

**NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MINUTES**

March 18, 2010
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Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Chair, Victor Frazier.

Announcements: Walkability Audit Training, March 20, 9:00-12:00 @ St. Aloysius; ONS/ Code Enforcement Open House, April 2, 3:00-4:00; Earth Day, April 17, 11 a.m. to Midnight. Main St. & Browne.

Justin Bell, a volunteer of Spokane Alliance, informed the membership of Sustainable Works that is available to those interested in having your home and/or business more economical. A handful of people were introduced: Mayor Mary Verner, City Councilman Steve Corker, and Police Ombudsman Tim Burns. Also Candidates for State Rep 3rd Legislative District, Andy Billig and Louise Chadez.

Secretary Report: March minutes reviewed. Motion made by Clark Moss to accept, second by Jeff Stevens. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Chris e-mailed the following report in his absence:

January 31, 2010 ~	Checking	\$6,046.74
	Credits (+)	10.00 (Donations)
	Debts (-)	0.00
January 31, 2010 ~	Balance	6,056.74
	CD	<u>1,511.19</u>
Total Balance		7,557.93

Speaker: Carl Strong of the Parks Department came to talk to us. There is still Bond money left to upgrade many Baseball fields. There is a cluster option of upgrading fields at Dwight Merkle, Garry Park and Liberty Park. Depending on the conditions of the fields some fields will be torn out and re-seeded or Tine to get dead grass out and aerate. Dugouts will have safety screen & tops. The Franklin (N. Hill council) neighborhood had a 2 hour meeting with the topic being Youth Baseball. It was not known if this voted on by the N. Hill council. The lease at Franklin Park runs out on July 1, 2010. Pacific Park on N. Indian Trail is to add a practice field as an addition to the park. The fields in place right now are rough to play on. As it stands, we are looking at the Merkle Sports Complex to have a grand opening around August 7th. The perimeter trail will be open to all, including bikes, dogs on leashes, walkers, joggers, etc. Trees are planned to be planted along the perimeter trail along the east side of the complex.

Parks/Rec.: Jeff had his "Park Watch" meeting. The volunteers brought issues, wants/needs and project ideas to the meeting. Some concerns were; Post-Conduct in Parks; Park hours enforced; Lighting; Graffiti; Enforcing leash law for dogs. Each park to have Park Watch designated groups to help throughout parks. Jeff will check with the Parks Dept. to see what limitations there are for official Park Watch. The parks in our neighborhood are Loma Vista, Westgate, Webster, Audubon, Shadle and Albi. All parks can use more "Pet Clean Up" stations. The next meeting will be March 24 at the NW COPS shop at 7:00.

Pete Duffy is looking up the history of Drumheller park:

Membership: As of the February General Meeting, we have 58 members, removing 1, gaining 13. A quorum will be 19 members.

Nominations: Chair Victor willing to do one more year; V Chair Ivan stepping down, Chris Wright willing to take place; Treasurer Chris Wright terms out, Clark Moss willing to take place; Secretary Diana would appreciate for someone to take place; Dump Pass, Chris stepping down, Bob Turner to take place. Fran has volunteered to be our Community Assembly Rep. We still need a calling committee volunteer.

Concerts/Events: Dates and performing bands for this year's concerts: July 15th, Bag-a-bons; July 29th, Doghouse Boyz; August 12th, Men of Rhythm; August 26th, Spokane Youth Symphony. All concert times will be 6:00-8:00. Next steps - Park Use forms; Pay for use & Deposit; Notify businesses to advertise in our brochure; Mail and follow up.

Vice Chair: Ivan explained the latest "Hey Google, Pick Spokane" rally that Spokane is encouraging. This has to do with the speed of broadband. Ivan has a Forum Blog set up on our web-site (nwspokane.org). This is for concerns or comments of the neighborhood.

Community Assembly: Fran attended her first meeting on March 5th. March 20-Walkability Audit Workshop, Victor plans to attend; March 23-Public Safety Committee; March 24-Pedestrian Transportation & Traffic; April 2nd-Open House ONS; April 9-18 Traffic Awareness & Pedestrian Safety Week; April 17th- Neighborhood Councils Clean up Review Committee. April 17th-Earth Day Events will take place on Main & Browne Street from 11-Midnight; April 24th-Arbor Day @ Finch Arboretum.

Traffic/Safety: The Striping on Assembly has been decided to follow the Comprehensive Plan with the bike lanes. Victor has asked for the striping of Assembly to be done at the latter part of the summer to help save the parking spots for those who live along there. The striping will probably be done early summer.

The Northwest Blvd. project for repaving will start in the spring. There is a possibility the intersection at Alberta/Fairview and NW Blvd may be re-designed and make the stop light a phase 2 light.

NW COPS: Many vehicle prowling have occurred. Do Not Leave valuables in your car!

Dump Passes: There will be 100 passes @ \$25 available for issue. The first issue for Dump Passes will be at our April 15th meeting and what is left over will be issued at the NW COPS Shop on Saturday, April 17th at 9:00. The next issue will be at our May meeting on the 20th and Saturday, May 22nd at the NW COPS Shop. Must have proof of residence in our neighborhood.

New Business: The City Council will be making a decision on the property of the old YMCA. One of the choices is to use the Conservation Future Funds that is available to remove the building or renovate the building making it worth keeping.

General Meeting: April 15, 2010 @ Browne Elementary School – 7:00
Speaker will be Bobby Williams on the EMS Levy

Meeting Adjourned 8:25

Diana Frazier

Secretary, Nwana