

Comstock Neighborhood Council

Meeting Notes for April 21, 2021

6:00 PM –7:30 PM, Zoom Meeting

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COMSTOCK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

Co – Chairs: John Schram, Terryl Black

Recording Secretary: Terryl Black

Attendees: John Schram, Terryl Black, Ty Snider – Detective, South Precinct, Spokane Police Department, Lori Kinnear – Spokane City Councilperson, Carly Cartwright – Office of Neighborhood Services, Diana Gulick, Gretchen McDevitt, Ray Thome, Jeff Irish, Doug Engle, John Selman, Ruth Carlo, Stuart Cooper, Jeff Mergler

Presentations:

Ty Snider – Detective:

- Non violent crimes are down, but violent crimes have increased.
- See: my.spokane city.org/police/prevention/compstat/;

- communitycrimemap.com/?address=Spokane,WA&zoom=11
- The SPD is experiencing staffing shortages and will see more in the future unless there are new recruits. 22 Officers are retiring in the next 12 months. 50 – 60 will retire in the next 5 years.

Carly Cortright – ONS:

- COMSTOCK Park is now reopen. Comstock has submitted the requests for mobile feedback signs and the Community Engagement Grant.
- In an apparent attempt to be improve our local vocabulary, the term “Dump Passes” is now changed to “Waste to Energy Passes”. Anyone wishing to procure these important “Waster to Energy Passes” MUST request them online. A digital “Waste to Energy Pass” will be issued. Sadly, entering “Dump Pass” in the search engine at my.spokanecity.org WILL get you to the desired information. Entering “Waste to Energy Pass” will send you to the riveting Spokane Municipal Code.
- Spokane only has 5 traffic police for the entire City. So don’t expect any flashing lights in those annoying speeders rear view mirrors as often as you might like.
- Pools are re-opening. Reservations must be made.
- Everyone is now eligible for the Covid Vaccine.
- The blue recycling bins will now only picked up every other week. The city used to make money from selling its valuable recycling materials, but now it costs them money.
- Our 3 speed mobile feedback signs will be located at:
 - West on 37th between Bernard and Highdrive
 - The N and S ends of Highdrive

Council Person Kinnear:

- There is a move to remove the Single Family Residential Zoning across the county. The Centers and Corridors plan for Spokane deals with this issue. This document should be consulted for the current zoning restrictions until further notice.
- Bus passes will be issued for the summer to all persons under the age of 18 for FREE. They found the money in some unnamed project that came in under budget. FREE bus passes will become active on June 10.
- Mental Health needs – The City would like to hire more Counselors to send out to the various mental

health calls/complaints rather than sending the police.

- Lime Scooters are here to stay. Supposedly, Code Enforcement is responsible for misbehaving scooters.

Dianna Gulick:

- Ms. Gulick is the Cold Case Facilitator for Spokane. She has created a Cold Case Group to encourage the formation of a Cold Case Unit. This unit would dedicate itself to analyzing stored DNA and other evidence to try and get more criminals off the street. Please visit: www.coldcasebase.com for further information.

Jeff Irish/Stuart Cooper – Safe Water Spokane

- These gentlemen are part of a group that opposes the fluoridation of Spokane's water. This is an issue that has not gone away and that the City Council keeps attempting to bring to fruition. The presentation gave an analysis of why the citizens of Spokane should stay diligent and continue to fight this proposal. Please visit: www.safewaterspokane.org for all relevant information opposing this attempt to add unnecessary chemicals to Spokane's water.