

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

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

Members present: Susan Burns, Teresa Capps, Raynell Cook, MaryJo Faulheber, Charlie Greenwood, Jan Loux, Barbara Morrissey. Excused absences: Carole Bryan, Jon Snyder. Absent: Audrey Conner, Nancy Roth, Mary Molter, Matt Phillipy, Paula Richards

Guests: Rick Dobrow, SPD; Bill Peacock City of Spokane Engineer (waste water management) Michella Williams, staff for State Representative Ricelli. Cancelled speaker: Scott Chesney, Director of Planning.

REPORTS

Community Assembly: Susan said meeting times had been changed, so there will be nothing to report until after the meeting this Friday.

SPD: Officer Dobrow: PV crime stats showed no specific trends. The Department is in the process of interviewing for qualified applicants to fill vacancies. The goal is to raise the number of officers to the authorized number of 279, which is still low for a city our size.

City Council :no report. Jon Snyder attending another function this evening.

Riverbank stabilization second pump station. on Clarke. Bill Peacock gave a report on the project to stabilize the shoreline near the station off Clarke. This is necessary before the river washes out the sewer there. The project is estimated to begin this fall, once the permitting and hearings are finished. There will be a few weeks in which the area will not be open to the public because of the excavation and equipment there. Traffic will be slowed but not blocked. Once the work is finished plantings will be made to rehabilitate the area. He says the beach "will be better than before, with a good trail down to the river that will not lead to erosion." contact WPeacock@spokanecity.org if there are questions or concerns.

Minutes for June 12, 2013 approved

Old Business: Jan reported that she has heard nothing more about the KYRS concert so assumes it will be occurring this Saturday as planned. She has also heard nothing new about plans for Glover Field or the Community Center. Barbara reported that the websites of Rep. Marcus Riccelli and Senator Andy Billig reported that the State budget had passed. In the budget there is a Capital Budget allocation of \$230,000 for the Lower Falls Community Center in Brown's addition (Rep. Riccelli's report) or "to improve a building for the use of the Lower Falls Community Center." (Sen. Billig.). Raynell and Teresa asked Michella Williams if this meant that state money would be allocated to the LFCC. She said yes. Raynell asked if this meant state money would go to a religious group to improve their buildings, so the LFCC kids program would move there. She also asked if this meant the LFCC would then pay lease for the space which would continue to be owned by the Lutheran Church.. Michella was not sure, but added "your neighborhood supports this." Raynell, Teresa, and Barbara all raised the question of separation of Church and State in this matter, disagreeing with the generalization that "the neighborhood" supported this. Matter left unresolved.

New Business

Jan reported that the community gardens no longer have CME or LFCC support. They originally were started as an education program. Susan and Mary reported they have not seen any kids working in the gardens for some time. Susan said Audrey asked her what to do with the money people have paid to rent the beds, as she is no longer employed by CME. Susan reported several people have asked about renting garden space. As things presently stand the NC is not responsible to manage the gardens. Barbara suggested that those who are actually using and caring for them approach the city about continuation. Susan said she would seek to reorganize the program so others could access the gardens, as well as those currently using them. Barbara gave her material from the website of the city dept coordinating the community garden programs in conjunction with Parks and Utilities. There was a short discussion of whether to obtain a 503C or have someone actually using the gardens just open an account for the rents collected. The account would be used for expenses such as a new garden hose. The idea of establishing a non profit was viewed as requiring too much reporting, plus apparently there is a cost involved on doing the application and possible taxes. Susan agreed to open an account to hold the money collected.

WILDLIFE New incidents with mom raccoons and deer being aggressive around their young. Officer Dobrow said ammonia can be used to repel raccoons. Does anyone know how raccoon tastes?

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Sept. 11, 2013

Steering Committee: members same as for NC. Surveys handed in. There was a much better response than in the past. Jan will tally them and report at the September 11 meeting.

respectfully submitted,
Barbara Morrissey