

**NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MINUTES**

February 17, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Victor Frazier at 7:02

Announcements: The speaker for tonight's meeting will be Todd Whipple. He will speak on the request to the Zoning Change for 5025 W. 9 mile Road from neighborhood retail to commercial. Introduced in attendance Jonathan Mallahan – ONS, City of Spokane; Tim Burns – Police Ombudsman; Steve Corker – City Council;

Secretary Report: With copies of the minutes from the January meeting, Diana briefly went over the minutes. Motion by Dick Carson to accept, Second by Pam Comstock. Minutes approve unanimously by membership.

Treasurer Report January 31, 2010 ~

Checking	\$5,317.99
CDs	3014.22
Total Balance	\$ 8,332.31

Membership: Membership & Nominations: As of the January General Meeting the NWNA has 47 voting members. Nominations on the Board members will be open in March. Victor as Chair will term out as well as Diana as Secretary. Any Voting member may be nominated at the March meeting. Voting will take place in April.

Speaker: Todd Whipple spoke on the property of 5025 W. 9 mile road. Harland Douglas intent is to place storage units with a small retail store in the front (business center) on the property if the zoning is changed from residential retail to commercial. The past request in 2002 was rejected as neighbors voiced against having the zoning changed. Once the zoning is changed, if Douglas chooses develop, the next person may develop and the zoning will stay as commercial meaning anything under that code may be placed there. All comments must be received by March 16th to the City Planner.

Parks/Rec.: The Board will have Mike Aho talk to them at the March Board Meeting on the Summer Parkways events planned for this summer. Jeff is working with the Spokane Parks foundation to prepare a grant for "Doggie Stations" in the parks. Jeff displayed a sample of the "Park Watch" sign that we plan to have posted at Audubon Park. We will have to get a different icon as the sample had a registered one that is not available. Jeff is working with Bob Turner to have the signs posted on poles already in existence to possibly save money in getting the signs posted legally.

Flying Goat: Victor summarized the situation with facts.

1. The Flying Goat desires to be a positive influence on the neighborhood.
2. The property has been zoned commercial for a long time.
3. The Flying Goat complied, with all code and commercial zoning requirements in opening its business.

The three options that were brought to neighborhood last month were the following, but none were decided on due to needing more facts and the true possibility of having it done by the City.

1. Residence & Guest parking by permit only after 5:00 on "F" street and Gordon
2. Street closure of "F" and Gordon where they connect with Northwest Boulevard
3. Restoring parking on Northwest Blvd. to create more parking to include sharrow bike lanes if possible

It was stated that this situation has gone to the city a number of times and they ultimately ended up telling everyone to go to their Neighborhood Association to try to solve this situation.

Jonathan Mallahan stated that the neighborhood in question was trained by the city to issue courtesy parking tickets. Also, the neighborhood is patrolled for parking infractions at random times. Jonathan said that the situation may be brought to Community Assembly on March 4th and the public is welcome to attend. This is a City situation since this kind of problem happens throughout the city.

Steve Corker then spoke stating any of the 3 options the neighborhood came up with were not going to take affect because none of them would follow any of the comprehensive plan or the master bike plan that our city are guided by. Removing the bike lanes from Northwest Blvd. is not an option as this street was re-striped 6 years ago to follow the master bike plan. Also, residents can not have any "special privileges" and no restrictions will take place. The Flying Goat is a public place and all will have to deal with the situation and make the best of it because all the streets around there are "public streets" or living elsewhere is their next choice. The Flying Goat has a right to be open, have followed all city codes and are NOT BREAKING THE LAW. The City needs to be more Pro Active prior to a business going in. The last key note was that the City of Spokane is directed to build "up", not "out" meaning expect businesses in neighborhoods throughout Spokane!

Next General Meeting is March 17, 2011 at Browne Elementary, 7:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned 8:12

Diana Frazier

Secretary ~ Northwest Neighborhood Association