

NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
May 21, 2009

Victor started the meeting at 7:00 p.m. explaining the boundaries of the Northwest Neighborhood.

Secretary Report: Minutes approved by the membership

Treasurer Report: Chris Wright reported the following –

Checking Balance	\$5,325.27
CD Balance	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Balance	\$6,825.27

NUSA, Neighborhoods USA: Neighborhoods throughout the U.S. meet annually in a city for a conference to share and exchange how their neighborhoods improve the cities they live in. Spokane is hosting this annual conference this year from May 19-23. The neighborhood pride will be Friday, May 22nd. The Nwana will be touring through the neighborhood ending up at the West Central Community Center providing a dinner and conversation. Victor will be the tour guide; Larry will be the navigator for the bus driver. Diana will pick up the food and have Chris and Jeff to help get it set up.

Concerts: As posted in the Newsletter, we are having 4 concerts this year. July 2nd, Army National Guard Band; July 23, Doghouse Boyz; August 6, Men of Rhythm; August 20, Spokane Youth Symphony. The neighborhood puts on the concerts with the help of donations. Businesses advertise in the Concert Brochure and donations are collected at the concerts to cover the costs to put on the concerts such as Insurance, Park Use Fee, Park Deposit, Costs of the bands and/or sound systems.

Community Assembly: Larry gave the e-mail address of the Spokane City (spokanecity.org), all City Council People and the Mayor is listed there. The “Department” link will go directly to those departments.

Health Care Forum – May 27th, 7p.m. @ SCC

City Council discussions on sign codes will be in 3 weeks and again encouraged to go on line to review the code ordinance. spokanecity.org Department/Planning

Membership: To be a member of the Northwest Neighborhood Association (Nwana) you must own/operates a business or reside in the neighborhood. To become a voting member one must attend 2 meetings in a 12 month period. As of the April meeting, we have 48 voting members.

Parks & Rec: Shadle pool could be open as early as July 1st. All 6 pools should be open by the end of the summer season. The pools will have zero depth to walk into with ease for toddlers, handicap and elderly.

Albi: The land swap verbiage is under legal change for the specific words “walking trail” to not be specific to just walking.

Traffic Safety: At the Board meeting it was discussed concerns of Belt Street from Wellesley to Longfellow to lower the speed limit to 20 mph year round due to the foot traffic from Shadle to Shadle shopping center. Also recommended was to get a couple of crosswalks placed on the street. The first crosswalk from Shadle Park to the Cop Shop area, and by the Shadle water tower area to Rite-Aide. As it is now there is a crosswalk at Longfellow (South) & Belt posted with signs. A motion was made and second for Victor to write a letter and send the letter to: City Council, Mayor, Parks Dept., Traffic Dept., and send to the Cop Shop for endorsement.

Web Site: Victor reminded all that attended that we do have a web site – nwspokane.org Please visit it!

COPS: Members were reminded not have anything in your car to reduce car prowling to a minimum. Criminals will break windows for any minor thing,

Dump Passes: Dump Passes will be passed out at the end of our meeting tonight. Any that are left over will be issued at the COPS shop on Saturday Morning at 9:00. A total of 100 passes issued are valued at \$25 each during this Dump Pass issue.

June General Meeting will be held at Audubon United Methodist Church at Garland and Driscoll, kitty corner from River Ridge Hardware store.

Meeting adjourned 7:45

Diana Frazier

Secretary ~ Northwest Neighborhood Association