

**Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for November 21, 2018
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

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MEETING AGENDA:

- **Welcome**
- **Updates from City Council**
- **Neighborhood Resource Officer – Officer Ottmar**
- **Report by Code Enforcement Staff Liaison:**
- **Report by Library Staff:**
- **Clean and Green Updates**
- **C.O.P.S Mounted Patrol**
- **Heritage of our neighborhood “historical significance” of homes**
- **Traffic Calming**
- **Next Meeting –Wednesday December 19, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

MEETING NOTES:

Updates and Comstock Neighborhood Council business:

Meeting call to order at 6:02 PM by John Schram.

John welcomed the attendees.

Public Safety Report – Officer Seth Berrow (East Central Officer stand-in for Ottmar)

- Hot topic is the homeless issue: Since there is limited shelter access due to a lack of supply, there is currently no enforcement of the “Sit and Lie.”
- Abandoned vehicles are a problem: The city council is working on an ordinance to pool monies to pay tow companies to remove abandoned vehicles from the streets.
- Dial 311 if there are code and parking questions or issues.
- A lengthy discussion ensued related to how to best deal with nuisance houses, drug houses and noise complaints. Recommendations from Officer Berrow: Stick together as neighbors. Don't assume that someone else will call in a nuisance. The number of neighbors who complain has influence. Be sure to keep all neighbors involved.
- Numbers to call depending on the situation: Crime Check at 509-456-2233 or 911 if it is a crime in progress.

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Updates from City Council

No council was present – John Schram shared the following:

- City Council is working on the “sit and lie” ordinance.
- Lori Kinnear supports no buses on High Drive as it relates to the recent Spokane Transit Route designations.

Report by Code Enforcement Staff Liaison

No representative was present – no report.

Report by Library Staff

No representative was present – no report.

Clean and Green Report by John Schram

- Curb side pick-up was changed because of the cost and was replaced with dump passes. Starting in January the neighborhood council will have dump passes available at each meeting.
- We received \$178.00 in donations from the kind neighbors. Suggested use for the money is the purchase of coffee urns for the refreshment needs of the volunteers who work at the event: I vote was taken and approval given to purchase the items.

Mounted Patrol by Brenda Yates

- History: There was originally 13/14 volunteers and they were all volunteer and self-sustained. There now about 40 people involved in this endeavor.
- Brenda shared how the horses are good neighborhood building events. It brings people into the parks.
- Brenda mentioned that the riders do carry flags: If our neighborhood wants they can create a 3ft by 5ft flag the mounted patrol will fly it. It also requires a 1” by 8’ pvc pipe.
- Officer Traci Ponto is the liaison for the police horses.

Various URL sites related to the Mounted Patrol.

- <https://my.spokanecity.org/news/stories/2018/05/30/mounted-horse-patrol-rides-again/>
- <https://www.spokanecops.org/c-o-p-s-mounted-patrol-unit>
- On Facebook as C.O.P.S. Mounted Patrol Unit
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/428015080969420/>
- Schedule: <https://www.spokanecops.org/mounted-patrol-unit-schedule-of-park-rides>

Traffic Calming overview:

- The traffic circles for 43rd Ave. are scheduled for 2019.
- The extension of the Bernard Street sidewalk from 37th to High Drive is scheduled for next year.
- Suggested traffic calming issues are the excessive speed of vehicles on Hatch along the Manito Country Club and the need for a sidewalk extension on 30th Ave at the corner of Arthur.

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Heritage of our neighborhood:

- John gave a brief overview of the recent activities of razing houses along Manito Country Club and replacing them with newer homes.

News articles related to Comstock “historical” houses :

- <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/nov/18/some-regret-loss-other-see-beginning-of-a-trend-as/>
- <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/nov/06/mid-century-design-architect-warren-heyman-receiv/>
- <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/oct/17/million-dollar-architectural-gem-on-manito-golf-co/>

Closing comments:

- John shared his remembrance and tribute of John Frederick Stolz: His efforts helped to form the Comstock Neighborhood Council.
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/spokesman/obituary.aspx?n=john-frederick-stolz&pid=190654123>
- We have door hangers that have the Comstock Neighborhood Council information on one side and a beautiful picture of the Comstock Logo on the other. It is a nice adornment for your refrigerator.

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