

Minutes for the West Central Neighborhood Council

From the bylaws: To be a voting member you must be at least 16 years of age, reside, be a property owner, operate a business or a non-profit organization within the boundary of the neighborhood. You must attend three of any four consecutive regularly scheduled WCNC meetings or four meetings in a calendar year (Jan-Dec.) Voting membership becomes effective at the 4th WCNC meeting at which the new member's name shall be noted in the minutes as a new voting member.

Excused absence requests can be emailed to Mike Brakel at wcnc.chair@gmail.com

All meetings of the West Central Neighborhood Council are subject to being recorded.

Members present: Arielle Anderson, Mike Brakel, Steve Corker, Kelly Cruz, Ken Cruz, Naomi Flaherty, Shari Frankovic, Dan Herbers, Kay Howard, Steve Kounkel, Kimberly Lawrence, Jake Miller, Helen Sandifur, Stephanie Swan, Brian Thomas, Morgan Thomas. Excused absences: Kevin Brownlee, Marshall Cuthbert, Harry Lawrence, Jessie Norris, David Reynolds, Milena Robison. Guests: Scott Grayban, Daniel Walters, Karen Stratton.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of previous Agenda and previous Minutes

- Changes to the minutes: Kelly would like to change the language related to homelessness to reflect that he wants to address the homeless problem.

3. House keeping 5 minutes

- Membership issues have been corrected and addressed.
- Ken is a member.
- 14 people were notified that they might be losing their membership.
- Sherri will assist Stephanie with the membership list.
- Meetings are subject to be recording.
- A sign was suggested to make people aware of recordings.

4. Clean up pilot 5 minutes

- Oct 22nd, clean-up project
 - Boone to Bridge, Oak to Lindeke
 - Pick up trash, old cars and boats, alley grading
 - Paid for by the city
 - Other neighborhoods may benefit from this pilot project
 - Volunteers are needed
- Signage, a volunteer site, flyers are needed. Please contact Mike and Kimberly for volunteer opportunities.

5. Bylaws Amendment vote 10 minutes: The vote will be about the language from the last general council meeting as goes as:

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at a regular Council meeting, providing there is a quorum, and

providing that a resolution proposing the amendment has been adopted at a preceding regular meeting and that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in the call of the meeting at which the amendment shall be voted upon. Amendments approved by the Council shall be forwarded within two weeks to the City's Office of Neighborhood Services.

6. CDBG 5 minutes

- CDBG Committee Members: Kelly Cruz, Ken Cruz, Arielle Andersen

- Project menu is available
- October 4 deadline from the membership
- Call for projects. Please contact Jessie Norris for project information

7. CA 10 minutes

- September 29th 4:30 at the WCCC to discuss comprehensive plan update
- Specific meeting minutes are available from the city
 - Planning improvements are the focus for 2017
 - Increased readability
 - Implementation
 - Residents can get information on the sub-standard housing by Googling Spokane Mayor's housing task force.
 - A lot of discussion occurred around the best approach and the impact to the neighborhood. Several groups in the city are working together to improve housing in the area.
 - Currently looking for a new CA representative

8. Parks 5 minutes

- More information available next week.
- Related to the lighting allocation in Dutch Jake's Park: this is independent of the master plan being developed. The money will only go to lighting but won't be spent until the master plan is approved

9. Treasure 5 minutes

- Only expense was the August Picnic funds reimbursed to Kimberly Lawrence

10. PETT 5 minutes

- Please contact the city if you see traffic accidents and speeding. Be sure to report specifics including the exact time of day traffic and speeding increases.

- There is extra money available for traffic calming
- Next month the city will be here to discuss the traffic calming applications available.

11. Old Business

- OPMA: Does NOT apply to the WCNC. Spokane Municipal Code 4.27. Karen will find out more information of the implications of this information (from City Legal) on the Neighborhood Councils.

12. New Business to start at 7:45

- Training for the homeless to learn cooking and basic domestic abilities
 - Why is the WC neighborhood singled out for low-income housing?
- Housing is a complicated issue. Included in the discussion was availability and accessibility along with affordability and quality. The neighborhood is asking for responsibility from the city.
- More camping in Dutch Jakes Park. Please call the police, crime check, code enforcement to report illegal activity.

13. Adjourn