

Agenda for Tuesday, June 10, 2025

In Person – Woodland Center

3404 W Woodland BLVD
Spokane, WA 99224

6:00 PM To 7:15 PM

Introductions

- 5 Minutes

Reports

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

Presentation

- 10 Minutes – Judge Mary Logan: Municipal Court Primary Functions and Roles
- 5 Minute – Bryn McNabb – Updates on Finch Crossing

Discussion

- 10 minutes - National Night Out and Community Engagement Grant Use of Funds
- 20 Minutes – Community Response to Development and Contacting Your Representatives

Adjourn

- Close, Visit, and Listen

Next Meeting Date : August 12, 2025

Link to WHNC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/AnoafSwiA3ijTQK1/>

WHNC City of Spokane page: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/councils/west-hills/>

WHNC Website: <https://westhills.spokaneneighborhoods.org/>

ONS Newsletter: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/news>

WHNC Meeting June 10, 2025

1. Rob called meeting to order at 6:02
2. April minutes reviewed
3. Micah speaks: Crime stats handed out. Phone numbers listed for crime check and resources for understanding when to call crime check vs 311 included.
 - Encourages people to call in if they see anything suspicious/illegal/harmful to the neighborhood.
 - Call in camping issues but not all camping rules can be enforced. Things that can be harmful to water ways, trespassing, etc are things that can be investigated.
4. Judge Mary Logan presentation: Municipal court number 2

Shes lived in Spokane valley 1996 and moved south hill in 1999

She believes in Spokane community and

Sees misdemeanor cases

Wanted a strong basis for their courts – lots of societies, research based entities to help guide practices.

Therapeutic court – veterans and community courts – doesn't cost city extra money

The forum – service provider entity once a month for veterans with service providers and have therapeutic session.

70-80 individuals wrote in grad letters that they would have taken lives if they had not been part of that program.

20-25% of her cases are therapeutic court – designed to get people housing ready

Opioid settlement money helping to provide medically assisted treatment on site via physicians or get people in-patient treatment

Housing issues in the area are very difficult – biggest difficulty that her court has, we're down 23,000 units of housing but not section 8 housing

She wants a court/justice system that holistically looks at an issue and helps people where they are when appropriate.

Sequential intercept model*** for intervening on pathways in criminal/legal system.

Quality of life crimes – getting people help as they need it

Majority of people dying of fentanyl overdose are actually housed

She's up for re-election, if her court didn't exist then people would spend time in jail and lose time, resources, and end up back on street in a worse position than before. She wants to continue her work and continue honing the services they're offering.

Judge mary logan website/social media:

5. CA updates Kathy Hagy:

Park given 30k for improvements of (CDBG) grant the neighborhood applied for

Plan for the money per Kathy – new baseball diamond, tennis court work, bathroom improvements

Per Robert – baseball diamond (can we use money for this?), tennis courts, improvement to playground equipment decking.

Question about whether bathrooms are ADA compliant

Why are the bathrooms locked all the time?

Project for comprehensive plan needs to be completed by January

Chapters 3, 6 and 10 read and comprehensive notes given, we're like Kendall yards due to motels,

Joy offers to try to help

Becky asked for bathrooms to be opened for national night out

Bathrooms are supposed to remain open memorial day to labor day, but if they're not, we can continue to discuss it and why

Kathy wants to know what happened to concrete drinking fountain – is it on?

Pickleball court as possibility for at least one of the courts or possibly two sets of lines?

Extreme team parks aligned?? Mark Petersen for redoing baseball diamonds

6. Gabby ONS updates

Heather Hamlin is new director; she's trying to go to all the NC meetings to meet people and get acquainted with the neighborhoods

THIS IS SPOKANE zine – civic guide for neighbors

Summer community events -

Sat pride festival

Two spirit pow wow

Planned protests

Next week June 19 Juneteenth event schedule (link)

Farmers market season (links)

Emerson Garfield in Emerson park

Kendall Yards

June 19th browne's addition concert series 6PM 28th year

June 21 art nonprofit Train's? Bizzare Riverpark square

Hoopfest – Thursday road closures to set up courts – volunteers needed (link)

Tuesday food truck series downtown

Kid's Fest. June 22

The pools and splash pads are opening soon – Fri June 16

Parks guide: link

June 20 salmon calling event – Kettle falls (link)

**** Spokane Neighborhood Summit – call for workshop proposals Due Thurs Jul 10
(link for proposals with examples)

Registration for the event

7. City council updates

- Ginny Ramos on behalf of CM Paul Dillon
 - o Rosamond Ave Sidewalk
 - o No news on sunset bridge
 - o Bike Priority network resolution
 - o Growth management act
 - o Riverside neighborhood no right turn on red
 - o Play streets ordinance
 - Closing non-arterials is easier to help with neighborhoods putting on events
 - o Mayor introduced HOME program
 - Contact CM Dillon via email: pdillon@spokanecity.org
 - o Cryptocurrency ATMs
 - CM Dillon working with detectives on this for a couple of years – bitcoin ATMs scamming Spokane residents
 - Look like regular ATMs, but will take money from people and makes it extremely difficult to trace where the money has gone

8. Bryn – Finch crossing update

9. Garden springs road – apartment developments

10. Grandview Thrope did a fire drill for evacuation preparedness

- Took about 42 minutes

11. National Night Out August 5th, 2025 5:30-7:30

- Community Engagement Grant
- Paul will submit for funds
- Becky Cook coordinating - \$850 and up to \$300 for food
- Adult games? Need to sign them out with ONS, Becky has a volunteer for kids games
- Plan for table for WHNC information
- Banner for national night out
- Gabby at ONS can help design fliers
 - o Don't forget you can use library card to do 50 copies black and white printing
- Online order for printing – we can get reimbursed
- Asked for fire truck and police to hopefully show up

12. Community Engagement Grant:

- Last 2 years money was spent on
 - o Banners purchased for tabling
 - o Trifold fliers

- National night out
- T shirts for volunteers
- A frames for signs

13. Community Engagement Grant Votes:

- Banner is #1 thing we want to spend money on –
 - Simple majority vote taken, all approved, no nays
- Print fliers
 - Simple majority vote taken, all approved, no nays
- Up to \$300 on miscellaneous food
 - Simple majority vote taken, all approved, no nays

14. Email from WHNC to address SEPA application for St. Agnes on the corner Govt way and sunset highway

- Larger projects have to submit SEPA applications
- Public comment period
 - Spokane tribes, Neighborhood councils in the area, historical societies
 - Concerns from last meeting about CC projects, some might fall under SEPA concerns
 - We would like to submit response that outlines concerns from the neighbors
 - After Sepa app closes, there will be separate public comment period for individuals
 - Concerns such as safety of bridge
 - Betsy Wilkerson assured us bridge is safe, was taken from 4 down to 2 lanes,
 - There are a number of spaces available for parking/units, concern about the bridge is legit due to increased traffic across bridge
 - Concerns such as narrowness of sidewalks on that corner
 - Inc pedestrian traffic
 - Bike trail adjacent to property, fish lake trail, other recreational areas in the area and mitigation of potentially impacting those recreational areas
 - Possibly can include litter and other pollutants of that sort as they are theoretical – runoff toward the river could potentially be included
- Should we respond as a neighborhood?
 - Simple majority vote taken, all approved, no nays
- What should we include in our concerns?
 - Bridge, traffic concerns – has there been a traffic study?

- Pedestrian safety
- Recreational areas
- Litter/potential site use
- Urban wildlife corridor
- Exit corridors

Meeting adjourned at 7:29