

**Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for October 21, 2020
6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Zoom Meeting**

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MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcome
- Public Safety – Police Report
- City Council Members' Report:
- Neighborhood Services Report
- Library Report
- Community Assembly Report
- Clean and Green Report
- Next Meeting –Wednesday February 19; 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Sacajawea Cafeteria

Welcome

- John Schram welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
- It was duly noted that the meeting was made possible by Terryl Black who donated time and equipment to ensure the meeting could be held. Thanks from all to Terryl.

Public Safety – Neighborhood Resource Officer Report

- No report from the RSO.
- John did note the usual precautions we all need to take to ensure we do not experience property theft or crime. I.E. lock your doors, don't leave valuables visible in the car, be watchful for suspicious activity, and so forth....

City Council Members' Report: - Betsy Wilkerson (bwilkerson@spokanecity.org)

- All things budget. The council is focused on the budget.
- Neighborhood services is being "reorganized."
- There are no plans for layoffs at this time.
- Betsy discussed how the CARES Act money was spent. It went to safety, the command center, and for overtime pay.
- STA project update: The Central Line project is progressing (see the following urls for details). The run from Moran Prairie to downtown is in service. City Line Project URL: <http://stamovingforward.com/plan/projects/hpt-service-central-city-line> South Express from Moran Station Park & Ride: <http://stamovingforward.com/plan/projects/south-commuter-express-from-the-moran-prairie-park-ride>
- The shelters are full because of the COVID-19 social distancing protocols.
- The budget challenges are not addressing the issue of Homelessness.
- There is difficulty working with the county government.

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- The city is looking to establish a teen shelter but there is difficulty in finding a location. The city could lose funding if it is unable to get it up in running in time.

**Neighborhood and Planning Services Report – Carly Cortright Phone: 509.625.6263
Email: ccortright@spokanecity.org**

- It was noted that Carly will be replacing Melissa Wittstruck.
- Carly discussed the challenges of solving the homelessness problem.
- It was noted that now that we are in the snow removal season remember to park on the odd side of the street.

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

- No report

Community Assembly Report

- No report – we need a new representative

Clean and Green Report

- The on-site event was cancelled and dump passes were being distributed instead. If you still have a need for a dump pass please contact the Comstock Chairperson at comstockneighborhoodcouncil@gmail.com

Open Forum General Discussion Topics for Neighborhood Members:

- A neighbor on 37th noted that there is a need to address the traffic on 37th Ave between Bernard and High Drive. This area is not an arterial, but it is being used like one and cars travel along the road at a speed that imperils the residents. This is a traffic calming challenge that the neighbor will most likely pursue.
- There was a discussion about the mobile home that has been seen parked on High Drive. Apparently the owner is being coy and moving the vehicle every 24 hours so that he is not in violation of the city ordinance.
- There was a discussion about the Comstock Flags that were purchased via the community grant money. This flags are intended to spruce up the area along Grand Ave. to hang on the light poles along Grand Ave.
- A neighbor inquired about how his small group can best donate a few hundred bucks to put towards a South Hill social outreach organization or neighbor that is in need during this time of crisis. If any neighbors know of organizations or people that are in need of help to please contact Gabe Shippam.
- There was a discussion about the traffic circles on 43rd Avenue. The one particular circle that is creating a problem is at Arthur and 43rd. The configuration of the circle tends to direct cars onto Club Court, which is now a residual problem.
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. We need a Community Assembly Representative and a Clean and Green coordinator. There was a brief discussion about how to get neighbors involved in the neighborhood council.

Upcoming Meeting:

- An announcement will be made on Nextdoor and on the Comstock Facebook page regarding the next meeting.