

Agenda for Tuesday, February 11, 2025

In Person – Finch Arboretum Woodland Center
3404 W Woodland Blvd
Spokane, WA 99224
6:00 PM To 7:15 PM

Introductions

- 5 Minutes: Check-in Question: What is your favorite thing about our neighborhood?

Reports

- 5 Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting
- 5 Minutes: Community Assembly Report out
- 5 Minutes: Office of Neighborhood Services
- 5 Minutes: City Council Updates
- 5 Minutes: Public Safety updates

Presentation

Discussion

- 20 Minutes: Community Engagement Grant 2025
- 10 Minute: Street Art final location and next steps

Adjourn

- Close, Visit, and Listen

Next Meeting Date : April 8, 2025

Future Agenda Items:

- Neighborhood Committees Assessment
- Historic Neighborhood Application/Preservation Discussion
- MySpokane 311 and Code Enforcement

West Hills Neighborhood Council February 11th Meeting

Held at Finch Arboretum

Minutes

In attendance: 12

Executive Team Present: Chair Robert Thompson, Vice Chair Ryan Oelrich, alt CA Rep and Clean-up Coordinator Mike Gifford, Treasurer Paul Bundy, Community Assembly Rep. Kathy Hagy

Guests: 3 SPD officers, Annie Deasy with the City of Spokane, Kris; representative from Cliff Cannon Neighborhood.

1. Chair Robert opened the meeting and conducted introductions.
2. Vice Chair Ryan took minutes.
3. Kathy Hagy provided a community assembly update.
 - a. City working on the distribution of CDBG funding.
 - b. Whittier Park recently added to the list of eligible parks for funding
 - c. CDBG applications due March 14 – requested urgent addition to agenda
4. The Spokane Police Department provided a brief update on crime statistics in the West Hills Neighborhood with the message that overall crime in our neighborhood is low. Officers shared the department would be moving back to a neighborhood resource officer system in the future. Officers answered questions.
5. October minutes Unavailable
6. City Council Update Skipped – no representative present
7. Annie Deasy with the City of Spokane provided a CHHS update and copies of the [Office of Neighborhood Services News You Can Use](#).
8. Mike Gifford, Clean Up Coordinator, requested feedback on what clean-up resources we should request.
 - a. Proposed and passed: Coordinator will request clean green, Curbside pick up, and passes.
9. Chair Robert requested feedback on requests for CDBG ([Community Development Block Program](#)) funding. After feedback was received from those present, it was agreed the WHNC funding request will focus on sports courts resurfacing and playground equipment repair in Whittier Park.
 - a. Proposed and Passed: CDBG Grant application Due March 14. Council decided to submit a proposal for sports court resurfacing and Playground equipment repair. Robert to apply.
10. Chair Robert requested feedback on the placement of asphalt art. After discussing placement options, it was unanimously voted to place asphalt artwork at the intersection of Woodland and Trinity.

- a. Robert to submit application.
 - b. Maggie raised a question regarding the painting of sports courts in the park – Robert is following up with the Park boards Joint Arts Committee for further information.
 - c. An art selection committee was formed made up of Vice Chair Ryan, Mike Gifford, and Maggie and Miles.
11. Chair Robert requested feedback on this year's [Community Engagement Grant](#), due in June. Previously, this has been used for [National Night Out](#) event, ice cream social, and Zoom subscriptions. Suggestions for this year's funding were: an ice cream social, two separate block parties in different geographical locations in our neighborhood to boost attendance, or a movie night in the park. It was shared that up to \$300 of the \$850 allotted could be used for food this year.
- a. Proposed and passed: move to April agenda for further discussion on proposed use of funds and committee formation.
12. Kathy Hagy requested an update on the resolution for funding for the Latah Bridge which is still in disrepair. Vice Chair Ryan promised to check with City Council reps and noted they have repeatedly been asked in the past and the answer continues to be there isn't yet any funding available or secured.
13. Mike proposed for April addition of Fire Preparation presentation with an invitation to Grandview, and Latah neighborhoods.

Meeting concluded at 7:23 pm.

Next meeting April 8th.

Agenda Items moved to April:

- Community Engagement Grant Proposals and Committee Formation
- Fire Preparedness Presentation

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ryan Oelrich, WHNC Vice Chair.