

## West Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting

4/8/2025, 6pm-7:20pm

**In attendance:** 22 participants including Chair Robert Thompson, Vice Chair Ryan Oelrich, Communications Director Joy Peltier, Community Assembly Rep Kathy Hagy, Community Assembly Alternate Mike Gifford, and Treasurer Paul Bundy. Council Member Paul Dillon was present from 7pm to close.

Vice Chair Ryan Oelrich recorded the minutes.

1. Robert Thompson, Chair, opened the meeting.
2. Kathy Hagy, Community Assembly Representative, provided an update.
  - a. Clean up efforts are being organized- suggested areas for cleanup 14<sup>th</sup> & Lindeke, 13<sup>th</sup> & Rosamond
  - b. Grandview Thorp Neighborhood would like to partner on cleanup efforts.
  - c. Noted the construction stop moratorium resolution sent to Spokane City Council had been changed by council and now no longer reflected the intention of the neighborhood. Is working with Giacobbe to correct.
  - d. Noted that beautification funds are available.
  - e. The city is revisiting its' comprehensive plan and invites neighborhood feedback.
3. Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services staff, Gabby Ryan, provided an update. See Spokane Neighborhood "News You Can Use" newsletter for details.
4. Officer Micha Prim with the Spokane Police Department introduced himself as our new Neighborhood Resource Officer. Officer Prim provided an update on area crime hot spots and encouraged the reporting to Crime Check of any incidents for tracking purposes. Reported 8<sup>th</sup> and Cochran is a current hot spot with frequent calls for law enforcement response. Officer Prim invited communication via his email [MPrim@SpokanePolice.org](mailto:MPrim@SpokanePolice.org)
5. Chair, Robert Thompson, provided his regular reminder to also utilize 311 (phone or app) to report incidents for tracking purposes.
6. Treasurer Paul Bundy completed the ONS equipment training.
7. Forrester Guy Gifford with the WA Department of Natural Resources provided a fire prevention presentation. Shared micro grants are available to neighborhoods for fire prevention efforts of up to \$4,000 each.
8. Alex Reynolds, Vice President of Housing at Catholic Charities, gave a presentation on construction plans and overview of CC services which includes housing those in need via 60+ apartment buildings and over 2,700 units.

- a. St. Agnes Haven will include two buildings with 24 units each. One building will house families and the other building will house individuals with mental health diagnoses in partnership with Frontier Behavioral Health.
  - b. They are planning a Catalyst Expansion to add 130 permanent units at a cost of \$14,000,000.
  - c. They are looking into adding 25-50 tiny homes at a cost of \$14,000 each.
- 9. Chair Robert Thompson asked if the construction projects had gone to the city planning department and noted that as described the tiny homes would not be allowed by current zoning and building codes. Alex Reynolds responded the plans had not yet gone to planning but that conversations were underway.
- 10. Audience members asked questions of Alex Reynolds, CC. There was one voice of support for the Catalyst project and five participants expressed skepticism or criticism of the Catalyst and St. Agnes projects.
- 11. Council Member Paul Dillon provided the following update:
  - a. Passed a biennial budget process for the City of Spokane
  - b. Working on a Good Neighbor Agreement for social service providers
  - c. Working on Complete Streets project

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Neighborhood Council Vice Chair, Ryan Oelrich

## **Agenda for Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

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

### **Introductions**

- 5 Minutes: Introductions.

### **Reports**

- 5 Minutes: Approve Minutes from February
- 5 Minutes: Community Assembly Report out
- 5 Minutes: Office of Neighborhood Services
- 5 Minutes: City Council Updates
- 5 Minutes: Public Safety updates

### **Presentation**

- 20 Minutes: Fire Preparation and Community Resilience
- 30 Minutes: Community Development updates

### **Adjourn**

- Close, Visit, and Listen