

Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for April 18, 2018
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria

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These minutes have been reviewed, accepted and approved by the CNC executive committee.

MEETING AGENDA:

- I. Welcome/Call to order
- II. Public Safety Report (10 minutes)
 - Lt. McCabe
- III. Updates from City Council (15 minutes)
 - Lori Kinnear (lkinnear@spokanecity.org)
 - Breean Beggs (bbeggs@spokanecity.org)
- IV. Neighborhood Services
 - Melissa Wittstruck, (Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement)
- V. C.O.P.S. (community Oriented Police Services)
 - Speed Radar Report
- VI. Traffic Calming (15 minutes)
 - Bernard 37th to High Drive
 - 32nd to Grand
- VII. Guests
 - Josh Oaks with City of Spokane Parks and Recreation
 - Recreation Supervisor Summer Swim Program
 - Dana with Spokane public library updates
- VIII. Neighborhood updates
 - 29th and Southeast development
 - Road work and continuing sidewalk.
 - 32nd and Grand ADA
 - Rocks on the Bluf

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Middle School Cafeteria.

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Welcome/Call to order

Welcome by John Schram, Interim Comstock neighborhood council chair.

Public Safety Report:

First on the docket was our resource officer. In place of our normal resource officer, lieutenant McCabe, was officer Tim Ottmar. Questions were fielded from the audience. There has not been any increase in crime statistics on the south hill, but with that in warmer months, they have been noticing the homeless population starting to spread out from downtown with pressure from downtown businesses, and that there has been illegal camping occurring and the national occurrence of trash along with that. They have a protocol of bringing resources and services and delivering a 48-hour vacate notice. But that only works for one location and the individual can just move on, set up camp additionally, and next time they're caught, they get another 48-hour notice. Supposedly, the system that is set up with the system through the city will provide additional resources for finding permanent shelter and counseling and food resources.

Updates from City Council

Neighborhood Services

We had an update from Melissa with neighborhood services. The speed radar signs had been input and the slots have filled up rather quickly, so those will get implemented at the beginning of the summer more than likely, in addition to the traffic homing projects have been submitted for consideration on the East side of Bernard from approximately 37 to High Drive to the South sidewalk infield, and also the project at 32nd and Grand if no further action is taken by Washington trust to have a redo of the ADA curb ramp. Melissa also highlighted the additional resources that are available to Comstock residents.

Guests – Parks and Recreation

Guest was Josh Oaks from the city's camp parks and recreation. Free swim program was highlighted with opening dates. A swim card will be needed and registration, but everything is free for both kids and adults. Highlighting the program for free swim lessons for children under age of 18 was highlighted as well. Also different summer programs were highlighted.

Guests – Public Library

Dana with the Spokane Public Library updated the group on different functions that the Library was providing in addition to the meetings that were coming up regarding the public feedback requested regarding all of the library renovation and relocations with the upcoming bond.

When the issue came up regarding the previous communications that the South Hill branch would likely be left where it is, the communication from Dana was that it is still open for abolishment and removal with a new South Hill branch built down at Thornton

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Murphy Park taking up public park land. With that, there was general confusion within the crowd that had been there in previous months listening to executive director Andrew Chanse and a subsequent vote was called for to re-affirm that the Comstock Neighborhood Council's membership in attendance that evening that would vote for leaving the South Hill branch where it is and developing an east central location that was bigger and would service a more populous group that does not have the length and breadth of services available. That will be forwarded over to Andrew Chanse, director for the Spokane Public Library.

Neighborhood Updates

The 29th and Southeast development housing infill information will be put up online. There will be continuing roadwork and sidewalk input on primarily Arthur Street from near the 29th to 34th Streets. Next highlight was that there had been rocks placed on hiking trails down on the High Drive Bluffs and that users should be aware of that.

Finally, the ADA ramp/sidewalk issue regarding the Washington Trust building on 32nd and Grant was highlighted that John Schram had reached out to Washington Trust and they had indicated that the city of Spokane seemed to be the deciding factor in the ADA ramp not being re-done and that their desire was to get it re-done and pay for that cost. Feedback from Washington Trust prior to the meeting was that that was in the works as well.

Final order for the evening was a vote in favor of Terryl Black and John Schram to be co-chairs and the vote was unanimous in favor.