

West Hills Neighborhood Council

WHNC Chair; William Hagy

Re; Meeting Minutes

June, 13th, 2023

WHNC: Order of Business

- I. Introduction; The following executive board and committee members; Chair; William Hagy, Communications Director; Derek Zandt, Treasurer; Paul Bundy, Susan Mensching; CA, Secretary Patty Amori . Everyone present with the exception of Paul Bundy the treasurer.
 - A. New members or visitors.
 - i. Patrick McCann running for mayor. Joe Winty. Introduced. Here listening to neighborhood concerns. Moved to Latah in 2019.
 - ii. Carol Corbin – New Member – Interested to learn about the community.
Inland Northwest Land Conservatory
 - iii. Kim Please and Ben (campaign mgr) running for City Council
 1. Candidate for City Council President; Kim Plese | Community Concerns, Leadership regarding City Council support for area residents and businesses.
 - iv. Julie resident of River Run (Came from Save West Hills)
 - B. Elections:
 - i. December 2023

II. Community Reports

A. SPD South Precinct

- i. Not Present

B. ONS

- i. Watering restriction
- ii. Summer construction and traffic
- iii. Rosamond Repair this summer i-90 at the over cross
- iv. Thought exchange traffic calming
- v. Dump passes are over June 15, 2023
- vi. Annie Deasy will check on neighborhood passes for dumping.

C. Fish Lake Trailhead

- 1. Cancelled this year due to safety concerns
- 2. Confirmed Arson Fire June 3rd, prior arson fires, broken glass in parking lot, graffiti throughout the areas

D. County Land Report Committee – West Hills Conversation

- i. Eric Jones formed a meeting. Park Operations, Natural Resources and Enforcer, Fire Department (Nick Jeffries); Code enforcement
 - 1. Indian Canyon Drive- Deciding what jurisdiction this actually is City/County – road closure will remain until grading can be carried

out, pending Conservation/natural area with posted park hours surrounding' Mystic Falls

2. Fire/EMS
3. DNR Fuels Reductions
 - a. Prison work force
4. Code Enforcement
 - a. Camping & Dumping
 - b. 4000 acres in the city for Parks to cover
 - c. Created a fund to take calls for service and triage.
 - d. Boise District Court decision regarding what we can really do for camping. Rate of calls coming in has grown a lot. Camps come back the next day. There is a response but not enough to meet the need. Who do you call Crime Check or 311? If you see a camp that is 311. If there are illegal call 911 or crimecheck. GIS need a complex plan so there is one easy way to reach out for services. Need arrangements for jurisdiction. Need MOU's. Constantly working on the ranger program. In 2019 they had funding and people looking for jobs. They were out there from 10pm – 2 am. They want more park rangers. Need Funding. Park Master Plan what do we need to feel safe in our park?
5. Environment Designation Remediation

- a. This might limit our resources to make action. Instead focus efforts into Parks Natural Land Master Plan.
- 6. Catholic Charities; previous requests for a Good Neighbor Agreement with City Parks and WHNC have both been ignored.
 - a. Parks & CCEW have an easement but we still need a good neighbor agreement. Point person from CCEW is not longer there. We need to reestablish a good neighborhood agreement. There are now 6 properties in West Hills.

III. Officer Reports

- a. William Hagy debriefing, following with City Administrator Johnnie Perkins / further updates and overview surrounding County Commissioners meetings and testimony – Environmental Damages, Sunset Latah Bridge, SRTC traffic study request, arson fires of concern raising property insurance, public health and safety concerns in our neighborhood features surrounding High Bridge park, Mystic Falls, Fish Lake Trailhead, Finch Arboretum, Latah Creek, Garden Springs Creek, Indian Canyon Park, Spokane River to Downriver / RSP
- b. William attended Parks Board meeting with Carol Corbin for West Hills presentation – Carol did an excellent and most informative overview of our constituent concerns.
- c. Current WHNC Business
 - 1) Meet with Chief Meidle
 - i. June 15, 2023 at 5:30; 401 W. Cook Street.

- ii. Discuss change in the law re West Hills
- 2) American Indian Community Center in front of the dog park
 - i. Looking at community grants for paving.
 - ii. Food Bank; Drive through
 - iii. Tour of the land in the winter time.
 - iv. Historical relevance
 - v. Good neighbor expression
 - vi. Seeking help and better lives
 - vii. Elder Meal Services
 - viii. Bus Passes
 - ix. There will be no one staying there.
 - x. Separate entrance. Community Garden, Pow Wows
- d. Community Engagement Grant
 - 1) Approval was done. Food for ice cream social \$100 was approved in addition to all items requested. Grant total; \$850.00 for bringing neighbors together, Printing/Sign Boards, . Printing WHNC Logo made by William on T-Shirts.
 - 2) T-shirts are approved and ordered.
 - 3) This Friday is the last day to apply for dump passes. Stopping to ready for fall cleanup.
- e. Ice Cream Social
 - 1) Saturday June 24, 2023 from 11-1

- 2) Whittier Park Approval is done.
- 3) Elizabeth volunteered to help
- 4) Need volunteers for Event
- 5) Derek will bring the cuts and dishes
- 6) Susan purchased Gift Cards for Ive Cream

IV. Open Forum

1. William talks about how current council Dist 2 have been not present in meetings.
Today we had Kim Plese. She wants to do a neighborhood tour.
2. William and Jerico meeting with Al French; regarding High Bridge Park;
Neighborhood has done out part to bring awareness. We are hoping for a brighter tomorrow. Less fires. Jericho is River Run got very involved.
3. Sunset Latah Bridge Studies. Building caves, deaths, fires. Tremendous concerns.
Arson fires and physical attacks. Wildlife in jeopardy. The bridge is going back to the legislative agenda.

B. Cop Shop

1. William met with Johnathan Bingle and spoke with Karen Stratton wanting to bring into West Hills.
2. William Proposed a Victory Garden to remedy the gas station, and encouraged the property owner to apply for open RFP grant for Arpa Funding October 2022
3. Proposed property for proposed COPS station is to be supplied with costs covered in addition to staffed by volunteers of West Hills, William spoke with a local property owner regarding COPS shop

C. Carol Corbin was appointed and voted into WHNC Environment Impact/Land Use committee.

1. Voting was unanimous with zero opposing. Carol Corbin Voted in as Inland Community Member Inland
2. Appointed by William
3. Second

D. Security Update – from Christine Quinn and Stu Lee regarding the private security team in Palisades; Bison Security

1. 4k a month from 10pm – 2 am, first month contract paid by Collen Mccully – see attached for more info and payment options.

E. 7:00 meeting adjourned