**Members Attended: Mary Ackerman, Jose Ceniceros, Michele Bennington, Steve Kounkel, Sylvia St. Clair, Ken Cruz, Debbie Waltman, Jake Miller, Kay Howard, Liz Marlin, Shari Frankovic, Daniel Herbers, Scott Grayban, Steve Corker, Bonnie McInnis, Harry Lawrence, Deb Conklin
Excused Absences:**

**Visitors Attended: Chris Kuperstein, Therese Weyland, Deborah Grenehalge, Heather Trautman, Abbey Martin
Meeting Came to Order: 6:30 PM**

**Welcomes and Introductions**

**Announcement of New Members -none**

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes and call for Quorum count.**

March minutes and April agenda approved. Vote to approve January minutes passed unanimously.

**Chair Report-** Kelly Cruz

* The executive committee is considering moving the exec meeting back one week to empower the committee to distribute meeting minutes and agenda to the council body farther in advance.
* Mobile speed feedback requests have been submitted. Locations are on Belt near Cannon Park, on Broadway near Dutch Jakes, and one on Boone near the school route crosswalk
* Per our discussion in the March meeting regarding our permanent sign, the city has confirmed it was placed in the wrong location. City planning is working to correct ASAP
* Nuisance residence at 912 N Chestnut was shut down by NCO Ponto last week. If neighbors see traffic coming or going from that location, please notify Crime Check.
* Dutch Jakes Park design meeting will be Saturday 4/14 from 10-12 at Dutch Jakes Park

**Office of Neighborhood Services-** Heather Trautman and Abigail Martin

* The city is gathering more info regarding the microwave cell booster towers and will provide a presentation to the council in the near future
* Neighborhood and planning services have now combined; office is on the 3rd floor at City Hall.
* Rod Minarick is retiring and the city is now hunting for a new community program coordinator. If assistance is required with community programs in the near future, contact Abbey or Katie.
* Cleaning from the Corridor will be in Peaceful Valley on 4/28 from 9-noon
* Spokane Matters has re-launched! District 3 kickoff was held at the community center on April 9
	+ George Dahl is leading a project to rehab derelict housing
	+ Sylvia St Clair is leading a project on Walkable schools
	+ Third project is safety strategy in Shadle Walmart complex
* Parks/COPS/neighborhood councils are exploring options to welcome neighborhood events in city parks with reduced expense. Normal application process still applies, but there are options to sponsor/waive fees.
* Downtown plan update is coming and a parking study, feedback will be requested in the near future.
* ONS also is seeking info on central city line and transportation planning
* Autobahn, downriver, and minehaha are exploring planning options later this year
* City created a team to work on legislation with state of WA to change how we deal with foreclosed properties, which lifted a cap regarding charges for cleaning up those properties. Legal change also allowed lenders to go in and perform maintenance on abandoned properties.
* *Jose requested more info regarding the houses that were being moved from the carwash location on Maple/Ash. Deb Conklin provided an update, that Keith Kelly is still heading the project and seeking contractors. They are currently in search of electrical contractors, plumbing, and a mason to build one remaining foundation. If you or someone you know might be interested in this project, contact 509-251-4332*
* Health fair is coming up on 4/21 at WCCC, 20 vendors and tons of resources & prizes!
* Monroe street project shut down has begun, follow N. Monroe facebook page to keep abreast of closures
* Point in Time homeless count has been released (see attached)
* Karen is working with Councilman Fagan on repairs on Broadway, hopes to have an update soon
* Parks is working to get more activity in AM Cannon Park this summer, updates to come

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY-**

* Spokane Women’s Farm- Deb Grenehalge
	+ Program coordinates shared spaces, garden lots, and mentors for battered or at-risk women. To volunteer, donate, or access services, visit <http://www.swfarms.org>
* Project Horizon- Michele Bennington
	+ New Horizon Care Centers are holding a fundraiser for their Sun Ray Court program (serving West Central and the greater Spokane community) called “Bowling Over Addiction” on April 28 at Northbowl. They are requesting $250 to help fund the event.
	+ Motion was made to provide $250 in funding, passed with 8 for/2 against/6 abstained
* Lilac City Orchestra- Rick Harris
	+ Concert in the park is scheduled for Saturday July 14 with kids activities.
	+ Motion was made to provide $200 in funding for the event, passed with 1 abstention
	+ Neighbor Day is Friday June 1, planning is this Friday at 9AM at the community center

**COMMITTEE/ALL REPORTS -**

**1. Treasurer’s Report –** Steve Kounkel

* $250 was spent to fund the Easter Egg Hunt at Holmes Elementary last month, leaving a balance of $8575

**2. CDBG** (Community Development Block Grant) – Bonnie McInnis

* Deadline for allocation of funds is being proposed to move the start of that cycle back into October, as there is no longer a need to get funds into place for sidewalk projects
* Safe Routes to Schools program funding match no longer exists, but 5-Mile has information on how to more effectively map traffic hazards. Traffic calming funds can also be used to repair sidewalk access to improve walking routes and disability access to schools and bus stops.

**4. Community Assembly-** Ken Cruz

* (See attached CA Report)
* In addition to Stuckart’s update, police contract negotiations are in mediation right now

**5. West Central Community Center Board –** Harry Lawrence

* Building Dreams banquet will be on April 21. See the West Central Community Center website for more information

**6. Neighborhood Cleanup-** Kay Howard

* ostcards have been mailed for neighborhood cleanup April 21 from 8-noon. Dumpster location is across from Broadway Foods at the parking lot and dump vouchers are available. If assistance is needed in getting things to the location, call Kay **at least two days prior**
* Volunteers are needed to make pickups and screen materials as they come into the dumpster

Motion was made to extend business for five more minutes, passed unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS -** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Sylvia St. Clair made a motion to form the bylaws committee immediately. Motion passed with one abstention.
	+ Sylvia, Bonnie, Kelly, Ken, Elizabeth, and Rose all volunteered to join the committee

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* Meeting on the 23rd 1-4:30 at Spokane Valley Council Chambers regarding federal approval and rates with Avista and Hydro 1

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM**