

**Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for October 16, 2019
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Sacajawea Middle School**

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MEETING AGENDA:

- **Welcome**
- **Public Safety – Police Report**
- **City Council Members' Report:**
- **Neighborhood Services Report**
- **Library Report**
- **Community Assembly Report**
- **Next Meeting –Wednesday November 19, 2019 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

Welcome:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by John Schram.

MEETING NOTES:

Updates from City Council

- No reports from City Council representatives since none were present.

**Neighborhood Resource Officer - Public Safety Report Detective Ty Snider
(tsnider@spokanepolice.org 385-1283):**

- Crime report for the period. The attached PDF file titled "october crime report maps" were distributed for the participants at the meeting.
- The maps represented crime types and locations for the "South Police Service Area". The statistics were for the periods of September 15 through October 12. The city wide statistics were also included with the report. The statistics presented reflect all reported events not just the events which had a police response.
- In general, crime was up in our neighborhood while it was down city wide.
- It was noted that neighbors should be vigilant; lock vehicles and doors, etc.
- There was a discussion about the new resource officer who is scheduled to be assigned to our area sometime in the 11/10 time frame.
- Ty also discussed the personnel issues and the difficulty there is in finding viable police cadets and officers. The number of eligible officers is smaller than in previous years. He encouraged attendees to let the police know if you have any viable candidates.

Report by ONS/Planning Staff Liaison: Melissa Wittstruck: wittstruck@spokanecity.org, 509.625.6087

- The notice of the city snow plan has been declared. The snow plan starts November 15 and ends March 15. The plan calls for parking on the odd number side of the street. Also,

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RVs, boats, hoops need to be off the streets. Additional info can be found in the PDF titled “*snow plan info*.”

- It was noted that if you notice any tree limbs on the “pole to pole” lines please notify Avista. Tree limbs that are on your house and lines that lead to the house are the responsibility of the owners.
- Call 311 if limbs and debris are in the right of way. All other debris from storms that land on private property is the responsibility of the owner. It was noted that the city will pick up debris in the right of way, but residents are not encouraged to drag debris into the right of way as a convenient way to dispose of storm damage on private property.
- It was noted by a neighbor that the city ordinance requires home owners to keep their sidewalks clear; however the snow plows on 29th avenue push snow from the road onto already cleared sidewalks. This additional snow is icy and immovable and consequently a hazard to pedestrians and a nuisance to the conscientious home owners. It was requested to notify snow plow drivers to slow down to prevent sidewalk accumulation in the wake of the plow.
- Good news: The city is moving forward with the traffic calming study on Grand Ave. The study will evaluate Grand Boulevard south of 29th Avenue. The transportation work will focus on the core of the business district on Grand between 29th and 34th avenues. The zoning analysis sub-area will be bounded by 27th Avenue, 39th Avenue, Latawah and Arthur. Detailed information can be found at the URL:
<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/grand-boulevard-transportation-and-zoning-analysis/>
Also the PDF titled “*grand blvd study info*” contains information about the study.
- It was noted that Kinnear and Beggs procured additional funds to expand the scope of the study.
- Contact information: If you would like to be notified by email of actions related to the Grand Blvd. proposal email Inga Note, (Senior traffic Planning Engineer), at inote@spokanecity.org or Melissa Wittstruck, (Assistant Planner), at mwittstruck@spokanecity.org.
- There is construction for a Thomas Hammer coffee business in the vacant spot adjacent to the new Washington Bank.
- A question and brief discussion ensued regarding the new cell towers for the 5G network/services.

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

- The library was celebrating National Novel Writing Month.
- Events for the South Hill Library can be found at: <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/south-hill/#/?i=1>
- One of the neighbors present complemented the library for having events that were informative and relevant.

Community Assembly Report by Doug Engle dengle76@comcast.net

- The Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) meeting was mostly a brain storming discussion.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the homeless issue. The recent departure of Kelly Keenan, director of the city’s Community Housing, Health and Human Services, is a big loss.
- Doug stated that he would like to have the Comstock Neighborhood Council support to advocate for the homeless students within District 2.

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- It was noted that the current city administration was not a viable partner in dealing with the homelessness issue.

Open Forum for Neighborhood Members

- Dump passes were distributed.
- There was a brief discussion about the 33rd Ave project and why there was such a long delay. One neighbor did state that he thought the firm doing the work was communicative, but he did not understand why it took so long for the project to be completed.
- There was a discussion about what happened to the trash can on High Drive near 33rd Ave.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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