

**Comstock Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Notes for November 20, 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 December 18, 2019 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

**Welcome:**

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

**MEETING NOTES:**

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

- Crime report maps were provided for the periods of 9/18 through 10/16 and 10/23 through 11/20. The attached PDF titled "november crime report maps" is a copy of the report. It was noted by a neighbor that an event that occurred on October 5<sup>th</sup> was not in the exhibit provided. Ty will check on why it was not in this report.
- Ty also shared an example of a police encounter that occurred in Yakima to illustrate the importance of providing the police with as much details of an incident as possible. This helps the police to respond in the most appropriate manner. The result of this example is that a convicted felon who was illegally in possession of a fire arm was able to have a conviction tossed because the police responded in a manner that did not adhere strictly to the situation. The attached PDF titled "november policing example" provides details about the discussion topic.
- Kelly Mongan is the new resource officer.

**Updates from City Council by Giacobbe R. Byrd - Legislative Assistant to City Council  
Member Lori Kinnear - (509) 625-6715 [gbyrd@spokanecity.org](mailto:gbyrd@spokanecity.org)**

- Council is currently working on the Budget.
- Lori is currently working on a project to revamp the council rules particularly related to how council members' voices can be heard and not be blocked or bottle necked by the Council President.
- They will be adding members to the Salary Review Commission.
- Kinnear is working on an Urban Forestry Ordinance to be presented at the December 2 meeting.

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- The process for replacing Council Member Beggs is progressing. At some point the council will be taking applications for the position and the decision process will begin.

**Report by ONS/Planning Staff Liaison: Melissa Wittstruck: [wittstruck@spokanecity.org](mailto:wittstruck@spokanecity.org), 509.625.6087**

- Report provided by Gabby Ryan – Community Programs Coordinator: [grayan@spokanecity.org](mailto:grayan@spokanecity.org) 509.625.6858.
  - Discussed the city snow plan. Information can be found online at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/news/stories/2019/11/15/citys-official-snow-season-begins-heres-the-plan/>
  - This URL is a link to the Snow Plan FAQs: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/streets/maintenance/snowremoval/2019/faqs-snow-response-plan-2019-2020.pdf>
  - Gabby provided information at the meeting that can be found in this online document: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/streets/maintenance/snowremoval/2019/snow-response-plan-presentation-to-neighborhoods-2019.pdf>
  - A door hanger was also provided. See the attached PDF titled “snow plan door hanger info” for the details.
  - Attachments related to Gabby Ryan’s presentation are: “snow plan slides”; “snow plan FAQ”, “snow plan brochure” . ,

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

- South Hill Library now has story time every day.
- South Events can be found at: <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/south-hill/>
- The Downtown Library will temporarily relocate to the second floor of STA Plaza in March 2020. The downtown library will be closed for two years for significant renovations. Information can be found at: <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/downtownlibraryatstaplaza/>
- Shadle Library will close in late December temporarily relocate to the Northtown Mall starting in January 2020.
- South Hill Library is accommodating the relocations by housing extra items. You will notice a change within the library already.
- Dana also noted that the Historical Preservation Society is seeking ideas for houses to include in the Mother’s Day tour fundraiser.

**Clean and Green – John Schram**

- Statistics reported: Historical Clean/Green roll off event tonnage:
  - 2015 24.72 tons
  - 2016 31.78 tons
  - 2017 23.98 tons
  - 2018 27.23 tons
  - 2019 32.76 tons
- 2019 Dump Passes: 55 handed out with 3.67 tons dropped off
- 2019 metal recycling: 1450 pounds
- Trailer full of hazardous materials taken to the waste to energy processing site

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- The total city expenditures for the Clean and Green event and the dump passes during the year amounted to \$7,500.
- \$414 was donated during the Clean and Green event.
- \$22 was obtained from the recycled metals.
- \$67 was spent on supplies
- A net of \$369 was gained.
- Currently \$959 is in the CNC cash box.
- Suggestions were sought from the attendees. Some ideas are as follows:
  - Use the money for Comstock Flags on the light posts along Grand Blvd.
  - Purchase orange flags for the cross walk at Manito Blvd and 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. John to inquire about the flags with the adjacent neighborhood.

**Open Forum for Neighborhood Members**

- There was a question and expressed concern about the need for a cross walk across Bernard at 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. This is needed particularly for the students walking to Jefferson Elementary School.
- A neighbor noted the difficulty of crossing Grand Blvd in the area of 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- There was a discussion about traffic calming projects: It was recommended that neighbors that have suggestions for traffic calming projects to present their ideas during the January meeting because the Comstock Neighbors vote on traffic calming projects during the February meeting for submission in early March.
- John Schram showed the South Hill magazine titled “South Bluff Neighbors.” John has created a Comstock Neighborhood page within the magazine. The information provided in the November 2019 edition is about Chris Bovey’s artwork.
- We discussed the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave calming circles. One problem is that traffic appears to be diverting off onto Club Court. SCRIBE’S NOTE: There was an article in the Spokesman-Review about this traffic calming project:  
<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2019/nov/25/getting-there-stop-us-if-youve-heard-this-one-befo/>
- The new sidewalk ramp on the corner of 32<sup>rd</sup> and Grand Ave. still has not been remediated.
- Changing High Drive to 20 MPH between 29<sup>th</sup> Ave and Manito Blvd is still pending.
- There was concern raised about the 5G network infrastructure construction. SCRIBE’S NOTE: A post on Nextdoor regarding contact information can be found at:  
[https://nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/?post=130452739](https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=130452739): Information regarding this topic was provided in a follow up email from Giacobbe R. Byrd. The an excerpt of is as follows: “If you wish to voice your concern, Council Members Kinnear and Beggs suggest you communicate with Jason Verduzco, who is the small cell strategy specialist with Verizon and who has been assigned to handle installation issues that have arisen. His email is: jason.verduzco@verizonwireless.com.”

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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