during the General Council Meeting. There needs to be a residential and arterial project applied for.

“Elm & Broadway: some of you may have seen in the news that two children were hit in this intersection recently. Thankfully both survived, but it has been brought the the council's attention that this area needs traffic calming.

Maxwell and Pettet Dr near the West Central Community Center (WCCC) is of concern as pedestrians have to cross here and cars tend to speed.

In front of Bong's, on Boone, there is concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing as traffic tends to be fast.

Summit Blvd poses a risk to pedestrians who often use it likely due to access to the centennial trail. Cars tend to speed and it is cause for concern.”

A resident brought up the right hand turn at Maple and Gardner between Maple and Cedar. It was stated this was written into a planning document several years ago. The right hand turn is dangerous here and needs addressing.

Elm and College and Elm and Bridge could benefit from stop signs due to people speeding through these intersections.

It was moved, seconded and approved to apply for the Maple/Gardner project as the Residential project.

Discussion was had regarding the arterial plan.

It was moved, seconded and approved to apply for the project in front of Bong's on Boone regarding pedestrian safety.

### **Standing Committee Reports – 5 minutes unless otherwise noted**

#### **Parks**

Update given regarding working with Eastern to redesign Dutch Jake Park. As part of this discussion, the idea of turning Elm into a greenbelt is being revived. This has been in multiple neighborhood and city plans over the last several decades. Students from Eastern will start design work on Dutch Jake Park in April. The city has offered to provide a grant to compensate the students for designing Dutch Jake Park. It was moved to approve the grant from the city for the Eastern Washington students design the park. It was noted that this wording may be inappropriate. The motion was withdrawn. It was moved, seconded and approved the WCNC endorses the planning project between EWU and the city of Spokane.

A resident informed us that Avista provides grants to organizations for various projects. The application is due April 30th. It was suggested that the Parks Committee bring a proposal for a application regrading this grant and Dutch Jake Parks next month.

#### **CDBG**

The city is beginning to put together the plan for the Menu for this year's CDBG applications. She is asking for people to share suggestions for projects.

#### **Community Assembly**

February 24th there is a Comprehensive Plan Amendment meeting. The Comprehensive plan is critical as it is key in deciding what gets to be built where in the city. February 25th is a neighborhood cleanup training. It needs to be decided soon who will be coordinating neighborhood cleanup, hopefully with a committee, for our neighborhood. Other events were announced as well. Please see the city website for their calendar. Community Assembly/City Council Meetings are on the city calendar and are a great way to meet City Counsel members.

#### **Communications Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer**

\$12 for the last two months printing.

#### **Bylaws Committee**

Continuing to work on the bylaws and the various officers positions. It was announced that discussion will be had next month regarding whether it makes sense for the neighborhood to continue being a 501c3.

### **New Business**

Steve Corker thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Service for Jen Hussey, who was a active member of our council for many years and did much to serve our neighborhood.

Judith Gilmore announced that the Ash Street Station is beginning pre-apprenticeship training soon.

Concern was raised concerning the area by Summit and Bridge as trash is being dumped there and there is an abandoned car. Mike Brakel will followup with the city.

### **Old Business**

An update was requested regarding the Letter to the Parks board.

It was moved, seconded and approved to extend the meeting by 5 minutes.

Larry Swartz spoke to this stating that since there are as yet no specific things to request funding for, the executive council has not been comfortable sending this letter. One resident suggested sending the letter so that we can stop talking about it as the council has voted to send the letter. It was noted that it can be written as a letter of intent that we will be seeking funding for the plan that is being designed with EWU students. It was recognized that this has been voted on and the letter will be sent.

Kay Howard stated that she is ashamed of this Council and thinks that we owe Broadway Foods an apology.

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn a meeting at 8:05pm.