

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL/STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2013
PEACEFUL VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Jan Loux, Chair

Attendance: Members: Carol Bryan, Susan Burns, Jan Loux, Barbara Morrissey, Matthew Phillipy, Paula Richards, Nancy Roth, Jan Yoder (steering committee neighborhood)

Members absent: Raynell Cook, Charlie Greenwood, Mary Faulherber **Members excused:** Jon Snyder, Steve Loux

Guests: Ben Gallion, Office of Ombudsman; Kevin Brownlee, City of Spokane CHHS

Reports: No report from the City Council. No report from the Spokane Police Department. **Community assembly:** Susan Burns reported on current matters; (1) the Comp Plan is in its review process. Volunteers from the City Council Districts are being selected to "consult" section reviews. Matt Phillipy agreed to attend the review of section on Parks and Recreation, though he will not be available for the May meeting. Carol volunteered to attend the May meeting. (2) money is decreasing for projects. However there are several if anyone is interested. (3) Traffic Calming: no projects this year in Peaceful Valley.

Minutes of March 13: Approved

Old Business:

PVCC building: Park's director Leroy Eadie met with Matt Phillipy, Jan Loux, Councilman Snyder and Councilman Allen. The latter four discussed their preference that the building not be demolished. However, the present building has to either be moved or demolished to make way for the (probable) CSO. Leroy said there is not enough money in Parks for maintenance, though the exact figures for this still are not clear. He verbally was amenable to a non profit group leasing the building or the space. Matt said ROW selected a different location for their business. Several possibilities were suggested. If anyone has any contacts, let Jan know. Leroy stipulated they be non commercial. The cost of the lease and other expenses are not available at this time. Barbara wondered about the "non commercial" requirement since Park Bench in Manito and several businesses in Riverfront are commercial. Parks will continue to own the Land. As an aside, Matt thought the Kayak Park was "dead in the water" at this time.

New Business: none

Guest Speakers: (1) Ben Gallion gave a slide presentation of the 2012 report from the Ombudsman office. This is also on its website. There was discussion of taser use, and non response 911 calls. Ben is actively involved in reviewing complaints and incidents. He explained that the taser incident rate includes all the times the taser didn't fire, so the statistics are distorted. The 911 operator has to triage calls, so there might be no response since officers were at a more critical location. Carol suggested these calls be returned anyhow at some time. (2) Kevin Brownlee has worked for a long time with the PV Steering Committee. For those unfamiliar with how the CBDG grant program works, it is under the CHHS, and is federally funded through HUD. It is subject to a huge number of regulations, and many steps before a project is approved. The City of Spokane gets involved in this when a city department must be consulted, ie for sidewalk repair and bids for work. It is about a year and a half from the time a Steering Committee recommends a project till it is started, if it passes all the required approvals and reviews. CHHS monitors this. PV's CDBG grant is \$20,188 this year for capitol improvements. The park projects are acceptable for removing blight.

Steering Committee: No business this meeting. Jan received copies of the survey. Matt enthusiastically proposed a barbecue be held, but the logistics still need to be worked out. The surveys could be completed there. Work on Riverwalk will resume this summer.

respectfully submitted

Barbara Morrissey, PVNC secretary, vice chair PV Steering Committee