

NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

June 18, 2009

June General meeting was held at Audubon Park United Methodist Church.

Meeting called to order at 7:00

Announcements: District 3 has 6 candidates running for City Council. Primary is 3rd Tuesday in August.

October 15th the NWNNA will be holding a Candidates Forum for the 2 City Council candidates that won in the primary and the 2 Candidates for Judge.

WCCC is looking for Board Members. Victor is currently on the board but the NWNNA may have a rep on the board. Chris may consider representing the NWNNA.

STA citizen advisory committee is looking for volunteers

Project coming up is "Green"

Exterior of the STA fluency

Interior remodel-\$3mil project removing escalator, removing cougar, closing upstairs.

Secretary Report: Minutes reviewed and approved

Treasurer Report: Chris reported the following

May 22, 2009 ~	Checking	\$5,325.27
	Credits (+)	1,422.00
	Debts (-)	443.47
May 14, 2009	Balance	6,303.80
	CD	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Balance		7,803.80

June Guest Speaker: Kevin Parker, Washington State District 6 Representative. Kevin gave us his brief back ground of him, and explained that he is and will be continuing door knocking to get to know the people. Members of the Association were welcomed to ask Kevin questions.

Introduction of Guest in audience: Steve Corker, City Councilman of Spokane, District 2.

NUSA: Neighborhoods USA, Victor gave a review on how well this went for not only the City, but for our neighborhood. The Pride Tour through our neighborhood was well attended and received many compliments on what a gem of an area we live in. Victor was the tour guide, and Larry was the navigator for the bus driver. Food that was served by Jeff, Chris and Diana was much appreciated as "Real Food". Total cost to provide for the 33 people was \$310.00.

Concerts: Concert costs are looking lower this year as Victor has shopped around for better prices for Insurance, and the annual Brochure. The concert on July 2nd, we will need 40 chairs. Clark Moss has offered to help Larry, but anyone else that can pitch in to help would be much appreciated.

Traffic/Safety: The board last week discussed lowering the speed limit on Belt from Longfellow to Wellesley lowered to 20 mph. Bob Turner, a Traffic Engineer explained many regulations. There are studies that need to be done for a matter like this. Steve Corker volunteered to get the people that would be involved in getting this change made together for a meeting to discuss the matter for at least a “Seasonal Right of way” as a start. Bob will work with Steve to help arrange the meeting. This meeting will include Board members of the Nwana. It was voted to have Victor write a letter on behalf of the Nwana’s request on lowering the speed limit with one opposition. Copies will be sent to the Mayor, City Council, Parks Dept., COPS Shop, and Traffic Dept.

According to Taylor Bressler, The Parks Dept. will not pay for restriping of Assembly. Nothing will happen until 2010. The Nwana proposed 2 lanes and 1 turn lane with bike lanes on both sides of the street. Jeff will follow up with Eric Armstrong who is on the Citizens Advisory Committee for this project at Albi.

Community Assembly: Larry reported the latest update on code enforcement; you may file complaints on line at: beautifyspokane.org

Spokane Budget: Spokane has a shortfall of \$7 million.

Envision Spokane- Problems that need to be dealt with as it changes in City Charter, fighting Center of Justice. Follow on line envisionspokane.org The organization has until Aug. 28th for getting signatures. 3 main ideas they are dealing with is 1) living wage; 2) providing health insurance for un-eligible; 3) housing provided for low income.

Spokane will be sued if these are not provided to each and everyone in Spokane.

Larry had a roadwork chart for the year 2010.

EWU Head coach Beau Baldwin established neighborhood councils, is involved with the community. October 10th is a home game and neighborhoods can receive discounts.

Community Gardens – Start new program contact Lori Kinnear 625-6715

Census- people will be around-will have badge and bag. Please fill out paperwork as it means more money for Spokane.

Parks/Rec: The grant that was written by Pete Duffy and Jeff Stevens will provide 6 tables with benches and 2 trash receptacles, and the Nwana also bought a 3rd one to donate at Audubon Park.

Jeff is working on a “Park Watch” at Audubon Park. Those interested need to contact him.

The city is asking for citizens to “adopt doggie bag stations” in the local parks. This is to make sure the stations are maintained, bags are available for owners walking their dogs so they can clean up dog feces.

Vandalism done at parks needs to be reported to Tony Mandunich, Park operator manager 363-5458/ Josie Dix [HYPERLINK "mailto:josediz@msn.com" josediz@msn.com](mailto:josediz@msn.com)

Albi is shut down for activities due to large construction equipment. Fences block of area.

Ribbon cutting for the Shadle Park Pool is July 1st.

Membership: From the May meeting, we have 50 voting members (Removed 3 added 1). In May, we had 16 voting members attend the meeting.

COPS- There will be no annual picnic this year. The pancake feed they had in the Spring was their annual event this year.

Night Out Against Crime- August 4th, always the 1st Tuesday of August. Please register at the COPS Shop to have one in your block.

Dump Passes: The board discussed about talking to Jonathan to get passes issued per capita to the neighborhood as we are the largest neighborhood. We would like to see dump pass records and possibly get some CDGB money to help pay. Saturday, July 18th will be the next issue of Dump Passes at the COPS Shop with the remaining ones issued Monday, July 20th. No one can reserve but you may help the elderly or disabled by bringing the correct paperwork or ID for their pass.

New Business: Fryn Bemiller announced that the WCCC will be holding its annual Spokane Rose Show June 27th. Take a rose with it's name to show it off.

*A reminder that there are **no General Meetings in July or August**. Come enjoy the Concerts Under the Pines during these months.

The next General Meeting will be September 17th at Browne Elementary at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned (9:23 p.m.)

Diana Frazier

Secretary, Nwana

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