

Comstock Neighborhood Council
Meeting Notes for March 17, 2021
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 April 21; 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Welcome

John Schram welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 6 PM

Public Safety – Neighborhood Resource Officer Report – Detective Ty Snider

- Question and discussion about the increase in rape and assault crimes.
- A review of the "Heat Map" shows that the north east/central portion of the city has been busy.
- QUESTION was asked of Ty if any support needed from residents. ANSWER: Ty did not have any particular issue at this time that would benefit from the attention of the neighbors in Comstock neighborhood.
- QUESTION: Was there a murder on the lower south hill? Ty does not have any information about a murder. There was a shooting on 5th Ave near the Fred Meyer store.
- Email notes from TY:
 - Attached is the SPD Compstat Report ending March 13th. The Citywide stats are on Page 1, South Precinct info starts on page 12 and your area (P7) begins on page 18.
 - Please compare the stats in the different areas and time frames.
 - Overall for the year, it looks like residential burglaries are down significantly. However, the last 28 days (when compared to last year for the same time period) is seeing in an increase. Maybe that is related to going to COVID-19 Phase 3. The weather has been mild, so people are more active as well.

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

- No report.

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ONS - Neighborhood and Planning Services Report – Carly Cortright:

- Mobile speed feedback due by April 12.
- A meeting regarding an explanation of the change in Traffic Calming procedures is scheduled for Tuesday 3/23.
- An impact to Comstock is that there will not be any traffic calming applications accepted for 2021. This is because there is a move to have a more global view of including multiple projects and the previous years' application will be reviewed as part of this process.
- QUESTION about the allocation of funds: There are two sources of money; one is the "Red Light" funds and the other is the "School Speed Radar" funds. The QUESTION: Are they mixed now? ANSWER: It is still tracked separately and may be a little co-mingled. There is still a focus allocating the same fund pools Red Light to Neighborhoods and School Radar to school centric projects.
- Comstock has already applied for the Community Grant money.
- Clean up program. The feedback regarding the clean-up program was presented to the solid waste entity of the city. COVID is still a concern so it will limit some programs. Another issue is that the staffing is thin so there is a challenge there providing services. The current indication is that there will be limited curbside pickup. The pickup will be supplemented with dump passes.
- QUESTION: Why do the dump passes have a time constraint? The reasoning is to distribute passes more evenly over the course of the season to prevent a last minute rush. However it was noted that the 2 week limit was too constraining so there will be a change to 4 weeks.
- Training for clean-up coordinators is scheduled for Wednesday 3/24.
- City Hall still remains closed. City council will consider when to open city administration building again.
- Comstock Town Hall is scheduled for April 26.
- The banner MOU was approved. Banner MOU - Memorandum of Understanding between 1) the City and Comstock for who is responsible for what and general rules for hanging banners on city owned poles. Approved and signed and 2) Separate MOU between Comstock and Avista for who is responsible for what and general rules for hanging banners on Avista owned poles.
- Next up regarding the banners: We need to find someone who can assist with the hanging of the banners. Goal is to garner support from the City, Avista and other approved/bonded companies to donate time and resources to hang and maintain the banners.
- QUESTION: What is the difference from phase 2 to 3? There will be more spectators at sporting events, more restaurant capacity; certain meetings can start up again, more outdoor activities. Some of the details regarding Phase 3 are still being developed by the state.
- QUESTION: Why haven't we had any city council members attend our meetings? Carly said she will inquire about the future attendance of council members at neighborhood meetings.

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

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Community Assembly Report

- No Report.

Clean and Green Report

- We are seeking a new coordinator for the Clean and Green program.
- There was a detailed description of what a coordinator does by John for Tom's benefit; it appears that Tom may be interested in helping in this area. Some of the activities to run this program include mailings, coordinating curb side pick-up, and organizing the "main event" in which neighbors bring their yard waste to the designated area of Sacajawea parking lot to be dumped into large waste containers for disposal.

Open Forum for Neighborhood Members:

- Jeff reported about the mobile feedback signs speed radar applications: The locations are: W 37th between Bernard and High Drive; two locations on High Drive, one between 33rd and 37 and another northbound near Manito. The other three if accepted are: Perry Street near library/fire house; Hatch road near the Manito Country Club in both directions.
- 2021 CA Community Engagement grant funding of \$800 discussion and vote. A motion/proposal was made to use the funds to purchase as many Comstock banners and hardware as possible (estimated to be about 10 to 12 banners); if any funds remain, the residual money is to be used for printing of Comstock business cards. A Vote was taken and this proposal received unanimous consent of the eligible voters present at the meeting.
- QUESTION: Is Fiber optic coming into neighborhood? The answer is not clear. Century link has plans to expand their fiber optic, but it is unknown if and when Comstock will be upgraded.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Upcoming Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Look for a notice on Nextdoor for the Zoom meeting link.