

Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2012

Minutes from August were approved by all present since we don't have a current policy on membership.

Bylaws: Jan Loux met with Rod Minarik at Neighborhood Services

Jan will update the wording and bring proposal for amended bylaws to October meeting

Current policy for voting members is attendance at 3 of the last 5 meetings

Jon Snyder suggested the need for sustaining the interim positions chosen during the summer

All present vote for the current interim positions to be sustained (Jan Loux, chair; Taylor Weech, secretary)

New Business:

Jon Snyder suggests bringing new police chief Frank Straub as a guest. Jan Loux to follow up.

Susan Burns Community Assembly update: City moving to design-based coding in some neighborhoods. Browne's Addition was an example where the city came to the neighborhood for input on design of new structures

Suggestion to discuss sewer/storm overflow project at November meeting, Jon Snyder can invite City to come present the options for an addition to the system in the neighborhood

Eric shared information about an art show at Bon Bon "The Hoods", neighborhood inspired art and design

Multi-family housing tax exemption: Jon Snyder shared information. The exemption is a program to incentivize multi-family housing in targeted urban centers of Spokane. The current program was adopted in 2000 and expires in 2012 unless renewed. City councilmen Snyder and Salvatori have proposed redrawn boundaries and renewal for the next five years. Peaceful Valley and Browne's Addition are not included in the exempt area under their new map. The city council vote on the new

boundaries is scheduled for Sept. 24th.

Neighborhood Council drafted this statement to present to city council: 24 members of the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council support our exclusion from the boundaries of the multi-family housing tax exemption and support the Synder/Salvatori map boundaries regarding Peaceful Valley.

Steering Committee Update-Matt Phillipy: We need to identify capital improvement projects for the neighborhood, CDBG grant. Grant money cannot be used for maintenance. We usually have \$25,000 to work with, this year we have \$21,000. The steering committee will meet four times a year, right after the neighborhood council. Patty recommends including capital improvement project ideas on the agenda for Neighborhood Council meetings that fall on steering committee meetings. Matt will bring a list to the October meeting of past funded projects. He will bring estimates for the projects suggested which include the playground under the bridge, various sidewalk ideas, solar lights on both staircases, and a skate park on the former tennis court.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.