

Bemiss Neighborhood Council meeting minutes for Oct. 8 2015

At the North East Community Center Crafts Room

Attendance: Bruce Higgins, Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan , Mike Rapp, Maryanne Rapp, Amber Waldref, CM, Mike Fagan CM, Peggy Slider, Health Dept. Johnathan Mallahan, ONS, Bobby Williams, Fire Chief

Minutes approved 1 abstention

Mike Fagan City Council report: Letter to mayor for 15,000.00 for CA. Monday resolution for BID in Hillyard and East Sprag. New block watch at Courtland.

Amber Waldref, CM Public works committee report: Water system plan update. Large sum of money approved for waste water treatment update. Next public works meeting will be at the waste management it is the largest capital project in City History to clean river up and reduce PCB pollutants. Amber answered the questions and concerns of members. The foreclosure property registry is still in planning stage Nov. 11 Plan committee will meet. Questions and concerns were answered by Johnathan M and Amber W.

Jackie Caro, ONS traffic calming report: She gave information on the process of funding and how applications are done. The survey for the Cook and Empire intersection was handed out. A copy containing the data is with these minutes. The engineer recommendation made no suggestions at that time. However there were two pedestrian accidents. There are two options for this intersection. The first is to bundle our application with Safe route to schools. A State grant was applied for by the City and awarded for the Bemiss and Shaw Schools. The project would place bump outs on the four corners of Smith and Empire with sidewalks going down Smith on east and west side to Courtland. There would also be four Bump outs on Cook and Empire, as well as Lacey and Empire. Copy's of these proposals will be with these minutes. Also awarded were sidewalks on Rich and Regel. It is not known how much of the project would be traffic calming. Time line design will be 1016 construction 2017.

The second choice it to use traffic calming money to do the intersection of Empire and Cook with four bump outs and a bump out on Cook and Garland. Design and construction would be 2016. Money for traffic calming is being shared with Whitman that has a large sidewalk project to Whitman School and Rochester Park. Traffic calming money are competitive so we may not be awarded it. With the Safe schools grant the intersection will be completed except no lighted strip. Lights were addressed for new led light in the street lighting of the intersection.

Vote: It Was Moved by Brook Plastino that we agree to bundle our application for Traffic Calming project of Empire and Cook with Safe Routes to schools grant. Mike Rapp 2ed and it passed.

Mayor's Budget Report: Johnathan Mallahan, Director of ONS. along with Bobby Williams Fire Dept. Gave a presentation of an Overview of Mayor Condon's 2016 Budget.

Bobby Williams Fire Dept. talked about fire safety week. There is a program for free smoke detectors for those who cannot afford them with installation.

CA Report: CM Ben Stuckart's ordinance for Neighborhood notification and standing was approved at last month's town hall meeting. This means that if any planning is to be done in the neighborhood we will be notified in a timely manner and have a chance to respond with our opinion on the development. Brochure training 10/26 and 29, Forest Spokane last chance pick up trees 10/17, Study Session for affordable housing 11/19, City is updating animal noise ordinance. Junk vehicle ordinance is being worked on.

Alley Clean Up: Oct 10 from 8 to 1 pm. We have 18 in all registered. Two 20 yard dumpsters will be dropped off. One at the Trinity Church on 1725 E. Bridgeport and The other at 2112 E. Queen Bob and Janet Rothwell's property. Bob said he will stay with dumpster and check that is using it. Kathryn said she would stay with Bridgeport one.

Finances: O.N.E. will be the fiduciary for our funds. Kathryn will arrange to set it up with them.

CDBG: City of Spokane Neighborhood Council conflict of interest forms. Handed out and signed by members.

Fund Raising: T shirts, Kathryn was able to get two quotes. She is check on the quality. Oct Decoration contest was thought to be not enough time to implement but we could work on Recognition for Holiday Decorating. We will request that people take pictures and we will put them up on Next door and the web site.

Adjourned 8:30