

West Hills Neighborhood Council
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 10 2026

1) Meeting called to order by Robert Thompson

Council members introduced themselves, and Executive members Robert Thompsona, Mike Gifford, and Paul Bundy introduced themselves establishing a quorum.

2) Attendees:

Executive Committee: Robert Thompson, Mike Gifford, Paul Bundy

WHNC Members: Full list will be shared to city of Spokane

3) Reports

- Bryn McNabb not present for minutes report out.
- Kate Tellis reported out for City Council
 - City Council passed legislative agenda focusing on employment, environment, and expanding parking to people to incentivize development.
 - She and colleagues are following the Tiny Home project, and Kate expressed intention to be an advocate for positive development in West Hills
 - Noted the need for a Community center or community hub for the neighborhood.
 - Noted that currently planned developments may not be stopped
 - Noted need for neighbors to follow development of the good neighbor agreement to ensure it would have “teeth”
- Micah Primm reported out Public Safety Updates
 - Noticeable uptick in theft and burglary
 - This is the season where package theft rises – tips were offered
 - Have packages delivered to secure office or location
 - Request packages require signature
 - Request delivery alerts to help track packages
 - Reminder to report vehicles and crimes to Crime check and 311.
- Polly Birge reported out for ONS
 - Polly introduced as new ONS Liaison
 - [Gonzaga SNLA Applications](#) are open
 - Clean green pickup has been expanded through winter with one week per month pickups of green carts; Jan 5-9 and Feb 2-6 with regular cart pickup beginning again in March
 - Snow readiness: Park on the odd side of the street when it snows for snow plows
- Response Subcommittee Report out

- Robert presented – notes attached
- Robert shared response to concerns regarding Catholic Charities messaging
 - CC has been planning to close House of charity (HoC) downtown for sometime, and presented that at their open house in March
 - CC presented at their open house in march a plan to expand catalyst
 - Neither of these are new, but they have not been presented in the past as being in relationship with each other
 - Currently CC maintains that the closure of HoC is not in relation to the catalyst expansion, and a catalyst expansion would not be “moving” HoC to sunset hwy
- Robert thanked neighbors for sharing information and urged that neighbors reach out to city officials and ensure they are sharing information that is capable of being fact checked
- Also asked neighbors to CC WHNC email address so that Executive members can see communications
- Annie Walker and Will Hagy shared that they planned to appeal SEPA for the Tiny Home Village
- Fish Lake Train to Centennial connections
 - Presented by Karen Carlberg
 - New trail is planned from Fish lake trailhead to Centennial Trail
 - This is 3 years in the making – construction beginning in spring
 - One portion will go down the hill and end at riverside avenue near the intersection with Clark – allowing folks to go down the hill to the Sandifur Bridge
- Old Business
 - Bylaws
 - Ryan Oelrich was unavailable to present on bylaws – Bylaws suggested changes will be shared to incoming council to move forward on a vote
- New Business
 - Council Elections:
 - Robert Expressed Gratitude for the 2024-2025 Council members who have committed their time and efforts over the past two years.
 - 2026 Nominees were given the opportunity to share about themselves
 - Point of order raised regarding one nominee who was not present due to medical emergency
 - Roberts Rules of Order/ Parliamentary procedure does allow a member to be elected into office because an election is for duties , not personal award.
 - There is nothing in the bylaws that states a nominee must be present at voting, only that they must accept the nomination.
 - Ruling that the votes cast for that member would stand
 - Votes were taken on paper slips, hand counted by Mike Gifford and Confirmed by Karen Carlberg.

- Votes will remain with Mike Gifford and handed off to the City as outlines in Bylaws.
- WHNC Executive Team Named:
 - Chair, Noah Dickens
 - Vice Chair, Stephen Cummins
 - Secretary, Annie Walker
 - Communications Director, Susan Arneson
 - Community Assembly Liaison, Maggie Thornton
 - Community Assembly Alternate, Stuart Lee
 - Treasurer, Paul Bundy

Agenda for Tuesday, December 9, 2025

In Person – Woodland Center
3404 W Woodland BLVD
Spokane, WA 99224

6:00 PM To 7:15 PM

Introductions

- 5 Minutes introductions

Reports

- 5 Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting
- 5 Minutes: City Council Updates,
- 5 Minutes: Public Safety Updates
- 5 Minutes: ONS Updates
- 5 Minutes: Response Committee Updates
- 5 Minutes: Fish Lake to Centennial Trail Connection

Old Business: Discussion

- WHNC Bylaws

New Business: Discussion

- Council Elections
 - Each candidate will be given 2 minutes to speak
 - Motions/Movements
 - Explanation of voting (blind vote)

New Business:

Adjourn

- Close, Visit, and Listen

Next Meeting Date : February 10, 2026

Nominees for 2026 Board

Chair

- Noah Dickens

Vice Chair

- Stephen Cummins
- David Binford

Secretary

- Bryn McNabb
- Annie Walker

Communications Director

- Susan Arneson

Community Assembly

- Maggie Thornton (Toland)
- Kathy Hagy

Community Assembly Alternate

- Stuart Lee

Treasurer

- Thomas Angell
- Paul Bundy
- Annie Walker
- Sue Arneson