

**Comstock Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Notes for October 17, 2018  
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

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**MEETING AGENDA:**

- **Welcome**
- **Updates from City Council**
- **Public Safety Report – Officer Ottmar**
- **Report by Code Enforcement Staff Liaison - Melissa Wittstruck:**
- **Report by Library Staff – Dana Dalrymple**
- **Report Spokane Transit Staff – Mike Tresidder**
- **Presentations by Political Candidates**
- **Clean and Green Updates**
- **Next Meeting –Wednesday November 21, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**
- **Clean and Green Disposal – John Schram**

**MEETING NOTES:**

***Updates and Comstock Neighborhood Council business:***

Meeting call to order at 6:05 PM by Terry Black.

Terry Black welcomed all the attendees.

**Updates from City Council**

No council was present – no report.

**Public Safety Report – Officer Ottmar**

- Comstock is relatively quiet compared to other neighborhoods on South Hill, especially compared to Lower South Hill nearer to downtown.
- The practice of warming cars running idle unattended is an invitation for theft. Even if the vehicle is equipped with remote start thieves will attempt to steal a car that is running while unattended.
- It was noted that there is an ordinance against idling a car unattended on a public street. The fine is \$136.00
- Crime Stats: There were 286 cars stolen in Spokane for the 2 month period of July through September. Eight of those cars were left running unattended. The recovery rate is approximately 70% at this time. The recovery rate may improve as cars are reported as abandoned.

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- A new neighbor from Seattle thanked police for a timely response to his reporting of a vehicle theft.
- The best way to fight crime is to be a good neighbor and watch for any unusual activity in the neighborhood.
- With the lower cost of camera security with motion sensors, it would be a deterrent to property crime to install one.

**Report by Code Enforcement Staff Liaison - Melissa Wittstruck:**

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- Noted that the door hangers have arrived.
- Reviewed the city's snow season protocols: Highlights: the season is November 15 through March 15; cars are to be parked on the odd side of the street; trailers/boats/RVs are to be off the streets at all times (during non-snow season, the ordinance for such items is 4 hours of parking).

URL for city snow removal information:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/streets/maintenance/snow-removal/>

- Melissa suggested a good "traffic calming" project to be considered by the neighborhood is the need for a sidewalk extension on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the corner of Arthur St.

**Report by Library Staff – Dana Dalrymple [ddalrymple@spokanelibrary.org](mailto:ddalrymple@spokanelibrary.org) 509-444-5404**

- Discussed Spokane Matters 2.0 District 2 – 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue Safety and Access Project. There is an "on-the-ground" survey for residents that use 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Grand Boulevard to Regal Street. The survey is online at: "bit.ly/29thsurvey" to long into using a Google account. The URL "bit.ly/29thsurvey-nologin" is to be used without logging in through Google. Contact Ann Fennessy, Rockwood Neighborhood Council form more information: [maxfenn@comcast.net](mailto:maxfenn@comcast.net). NOTE: This survey is related to the construction project that will be adding new housing on the corner of 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and Southeast Blvd.
- There will be a "Teen Volunteer Fair" at the South Hill Library (3324 S. Perry) on Monday October 22, 2018 from 3:30 to 7:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for teens to meet organizations that need and encourage teen support. It is an excellent way to gain job experience, new skills and service credits. In addition, the Spokane Regional Health District will be providing pizza.

**Report Spokane Transit Staff – Mike Tresidder [mtresidder@spokanetransit.com](mailto:mtresidder@spokanetransit.com)**

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- Discussed the Monroe-Regal Line 5 changes regarding consolidation and elimination of bus stops. <http://stamovingforward.com/plan/projects/create-hpt-lite-bus-line-from-north-monroe-to-south-regal-with-more-sheltered-stops>
- Spokane Transit is currently reviewing changes to the bus routes related to the South Hill. The options are being reviewed for implementation in September 2019. The map and details related to the various proposals can be found via this URL: [https://www.spokanetransit.com/files/content/September\\_2019\\_Prelim\\_Proposal\\_Report.pdf](https://www.spokanetransit.com/files/content/September_2019_Prelim_Proposal_Report.pdf)

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- Discussion of the Moran Praire Park & Ride: The URL related to the Project: <http://stamovingforward.com/plan/projects/south-commuter-express-from-the-moran-prairie-park-ride>
- Residents are encouraged to provide input via the online survey at: “spokanetransit.com/input.” The general public comments are available until 10/31. Afterwards comments would need to be provided at various commission meetings related to the transit projects and proposals.

**Presentations by Political Candidates**

- Leonard Christian - <http://www.leonardchristian.com/>
- Al French - <https://www.alfrench.com/>
- Mary Kuney - <http://marykuney.nationbuilder.com/>
- Tim Fitzgerald - <https://retaintimfitzgeraldclerk.com/>

NOTE: Each candidate spoke about the issues important to them. Please refer to the web sites listed next to their names to gather details about each candidate.

**Closing comments:**

- There were still some dump passes available.
- There was some discussion about political signs and the proper display of them and how soon they need to be collected after an election.

**Clean and Green Reminder:**

Saturday 10/27/2018 from 7:30 A.M to 1:00 PM

- \* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – contact John Schram at 509-328-5627.
- \* WHERE: Sacajawea Middle School Parking lot – ENTER ON 33<sup>RD</sup> AVE ONLY – be prepared to help unload. Bags must be emptied and taken away. No loads larger than a pickup truck size.
- \* WHO: Comstock Neighborhood residents ONLY – Proof of residency required.
- \* ACCEPTED: Leaves, grass clippings, sod less than 2” thick, pine needles, pinecones, brush, limbs less than 3” in diameter and less than 4 feet long.
- \* NOT accepting: Animal waste, previously composted material, stumps, dirt, rocks, lumber.
- \* Metal recycling dumpster on site as well
- \* Hazardous waste accepted if clearly marked: Oil base paint only (latex should be dried and put to trash) unbroken CFL bulbs (no tubes), oil, batteries, antifreeze, pest & vegetation chemicals.

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:05.