

**Comstock Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Notes for December 18, 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**
- **Neighbor Comment Period**
- **Next Meeting –Wednesday January 15, 2020 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 was provided for the period of 11/18 through 12/14. The attached PDF titled "december crime report" is a copy of the report.
- Crime is down both city wide and in our P7 district.
- There was a question about the increase in garage and out building break-ins. The general thought is that criminals tend to follow a path of least resistance; garages and out buildings are simply easier to exploit.
- Ty noted that there is a concern going forward regarding staffing. There are retirements coming and the recruitment pool is minimal.
- One neighbor complimented the police regarding their work in the downtown area; it seems safer in the areas that were visited. Another neighbor commented that his experience was different in that he was confronted by an indigent person while downtown.
- The usual PSA was stated; be vigilant, lock your doors, stay involved in your neighborhood; all these simple things make the neighborhood safer.

**Updates from City Council:**

- No representation; no report

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

Discussed the Snow Plan:

- During a snow event the neighbors are encouraged to check the social media sites for announcements. Also it was noted that the “snow removal app” that tracks the plowing is only activated when a “full plow” has been invoked.
- Remember that 311 is always a good option to call about any city issues.

Discussed the 2020 census.

- In March the invites are mailed. April 1 is the official census date. Information can be found at <https://www.spokanecensus.org/>
- Participating in the census count is important because it impacts funding, planning, government services and representation in governments.
- There will be an option to do the count on-line. A personal code will be sent to homes. Be on the lookout for that code and also be aware of any unusual scam type activities.

Discussed the Grand Blvd. study:

- Melissa thanked the neighbors for their participation.
- The attached PDF (Grand blvd study info” provides some information about the project.
- The new mayor to be sworn in on December 30. There is a lot of work needed to be achieved. There are 30 positions in the city government that need to be filled. A budget needs to be adopted, etc.

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

- The Shadle library is moving to the NorthTown Mall and will open on January 2.
- Downtown library closes 2/28 – 2/29 and is scheduled to reopen on March 3 at the Plaza.
- With the renovations there will be a premium on meeting rooms.
- South Hill Library will become more crowded as it will house additional items from the closed libraries and it will be busier for the next couple of years.
- The attached PDF (Library building project) provides some details about the building projects.
- Dana also noted that the Historical Preservation Society is seeking ideas for houses to include in the Mother’s Day tour fundraiser. The effort to find homes in the Comstock neighborhood is not getting responses from any Comstock residents.

**Community Assembly – Doug Engle Doug Engle [dengle76@comcast.net](mailto:dengle76@comcast.net)**

- There is a \$700 grant from the city that Comstock can apply for; it is due in the middle of February.

**Open Forum for Neighborhood Members**

- The neighbors voted to purchase flags for the cross walk on at Manito Boulevard and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- John shared information in the “South Bluff Neighbors” magazine. In particular he shared his contribution regarding a wonderful relationship with his elderly neighbor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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