

**Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for August 21, 2019
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, South Hill Library**

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MEETING AGENDA:

- **Welcome**
- **Public Safety Report by the Neighborhood Resource Officer**
- **Updates from City Council**
- **Report by ONS/Planning Staff Liaison:**
- **Report by Library Staff:**
- **Open Forum for Neighborhood Members**
- **Next Meeting –Wednesday September 18, 2019 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria**

Welcome:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Terry Black.

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 "august crime report maps" were distributed for the participants at the meeting. (URL for crime report: [August crime report maps](#))
- The maps represented crime types and locations for downtown, for the Comstock neighborhood, and for South Gate. The statistics were for the periods of June/July and July/August.. 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.
- There was some discussion about installing a stop sign on the corner of Grand and High Drive. (see the following notes under the ONS/Planning report.)
- There was a brief discussion about converting High Drive to 20 MPH.
- Discussed internet crime/victimization. If you are a victim it is imperative to gather as much information as possible via screen shots, addresses, and other materials. Internet crime is a very difficult crime to investigate and solve.
- It was noted that most of the crimes in Comstock are property crime and theft.

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- Discussed the “Grand Boulevard” Transportation and Zoning Analysis launch. The study will consider the corridor of 27th Ave to 33rd Ave. The attached PDF titled “Grand traffic study” provides information about the purpose of the study along with contact information. (URL for PDF: [Grand Boulevard Study](#)) A neighbor asked about the purpose/philosophy behind the need to conduct the study: Essentially the current traffic configuration does not meet the current situation for vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycling traffic.
- There has been a recent suggestion to install a stop sign on the corner of Grand Boulevard and High Drive to stop south bound traffic. Melissa obtained some feedback regarding the thoughts and preferences of the neighbors present. Some were not in favor of the new sign and others thought it might be helpful.
- There was a question about the planned road repair of Bernard between 29th and High Drive. Melissa will have to research and get back to us with the answer.
- A question about the intermittent sidewalks on 35th Ave east of Grand was asked. This needs research for Melissa to get us an answer.

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

- The library will be discontinuing issuing and collecting fines for overdue materials as of August 2019. For full details about this policy change please refer to this URL: <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/no-more-late-fines/>.
- Dana informed the group about Spokane Regional Health District’s “Quality of Life Spokane Survey.” The library is one of the partners with the health district to distribute and gather the surveys. The data gathered from the survey will be used to determine services needed for the people.

Open Forum for Neighborhood Members

- Dump passes were distributed.
- Harry Teaford of Club Court gave a presentation expressing the concerns of traffic safety on Club Court once the circles on E. 43rd are installed. Mr. Teaford is concerned that once the traffic calming circles are installed the traffic will be diverted to Club Court increasing the traffic flow and thusly impacting the calmness of the street along with having an adverse effect on the property values. In addition, there is a concern for the safety of the children and other pedestrians that utilize the road. The attached PDF title “club court traffic presentation” contains the information distributed by Harry Teaford. (URL for Club Court PDF: [Club Court traffic document](#))

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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