

**NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
September 17, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05

**Announcements:**

STA citizen advisory committee is looking for 7 new volunteers

Project coming up is “Green”; Exterior of the STA fluency; Interior remodel-\$3mil project removing escalator, removing cougar, closing upstairs.

Parks & Rec. is working on a Planning Process. Forums will be held on September 28th, 2 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and the last one on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual River Clean Up being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September starting at 9:00 meeting at High bridge Park.

October 15<sup>th</sup> NWNA Meeting will be a Candidate Forum with 2 City Council Candidates, Nancy McLaughlin and Karen Kearny; 2 Judge Candidates Brian Whitaker and Tracy Staab.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes reviewed and approved

**Membership:** The NWNA has 50 Voting Members; Diana reviewed what it takes to become a voting member of NWNA. Please sign in to keep the attendance record updated.

**Treasurer Report:** Chris reported the following

June 10, 2009 ~	Checking	\$6,303.80
	Credits (+)	1,759.79
	Debts (-)	2,373.94
September 10, 2009	Balance	5,689.65
	CD	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Balance		7,189.65

**Dump Passes:** \$20 Dump Passes will be handed out to those who live in the NWNA. Passes can be picked up at the COPS Shop at 9:00 Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chris also stated he will not be able to run the Dump Pass program next year so we will need a volunteer to step up to take over this program for the Neighborhood.

**Concerts Report:** Many THANK YOU’s to all the volunteers that helped make our concerts series a success. We had 24 businesses advertise in our brochure which brought in \$2400 to pay for the insurance, park use fee, and other additional costs to set up the concerts. There were contributions given during intermissions which help pay for the costs of the bands. This year our concert series will close in the black. The Board approved donating \$250 to the Spokane Youth Symphony, and pay a rental fee to the Masonic lodge \$50 for the use of the chairs for the Army National Guard Band and the Spokane Youth Symphony Concert.

**Parks/Rec:** Audubon Park – Jeff is looking to set up a Parks Committee looking for volunteers to look for improvements of the parks in our neighborhood. Would like active

members interested in Albi, Loma Vista and Audubon Park. Will meet on a regular basis and pursue issues.

Albi Sports Complex- A meeting/walk around was done at the Albi Complex. Attended were: Victor Frazier, Jeff Stevens, Eric Armstrong, Taylor Bressler, Steve Droll, Barry Russell, Steve Corker, and Nancy McLaughlin. Eric was on the original committee that was started in 1999. The Land Swap was explained to the people in how it worked and what we wanted the land for. Apparently there was a 60 day grace period and Dave Steele changed positions leaving the paperwork while the deadline was to expire. A Local Bike association has volunteered to build the bike trail for free. They received approval 9/16 and will start on this project. The parameter trail was another concern as it was not placed near Assembly as in the plans and was told the sidewalk would be the parameter trail. This is not what was in the plans. Eric will be meeting with Taylor Bressler tomorrow to work on moving it away from the street as the long term goal is to make it more of a fitness trail for old and young alike. We are also looking for the bus stop to serve this area. The Complex is looking at opening at the end of July or August of 2010.

Belt Street speed limit was lowered to 20 mph this summer from Longfellow to Wellesley for the summer season. The long term goal on this is year round.

Shadle Pool opened on July 6<sup>th</sup> and had 35,000 people swim at the pool this season.

**Community Assembly:** Spokane's City Budget is at a \$7 million shortfall. Members are to think of where the cuts should be made to make up for this shortfall. The Mayor will be holding meetings on these dates:

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>      Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>      Oct, 8<sup>th</sup>      Oct. 14

Fire Bond pamphlets are on the table as you walk in.

Code Enforcement -Council members are floating the idea of Code Enforcement of anonymous reports through Neighborhood Associations

ONS is asking all Neighborhoods to merge their voting in officers to one month (possibly at the end of the year) so that ONS can update everything at one time.

Snow Removal info suppose to be on line. Larry couldn't find it and review this in October.

C-SAC will be doing a study on studded snow tires.

Park Watch - Jeff is working on a Park Watch at Audubon Park as well any local park asking for volunteers at next week's meeting.

**Proposition 4 debate:** Envision Spokane (Kai Huschke) and Save our Spokane (SOS), (Michael Cathcart) representatives- After the 2 sides explained what their stand on Prop. 4, questions were asked by those in the audience to both sides with a chance to rebuttal.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35

*Diana Frazier*

Secretary, Nwana