

**PEACEFUL VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

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

Voting members In attendance: Carol Bryan, Susan Burns, Mary Faulhaber, Bill Foreman, Jan Loux, Barbara Morrissey, Matthew Phillipy, Paula Richards. Active members Karna Lawson, John Lawson, John Lenhart; excused: Raynell Cook, Jon Snyder. Nancy Roth will lose voting rights unless she attends January meeting. Guests: Boris Borisinov, ONS, Ben Thompson, Jon Snyder's representative

Reports: Officer Dobrow not in attendance. Carol reported there continue to be episodes of car prowling and break ins. She has reported these. Verbal response was mixed, especially to a report she called in about an incident that was not occurring on her property.

Community Assembly New proposals for neighborhoods who have not completed their neighborhood plan . Carol Deferred to Boris to explain.

October minutes for Neighborhood Council and Steering Committee. Bill moved and Carol seconded to approve as read. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

(1) Sewer repair on Main completed, with confusing signs directing traffic. During construction there was a big increase in traffic on Clarke/lower Main due to detour route to Spokane Club and Diamond Lots on Main. Before another big project comes along the neighborhood will contact the appropriate city department. Some e-mails had been sent but the response was negative. STA did not respond to Jan's request that bus service continue to be provided .Susan suggested more signage is needed at the S curve.

(2) Playground equipment grant: Jon Snyder sent the request in. Should hear back in a month. This would be an addition to already allocated CDBG funds.

(3) No new information on the CSO tank proposed for Glover Field. Jan asked Jon Snyder if she could have a copy of the letter the Spokane Tribe sent Mayor Condon in opposition to the project but has not received it yet.

(4) LFCCA did receive the state funds to remodel their center at the Lutheran Church in Browns Addition. However, the bids they received came in over the money received by about \$80K. They will continue to use the present building, aka PVCC, until funds are found for construction at the church.

(5) Impediments to walkers on sidewalks: John Lenhart received from Sali Combelic names of property owners on Main who have allowed vegetation to overgrow and block sidewalks. John will work with Sali to identify other sidewalks in the neighborhood that need maintenance. Jan agreed to write a letter of concern to these property owners as recommended by Sali Combelic. John recommended the NC continue to work with property owners to keep sidewalks clean, and free of snow, vegetation, impediments.

New Business

(1) Jan requested a nominations committee be formed to propose nominees for officers to be elected at the January meeting. Barbara declined to be secretary as the present

meeting start time was not healthy for her diabetic control. Jan asked if she would agree to remain if a different start time was ok. New start time approved is 7:00 pm, beginning in January 2014. Bill Foreman, a voting member as of tonight's meeting, was nominated to the position of Vice Chair of the NC. Other nominations can be accepted at the January meeting. Those present accepted that the current voting members be the nominations committee.

(2)Neighborhood Planning Process presented by Boris. Three proposals for distribution of funds from the City for neighborhood design planning were vetted at the last Community Assembly. PV has \$20K allocated. Boris wanted to know our preference before the Dec 15 deadline. Proposal 1 involved pooling our allocated funds to join with other neighborhoods who have not updated their plans. The planning department would hire a consultant to meet with each neighborhood who selects this option. *This consultant will meet three times with each neighborhood to assess our needs and recommendations, and develop a plan that would be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan.* Proposal 2 was to reserve our allocated funds until 2015 when we could have someone from the Planning department, or whomever we decided to hire, work with us to develop the neighborhood plan. Proposal 3 is do nothing and our allocated funds would go into a pool for other neighborhoods to use. After discussion of the pros and cons of proposals 1 and 2, the consensus was that option 1 would give us more chances to get on board ASAP. Bill Foreman was concerned that with the present zoning someone could stick an apartment in an area currently occupied by single family houses, and he would like to use the plan to take a look at rezoning. Barbara said she once had a draft of the 1985 Neighborhood Plan, but it has been routed elsewhere among the several NC officers since then. If that could be found and shared with the consultant, several steps could be saved in the process. *The decision was unanimous to accept Proposal 1.*

(3) Jan reported on the ONS cleanup committee meeting at which there was a discussion of how to best use the allotted funds (175K for all neighborhoods) for the 2014 clean up. In the past individual neighborhoods were evenly allotted a certain sum for cleanup, to use as they wished. If they used more than was allotted, that balance had to be made up to the city by the neighborhood. Last year \$6.5 k was allocated to each neighborhood. PV used only \$1.9k. Larger neighborhoods have gone over. One proposal was to have a city wide curbside pickup with any money left over to be split among the neighborhoods to use as they wished. Several wanted to use any left over funds we receive for a clean green pickup. Times to be decided. *We voted in favor of a city wide curbside pickup, with left over money to be evenly distributed to neighborhoods.*

(4) Carole met with "Angel" who has a position with the city arborist. The proposal to have fruit trees in city parks does require each neighborhood to manage the trees, pruning, cleanup, etc. There appears to be some disagreement or confusion about a policy between Parks and the arborist about allowing native Pine trees in the same space as a community garden. Jan suggested next year we invite the official city arborist to come to an NC meeting.

Neighborhood Council Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Morrissey, secretary