

**Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for March 20, 2019
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

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MEETING AGENDA:

- **Welcome**
- **Public Safety Report by the Neighborhood Resource Officer**
- **C.O.P.S. SE Report – Neighborhood Observational Patrol (NOP) Program**
- **Updates from City Council**
- **Report by Code Enforcement Staff Liaison:**
- **Report by Library Staff:**
- **Traffic Calming**
- **Open Forum for Neighborhood Members**
- **Next Meeting –Wednesday April 17, 2019 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

Welcome:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by John Schram and welcomed the attendees.

MEETING NOTES:

Neighborhood Resource Officer - Public Safety Report Detective Ty Snider

(tsnider@spokanepolice.org 385-1283) and Jake Willard (jrwillard@spokanepolice.org 625-3310):

- John Schram reiterated the usual cautionary items: Lock your cars, don't leave valuables in view in your car, don't leave your garage doors open, don't warm up your cars in the morning, lock your doors, and so forth
- Crime report for the period of 2/20 to 3/20: The handouts related to Detective Ty Snider's report can be accessed on the Spokane City Website. The URL = [Crime stats report](#).
- Lexis/Nexis provides the data information for the police department to track crimes.
- Ty shared two maps, one for downtown, and one for the Comstock neighborhood. As shown on the maps the frequency and location of crimes is mostly downtown. Consequently the police resources have a tendency to be allocated toward downtown.
- Ty discussed some tips on how to prevent being a victim of crime such as; talk with your neighbors if you see anything suspicious, install video surveillance, lock doors and so forth.
- Jake Willard introduced himself and talked about the placement of the mobile radar speed signs. John Schram will send Jake our suggested places for the signs.
- Ty mentioned an interesting documentary titled "Seattle is Dying", It is about the homeless problem in Seattle. It can be viewed on YouTube at [Seattle Homeless](#).

Crime statistics document provided by Detective Ty Snider:

- 2019-02-20 police crime repts.pdf ([Crime report link to Comstock web site](#))

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C.O.P.S. presentation by Makaya Judge

- Makaya is a volunteer with C.O.P.S. and she shared with the neighbors how she became involved with the organization through her efforts to make her street and neighborhood a safer place through Neighborhood Watch/Block Watch type activities.
- Makaya talked about the Neighborhood Observation Patrol which is dubbed as the “Eyes and Ears” for the police. Information can be found on the web at: <https://www.spokanecops.org/neighborhood-observation-patrol-nop>.
- There is always a need for volunteers: The application is available at: <https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/6ff94093/files/uploaded/Volunteer%20Application%202018.pdf>
- Another program mentioned is “Paws on Patrol”; information regarding this program can be found on the web at: <https://www.spokanecops.org/paws-on-patrol>.
- Also mentioned was the Block Watch program; information can be found on the web at <https://www.spokanecops.org/how-do-you-start-a-block-watch>.

C.O.P.S information documents distributed at the meeting:

- COPS NOP.pdf ([COPS Neighborhood Observation Patrol Brochure](#))
- COPS avoid b victim.pdf ([COPS How to avoid being a victim brochure](#))
- COPS southeast.pdf ([COPS Southeast Office Information](#))

Golf Cart Designation Presentation by Jay Affleck;

- Some residents adjacent to the Manito Country Club are requesting that some streets east of Hatch from approximately around 42nd avenue north of the country club and up to about 54th Avenue and including some streets east of Perry to be designated as a golf cart zone. This presentation was an effort to attain feedback from the Comstock Neighborhood.
- It was noted by Jay that in order to drive on the streets the golf cart and driver must meet basic motor vehicle operation standards and the cart must have basic safety features.
- The city already has an ordinance (<https://my.spokanecity.org/smc/?Chapter=16A.63>) in place that is in effect on the streets adjacent to another golf course in the city.
- The Southgate Neighborhood Council will also be notified by Jay regarding this effort.
- Melissa Wittstruck explained that the approval of the golf cart designation requires a public process that offers other residents on the designated streets the opportunity to provide any concerns they may have.
- The police officers were asked whether there was any known cause to be concerned and they did not see any issues with the designation.
- The Council neighbors present did not object to the efforts to create a designated golf cart area adjacent to the Manito Country Club. A motion was made by John Schram and seconded by Mark Teaford to indicate there was support for the golf cart zone.

Tentative map of proposed golf cart streets:

- Cataldo_Ave@homestreet.com_20180416_123801.pdf ([URL map on CNC web site](#))

Report by Code Enforcement Staff Liaison: Melissa Wittstruck: wittstruck@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6087

- Melissa provided an overview of the work she and her department participate in regarding traffic calming projects, code enforcement and so forth.
- There was a discussion about the 29th Ave traffic study and the designation of Crestline Ave as an arterial as it relates to the proposed Greenstone development of the property southwest of the intersection of 29th Ave. and Southeast Blvd.

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- There was some discussion about Whitworth University's GIVEAPALOOZA! Project of Beyond the Pines; it is a student-run public relations agency. It was noted that the Neighborhood Councils are eligible to attend. More information can be found on the web at: <http://beyondthepinespr.com/giveapalooza/>

Updates from City Council

- There was not a City Council member present. John shared the contents of email communications that he had with the council members.
- Some council members (Breann Beggs) were at the state capital this week to give testimony related to providing services and tracking repeated property crime perpetrators.
- There was some discussion about a council member's attempt to declare City Hall as a warming center.
- There is also continued city council discussion about the helmet laws especially regarding the use of Lime Bikes and Scooters.

Report by Library Staff – Dana Dalrymple ddalrymple@spokanelibrary.org 509-444-5404

- Volunteer Fair is scheduled at the South Hill Library on Monday April 1 from 3 pm to 7 pm. Information about the fair can be found at: <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/calendar/#/?i=2> and <https://www.inlander.com/spokane/volunteer-fair/Event?oid=16670114>
- Dana noted that the libraries will be having Customer Open Houses to share the "Schematic Design Phase" of the Library projects. The open houses are as follows:
 - Tuesday, April 9, 5-7pm at Northeast Community Center | Preview plans for the new Shaw Middle School and Hillyard Library (In partnership with Spokane Public Schools)
 - Wednesday, April 10 4-6pm at East Side Library | Preview plans for the new libraries in East Central (in partnership with Spokane Public Schools and Spokane Parks & Recreation)
 - Tuesday, April 16, 4-6pm at Shadle Library | Get a first look at plans for the remodeled Shadle Library
 - Thursday, April 18, 4-6pm and 7-8pm at Downtown Library | Preview plans for the remodeled Downtown Library (And, if you want, stay for a fun show at Lilac City Live!)

Library Open House Announcement:

- Library openhouse.pdf ([Library April 2019 Open House Notice](#))

Community Assembly Updates

- The neighborhood members at the meeting voted unanimously to support the adoption of the new District Model for CDBG funds allocation process.

Traffic Calming overview:

- The traffic calming committee informed our neighborhood council that the Bernard Street sidewalk request from last year was not approved. As a consequence there is a need to revisit the priority of our 2019 traffic calming requests.
- Since it has been the continual priority of the neighborhood council to complete the sidewalk project that connects 29th Avenue to High Drive the neighbors voted to re-establish the priorities for the 2019 submission. The Hatch Road speed monitor light will remain our number 1 priority for this year. With the Bernard Street sidewalk as the number 2 priority replacing the 30th Ave sidewalk request, which will be our third priority.

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- The neighbors voted to have John Schram investigate if these two sidewalk projects can be submitted to the school funded projects. If the projects fit within the school scope the neighbors present voted to submit both within the school funds, and whichever project does not get funded (or both) we will then submit the projects to the red light fund. As stated in the previous bulleted statement, the Bernard Street sidewalk supersedes the 30th Ave sidewalk proposal.

CHAS Health Presentation: Lindsey Ruivivar (LRuivivar@chas.org) 509-434-0378

- Lindsey spoke about the work related to CHAS Health. It is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health services. More information can be found on the web at <https://www.chas.org/>.
- Lindsey also discussed the organization's efforts to receive funding from the Neighborhood Community Development Program for a capital investment to renovate space at Rogers High School to create a school based Health Center for the students and the residents in the neighborhoods near Rogers High School. The attached pdf provides the application details.
- There was some informational discussion about how this Health Center is a much needed service for the residents in the neighborhoods around Rogers High School and also the need to provide good health care for the students within the school.

CHAS information:

- CHAS brochure.pdf ([CHAS Information Brochure](#))
- CHAS CDBG Rogers proposal.pdf ([CHAS CDBG Rogers H.S. health clinic proposal](#))

Open Forum for Neighborhood Members

- The Comstock Flag was unveiled by John Schram. The Council has purchased two flags; one for the Mounted Patrol Unit and one for display at Comstock events.
- John Schram distributed dump passes.
- As a side highlight; John Schram attempted to make a joke about a "dog and pony" show, which received an unenthusiastic reception from those in attendance.

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