

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Neighbors: Frank & Lorelei Bennett, Chris Bertholf, Paul Bundy (Community Assembly Representative), Jerico Cairns, Karen Carlberg (Chair), Dwight Emerson, Mike Gifford (Vice-Chair & Cleanup Coordinator), Kathy Lang, Joy Peltier
City staff: Annica Eagle (Community Programs Coordinator); Kandace Watkins (Legislative Assistant to District 3 City Councilwoman Candace Mumm)

MINUTES

Minutes for the meeting of April 13, 2021, were approved.

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY REPORT

Paul reported on the May and June, 2021, Community Assembly meetings. May: City Councilwoman Kate Burke listed the Spokane projects that have received funding from the state. She discussed a draft plan from the Sustainability Action Committee for preparing the city for the challenges of climate change. The Community Assembly has been seeking a new facilitator for its meetings. The CA approved hiring Jennifer Cumbie for the remainder of 2021. Nick Hamad discussed the new master plan for Parks and Natural Lands for the next 6-10 years. They are looking for ways in which Spokane Parks can serve the community better. Marlene Feist gave an update on the 2021 Neighborhood Cleanup plan. The Office of Neighborhood Services is working on a pedestrian safety and traffic awareness plan to address speeding in residential neighborhoods. ONS also is working on a leadership training program for neighborhoods. Recent activities of Urban Forestry were discussed. June: City Council President Breann Beggs discussed proposals for increasing housing in the city. Mayor Nadine Woodward talked about a new homeless shelter on Mission Avenue, as well as the new city administrator. Cupid Alexander and Maren Murphy talked about improving housing in the city. Kevin Picano discussed the 6 yr streets capital program. An update was given on the new Leadership Training Program.

2021 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP: Mike Gifford, West Hills Cleanup Coordinator

Neighborhood cleanups are limited this year due to the pandemic. Disposal passes (formerly called dump passes) are the only thing available to all neighborhoods. To get a \$25 disposal pass, go to <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/cleanup>. (No passes actually have been sent out yet due to a glitch.) The pass will allow you to drop off up to \$25 worth of trash at the Waste to Energy Plant on Geiger Boulevard. There is a limited number of passes, they will be given on a first come first served basis, and each person may request up to one pass per month. Disposal passes also are available at COPS Shops (1403 W 3rd Ave for West Hills). A few curbside collection events and roll-off events (clean greens collection) will be

available in the fall. Mike requested a curbside event for West Hills. Direct questions to fridayupdate@spokanecity.org.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

The Office of Neighborhood Services has arranged to offer a leadership training program for up to two people from each neighborhood. These people may be current neighborhood leaders or people interested in becoming neighborhood leaders. Karen Carlberg and Kathy Lang will participate for West Hills.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

Kandace Watkins, Legislative Assistant to District 3 City Councilwoman Candace Mumm, made several announcements of behalf of Ms. Mumm:

Larger recycling carts are available by calling 311.

COVID-19 vaccinations now are available at fire stations without an appointment.

The City Council and mayor are deciding how to spend the American Rescue Funds that were given to Spokane. The purpose of the funds is to help people impacted by the pandemic. The funds must be spent by a deadline.

Food trucks and concerts are coming to Riverfront Park.

Comments on the Sustainability Action Plan are due by the end of August. See <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/committees/public-infrastructure-environment-and-sustainability/sustainability-action-subcommittee/>. Watch a video, take a survey, participate in a workshop.

WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT PROPOSAL: Outreach to River Run and City View Apartments

The Office of Neighborhood Services offers Community Engagement Grants to neighborhood councils every year for the purpose of increasing participation in neighborhood activities. Karen C had interactions with a few River Run residents this spring (regarding Spokane school boundary changes) which made all of us realize that residents of both RR and the rest of West Hills would benefit from increased involvement of RR residents in the West Hills Neighborhood Council. RR residents have not been very involved because they have a separate Nextdoor, the WH Nextdoor administrator cannot invite them to join, most of them don't know that they can see WH Nextdoor, and some don't know that WHNC exists. Additionally, the new City View Apartments, at Assembly and Deska, has 144 apartments whose residents might want to participate.

Jerico Cairns of RR volunteered to help. He and Karen C wrote a proposal for a CEG to create printed materials to distribute to RR and CVA. (Jerico and his crew distributed them on June 14.) They also wrote an email which Jerico sent to RR on June 7. We look forward to participation by both groups in WHNC.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS AND NEIGHBORHOOD:

People from the Finch Arboretum area, River Run, and Sunset Hill attended the meeting. Each of us talked briefly about our specific part of the neighborhood, why we chose it, what we like and dislike about it, and a little about ourselves.

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