

# Agenda (West Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting)

**Date:** June 9, 2026

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:30pm

**Location:** Finch Arboretum Woodland Center  
3404 W. Woodland Blvd  
Spokane, WA 99224

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| 1. | Call To Order/Officer Roll Call/Establish A Quorum. Motion and vote for the meeting to be recorded for minute taking purposes | 6:00 | 3min  |
| 2. | Police Officer Presentation   | 6:03 | 10min |
| 3. | City Council Person(s) Presentation: Kate Telis   | 6:13 | 15min |
| 4. | ONS (Office of Neighborhood Services): Pollyanne Birge  | 6:28 | 8min  |
| 5. | Secretary's Report (accept/amend minutes)   | 6:36 | 2min  |
| 6. | Officer's Reports   |      |       |
|    | • CA  | 6:38 | 10min |
| 7. | Revitalization Committee Report   | 6:48 | 10min |
| 8. | Agenda Items  |      |       |
|    | • Opportunity for WHNC to participate on CA committees  | 6:58 | 5min  |
|    | • CE Committee report   | 7:03 | 10min |
|    | • Tiny homes update   | 7:13 | 10min |
|    | • Expanded alcohol band zone conversation   | 7:23 | 7min  |
| 9. | Adjourn Meeting   | 7:30 |       |

# West Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

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## Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Noah Dickens
- Motion to record meeting passed unanimously
- Modified Robert's Rules in use

## Attendance

- **Executive Committee:** Noah Dickens Chair; Stephen Cummins, Vice-Chair; Paul Bundy, Treasurer; Sue Arnesen, Communications; Stu Lee, Alt. CA Representative. Maggie Thornton, Absent
- **Guest Presenters:** Micah Prim, Spokane Police Neighborhood Resource Officer  
Andres Grageda, Assistant to Councilmember Kate Telis  
Heather Hamlin, ONS  
Judge Andrew Biviano
- **Public Attendees:** 16 (see attendees at the end)
- **A Quorum was established.**

## Police & Public Safety – Officer Micah Prim

- Increased interagency patrols with park rangers addressing illegal camping/fires (Sunset Blvd, Finch Arboretum).
- Outreach team assisting unhoused individuals; recent successful relocation noted.
- Residents encouraged to report via Crime Check/311.
- Drug enforcement: warnings before citations; documentation supports therapeutic court interventions.
- Crime data monitored via city dashboard; analyst identifies hotspots.

## City Council Updates (Telis Office)

- Coffee with Council: Apr 22, 3:30–5:00 PM, Wake Up Call (Sprague).
- Traffic calming Cycle 15 closed; future cycles open.
- Food truck ordinance delayed two weeks.
- Spokane 2046 Plan: growth alternative approved; final vote expected May.
- District Two Town Hall is tentatively set for June 11 (public safety focus).

### **Secretary's Report**

- The Minutes for February 10, 2026 and March 10, 2026 were unanimously approved.

### **Office of Neighborhood Services**

- City Council meetings will be moving to Wednesdays mid-July.
- Community Engagement Grant applications due June 19, 2026
- Speed feedback trailer application submitted and we will be getting 3 locations.
- Solar lights available; high demand causing delays.
- Disposal passes (\$30 credit) available every 30 days; some email issues reported.

### **Secretary Appointment**

- The vacated WHNC Secretary had one person who volunteered (and one who would, if no one else volunteered). Tim Lynch was unanimously elected to fill the position.

### **Presentation – Judge Andrew Biviano**

- Overview of justice-reform initiatives: Supported Release, Navigators, childcare, electronic monitoring, therapeutic courts, crisis stabilization, Path Center.
- Programs currently grant-funded; future funding uncertain.
- Distributed survey on transparency and safety.
- Juror stipend cards can be donated to childcare services.
- Frustration expressed regarding Prop 1 enforcement and HB 2489.
- Discussion on jail overcrowding, deterrence, and gaps in mental-health housing.
- Concerns about unlicensed transitional housing and lack of accountability.
- For more information, contact: [celt@spokanecounty.gov](mailto:celt@spokanecounty.gov).

### **Street Art & Events**

- Winning street-art design selected; start date TBD.

### **CE Grant**

A CE Grant (\$850) is available to support events. A discussion was held about what the WHNC would like for the events to increase the visibility of the WHNC. The approved events were for a **Mid-August Movie Night** and a **Park celebration / fall festival**.

- A motion was made to apply for the CE Grant. Of the membership, 19 people voted to apply for the application, 0 for voted no, and 0 abstentions. Motion was passed unanimously.
- Some equipment is available via Community Assembly.

**Supportive Housing & Land Use Concerns:**

- Residents object to disproportionate concentration of supportive housing in West Hills.
- Reports concerns of drug use in pallet shelters; concerns about lack of testing and oversight.
- Comprehensive Plan equity requirements cited as unmet.
- Resolution 2026-01, A Request for Policy Clarification and Documentation – New Roots Village was discussed and passed unanimously; moving to CA Land Use Committee April 23, 2026.

**Dorian Studios Project:**

- Proposed 32-unit supportive housing project; no public notice issued.
- No permits filed; may be exempt from SEPA.
- Residents frustrated by lack of City Council advocacy; fire-safety concerns raised.

**Infrastructure & Process Reform:**

- Strong desire for school and fire station in West Hills.
- Concerns about SEPA bypass, shortened comment periods, and project classifications avoiding CUPs.
- Residents reject NIMBY label; request equitable distribution and transparency.

**Revitalization Committee**

- Committee formed; first meeting successful.
- Working on charter, sub-area plan feasibility, potential building moratorium, and advocacy initiatives.
- Meets bi-monthly; next meeting May 12, 6:00 PM at Sue’s house.
- Call for continued resident engagement.

**Meeting Ended at 7:35 pm.**

**List of Public Attendees:**

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| Patty Amori       | Kathy Hagy      |
| Paul Amori        | Kelly Lee       |
| David Binford     | Tim Lynch       |
| Andrew Biviano    | Sue Lani Madson |
| George Bressler   | Nolan Steiner   |
| Sherry Bressler   | Annie Walker    |
| Laurie Englehardt | Sandy Wicht     |
| JB Freeman        |                 |
| Deb Greel         |                 |

## Community Assembly Report

May 8, 2026

The meeting convened and as always, the reps that signed in to speak were given 3 minutes.

I was one of 5 that signed up and I spoke of the WHNC resolution. I had made a few copies and gave the Chair one and Heather Hamlin one. I spoke to our frustration with all parties involved in the behavioral health industry from the city and the council to the NGOs and the CA Land Use committee. I told the CA that our council reps had said that they would not advocate for us. Heather flashed the red "time up" card at me to get me to stop.

The other speakers talked of events in their neighborhood and timelines.

Betsy Wilkerson was the first scheduled speaker. I had told her before the meeting that I was going to throw her under the bus for not responding to our letter/resolution. She opened her speech by addressing me (and WHNC) directly. She said that typically when something comes into any office in city hall it is sent to the specific district CM and that is the end of that. It is left to our CM to respond to us. She then added that if I send it directly to her, she will react. (Betsy and I are close enough to hug and say HI whenever we see one another).

CP Wilkerson then spoke of the PARKING MINIMUM ELIMINATION that the city has undertaken. Neighborhoods that are gaining apartment complexes with only on street parking are not happy with this. She also addressed the 4 tax votes that are in the works (1) Library (2) STA (3) Public Safety (4) Public Schools. All will be looking for money soon. The City Council meeting will change to Wednesdays on July 15.

She became emotional when she spoke of the importance of the CA and citizen involvement.

Heather Hamlin from ONS spoke of Community School Neighborhood Projects and the kids involved. She also mentioned dump passes that will be available in July and can be used starting Aug 4. Most splash pads will open May 22. The security lights are still available from the city free of charge.

The keynote speakers of the night were Zeke Smith and Emile Cameron. They addressed the latest plan to do something with the drug addiction and mental illness displayed on our street constantly. They introduced an organization called SAFE AND HEALTHY TASK FORCE. [Safeandhealthyspokane.org](http://Safeandhealthyspokane.org). Emile is from the downtown Spokane Partnership and while in disagreement with Zeke on many if not most of the solutions they are part of this group to make another attempt at saving our city. Emile started by mentioning that 2 ½ years ago there was a ballot measure that was defeated that would have solved some of the problems. She also spoke of Conveners, Consultants Planning team, Task Force, Advisory Committee and the Public. Important points mentioned were Targeted and Coordinated Strategies, System Improvements that include system efficiencies, provider coordination, alignment to protect Medicaid resources and facilities evaluation.

This month the Task Force will deliver it's finding to the regional jurisdictions.

Zeke spoke of 44 members and 4 subcommittees. He emphasized Accountability Coordination not driven by political time cycles. Cross system coordination, new scaled programs and public safety.

When the 20-minute presentation was over they took a couple questions.

I mentioned all the money it's going to take to implement all of the plans for data gathering and housing etc. (They, very cleverly, never once mentioned money) I asked them to react to the failure of Prop 1 a couple years ago. Stating that if Prop1 one had been enforced, had the will of the people been carried out, none of what they spoke of would be necessary because there would not be anyone on our streets. Zeke refused to speak a word and Emile said she could not address prop 1. There was another question about the obvious concentration of facilities in the west hills and only Zeke responded by saying that he did not believe that the west hills have a concentration of facilities. I could not hold my voice in response and was silenced by the chair. I had 2 copies of our resolution left and as they left the room I caught up with them and gave them each a copy and told them that we have not received a reply from anyone at the city.

There was a question asked about Hello For Good that was focused on similar goals. They said that it is still an organization but there is currently nothing being done by that group.

Neighborhood work group needs volunteers and they chose some from the group.  
A standing committee Amendment was voted down. Referred back to committee.

Land use committee had a letter to send to the council on the new comprehensive plan. It was voted and passed to send the letter after it was amended. The amendment changed the ending from "Thank you for your attention to this matter" to "Thank you". One rep was offended by the thank you for your attention to this matter because it sounded like Trump and we can't use the words of this language that Trump uses. My comment was a loud "OH God!"

BSN reported on BSN and I have no clue what that is, Sorry.

Neighborhood safety report was about traffic calming throughout the city.

There was an actionable review and then the meeting ended without a motion to adjourn.

Stu Lee

## Possible WHNC Representation on Two Community Assembly Committees

**Requested Action:** Information, Discussion, and Possible Decision

### **Key Points:**

The Community Assembly (which is comprised of one representative from each of the 29 Neighborhood Councils) has several committees that provide information to the Community Assembly which then can be shared with the City Council.

Here are two committees that might be of interest to some of our members. Attached are the Policies and Procedures for both the **Land Use** and the **Pedestrian, Transportation and Traffic Committees**.

If you are interested, then the WHNC membership can vote that you are eligible to represent our neighborhood at those meetings

### **Previous Discussions:**

This has not been discussed prior to this meeting

## **E. Land Use Committee Policies and Procedures (December 2018)**

### **1. Mission Statement**

As a standing Committee of the Community Assembly (CA), the Land Use Committee (LUC) seeks opportunities to interact with Neighborhood Councils (NC), citizen groups and individuals within the boundaries of the City of Spokane to serve as a resource for land use resolutions; to propose changes to policies, regulations actions and plans to the Community Assembly.

### **2. Purpose**

The LUC provides education, information and resources through outreach to City Departments including the Office of Neighborhood Services, Code Enforcement, Planning and Development and the collected wisdom of our Neighborhood Councils. The CA-LUC will take inquiries as directed by the City and/or assigned by the CA and/or from other Committees and/or Subcommittees in addition to Neighborhood Councils.

### **3. Membership**

As per CA Policies and Procedures for standing committees, LUC membership is defined as follows:

- 1) The LUC shall maintain a minimum of three members who are members of separate NCs with maintained voting status on the Community Assembly, which represents a quorum.
- 2) Membership on the LUC shall be open to all interested citizens and representatives of agencies, businesses, government, institutions and property owners, in addition to CA representatives.

### **4. Voting**

Voting members of the CA-LUC are defined as follows:

- 1) A single official representative or alternate from each NC may vote as long as the neighborhood has been represented at two meetings of the last four meetings convened.
- 2) Anyone attending the meeting has standing to discuss the issue/motion on the table. However, the official vote shall be represented and recorded by only the NC representatives with standing.

### **5. Emergency Voting**

In case of emergency, the Chair may call for a vote between scheduled meetings of the CA-LUC. The pending question or vote will be sent via email format to the Executive Board members, who are required to vote via email.

### **6. Leadership**

An Executive Board serves as the leadership of the CA-LUC and is defined as follows:

- 1) Executive Board members must maintain voting eligibility.

- 2) Terms of one year in length. Qualified individuals may serve in any one position for no more than two terms. Term limits may be waived if there are no other persons available to serve on the Executive Board.
  - 3) There may be up to five members serving on the Executive Board. The Board members will determine which members will serve in the various defined positions or the Board may choose to rotate leadership positions as it sees fit.
  - 4) **Chair.** The Chair is responsible for communicating with the LUC, setting the agenda with the approval of the Executive Board, and facilitating LUC meetings. In the absence of designated positions, the Executive Committee shall set the meeting agenda. A member will be designated to report to the CA after such report is approved by the LUC. The Chair may also call and serve as facilitator of Executive Board meetings.
  - 5) **Vice Chair.** The Vice Chair is responsible for acting as Chair when the Chair is not available. This individual will also ensure that the sign-in sheet is available and attendees are signed in for voting purposes. During votes, the Vice Chair is responsible for counting and identifying the official votes. Note: Eligible voting member neighborhoods will be identified on the previous minutes and current agenda.
  - 6) **Recorder.** The Recorder is responsible for keeping official minutes for all LUC and Executive Board meetings. The Recorder will forward the minutes to ONS to distribute to LUC members one week in advance of the regularly scheduled LUC meetings.
  - 7) **Other Executive Board Positions.** Other positions may be appointed by the Chair and by vote of the Executive Board.
7. **Elections**  
Elections for the LUC Executive Board leadership will take place annually in December. A review of eligible members who are qualified voting members shall be reviewed each November prior to elections.
8. **ONS Staff Support:** As Assigned

## **G. Pedestrian, Transportation and Traffic Committee (PeTT) Policies and Procedures (October 2021)**

### **1. Committee Charge:**

Support the Community Assembly and neighborhood councils in promoting active, livable neighborhoods with multi-functional streets and a balanced transportation system.

### **2. Committee Function:**

The committee receives the concerns and issues of the neighborhood councils related to streets, traffic safety, active living and transportation issues in general, and works with the Community Assembly, city staff and city council to evolve solutions and make recommendations.

### **3. Focus Areas:**

The committee from time to time may identify, or the Community Assembly may suggest, topics of specific interest for the committee's continuing attention. The committee's focus area topics will be reviewed and restated by the committee in January of each year and may be reduced to four or fewer.

### **4. Participation and Attendance:**

Committee participation is open to any and all individual members of neighborhood councils in good standing with the Community Assembly. The names of individuals attending committee meetings will be recorded according to their neighborhood council and as either self-identified neighborhood council representative, neighborhood council alternate representative, or other.

### **5. Meetings and Notice:**

The committee will establish a monthly meeting schedule to minimize conflicts with neighborhood council monthly meetings. Notice of monthly committee meetings and meeting agendas will be distributed to an email list maintained by Neighborhood Services no later than the day prior to the monthly meeting date, or any day of the prior week if possible. Committee meetings may not convene without there being present neighborhood council representatives or alternates of three different neighborhood councils in good standing with the Community Assembly.

### **6. Quorum and Decisions:**

A quorum for the purpose of reaching a decision is six (6) neighborhood council representatives or alternates of neighborhood councils that have been represented at three (3) of the past six (6) regular committee meetings. For matters requiring a decision at a meeting convened with notice and a quorum being present, the committee will make its determination by the consensus of members or by agreement without objection. Voting by means of e-mail is not available.

### **7. Officers and Terms:**

The committee will operate with a chair and secretary or, in the absence of a secretary, with a chair who agrees to prepare agendas, provide meeting notices and

submit a meeting report to the Community Assembly after every committee meeting. The committee does not operate unless one member agrees to the duties of committee chair. The chair and secretary responsibilities are calendar year commitments, ordinarily agreed to toward the end of the calendar year for the succeeding twelve-month period.

#### **8. Advisory Positions**

The committee holds membership positions on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAB) and the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) per respectively Spokane Municipal Code Chapter 08.16 Transportation Benefit District and City Council Resolution 2014-0078.

The committee will from time to time nominate individuals to serve in these positions who maintain regular attendance at the PeTT Committee, are members of their respective neighborhood council, agree to regularly report to the committee and Community Assembly, and affirm the statement of responsibilities in Appendix A.

#### **9. Email Notices and Email Lists**

Neighborhood Services will maintain an email notice list for the committee separate from the general Community Assembly notice list which is composed of the email address of individuals who have expressed an ongoing interest in the work of the committee. No regular maintenance to this list is required.

#### **10. ONS Staff Support:** As Assigned

### **APPENDIX A**

#### **PeTT Member Responsibilities on Advisory Positions**

Statements of the responsibilities of membership.

#### **Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB)**

I am aware of the role and responsibilities of the City of Spokane's Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) according to the provisions of SMC 08.16, which are:

- to recommend the allocation of Transportation Benefit District revenue for residential street maintenance projects, and
- to provide a timely annual report for the City Council.

In addition, I am aware

- of the attendance and time commitment required, and
- of the additional requirement to provide a verbal report for the PeTT Committee after each CTAB meeting and a written report for the next Community Assembly meeting after each CTAB meeting.

**Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS)**

I am aware of the role and responsibility of the City of Spokane's Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) according to City Council Resolution 2014-0078, which is:

- to review and prioritize street improvements as part of the Six-Year Comprehensive Street Program and other transportation funding for recommendation to the Plan Commission and the City Council.

In addition, I am aware

- of the attendance and time commitment required, and
- of the additional requirement to provide a verbal report for the PeTT Committee after each PCTS meeting and a written report for the next Community Assembly meeting after each PCTS meeting.

## Community Engagement Grant

**Requested Action:** Discussion leading to Decisions

**Key Points:**

At the April 2026 WHNC meeting two events using CE Grant funds were approved.

A Mid-August Movie Night and a Park Celebration / Fall Festival.

At this time, we need to set a date for the **Movie Night**; decide on a movie; and if any food item other than popcorn is wanted.

Sunset in Mid-August is between 7:55 – 8:15.

My personal (Sue's) choice for the movie is "Shrek – the Musical". This is a recording of an actual performance of the Broadway show that was on Broadway for over a year. Any other suggestions? At this time, we have only budgeted for an older movie; if we choose a new movie, it will cost more in licensing fees and we may have to pay to rent the DVD unless someone already owns a copy.

Do we want just popcorn for that night?

What do we want for the **Park celebration / fall festival**?

Do you want a potluck, ice cream social? Suggestions???

**Previous Discussions:** This has been presented at the February 10 and April 14, 2026 WHNC meetings.

## **West Hills Neighborhood Council Information – June 2, 2026**

### **Resolution 2026-01:**

Sue Arnesen, Kathy Hagy, and Tim Lynch attended the Land Use Committee meeting on April 23, 2026 and spoke about the WHNC Resolution 2026-01 which is a Request for Policy Clarification and Documentation – New Roots Village. While the committee is sympathetic, they prefer to get involved if an issue affects more than one neighborhood council and that multiple neighborhood councils have worked together to bring forth the issue. They also felt that everyone is concentrating on the creation of the new Comprehensive Plan rather than the Comprehensive Plan that is currently in effect. They said that WHNC should go ahead and bring the Resolution directly to the Community Assembly and/or the City Council.

### **Whittier Park Update:**

The City Parks Department is currently in the contracting and permitting process for the sport courts. They may be able to start construction at the end of this month, but that timeline is a little squishy. Once they get the sport court construction rolling, they will turn their attention to grant funded playground improvements. We've asked to be updated with scheduling.

### **Safety and Traffic Calming Projects:**

The City Transportation Commission was scheduled last week to select projects for the next round of funding. We do not know if any project in the West Hills was proposed or what projects were selected. WHNC sent a letter requesting that when a project is selected, a preliminary design be brought back to the neighborhood council for their review. Each neighborhood has a better understanding of what is needed. As an example, the Rosamond/F Street project would narrow the road so much that it will be hard for the vehicles coming down upper Rosamond to make the right-hand turn onto F Street and for garbage trucks to back onto lower Rosamond (the City did not know that the garbage trucks did that). Due to the Engineer talking with WHNC residents, they are reworking the design and have delayed the construction until next year. This year, there are two other neighborhoods that brought up issues with the current process.

### **Comprehensive Plan Milestone: Draft Chapters Now Available for Public Review:**

[Visit the Chapter Review webpage for more information](#), including the draft Chapters.

Members of the public can submit comments at any time to [PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org](mailto:PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org). The public is encouraged to include the Chapter name and Goal/Policy number(s) as applicable. An additional release is expected later this summer, which will include all Chapters and their relevant maps and graphics, along with potential language updates based on feedback received from now until that release.

### **STA Summer Event Service:**

Spokane Transit makes it simple and affordable to access Spokane's June Special Events. For a weekend of aviation on June 6-7, STA has Skyfest service from STA Plaza to Fairchild Air Force Base. For Hoopfest, the world's largest 3-on-3 basketball tournament on June 27-28, STA makes transportation easy with the Jefferson Hoopfest Shuttle and City Line.

### **District 2 Town Hall:**

*Wednesday, June 24 | 5-6pm at the MLK Center, 500 S. Stone St*

This Public Safety focused Town Hall is hosted by Council Member Paul Dillon and Council Member Kate Telis. Additional speakers include: SPD Chief Hall, SPD Captain Wheeler, SFD Chief Williams, Deputy City Administrator Maggie Yates, and Jason Ruffing with Code Enforcement. Though hosted in District 2, all residents are invited to attend.

### **STA Open Houses:**

- The Transit Development Plan (TDP) is a mid-range plan that STA uses to guide service improvements and capital projects over a six-year period. STA will have open houses, providing a key opportunity for the public to engage with STA staff and planners when the plan is updated for the next six years.
- <https://www.spokanetransit.com/projects/transit-development-plan/>
  - Open House – Central Library
    - 906 W Main Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
    - June 9, 2 pm - 5 pm
  - Open House – Spokane Valley Library
    - 22 N Herald Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99206
    - June 11, 3 pm - 6 pm
  - Public Hearing – STA Boardroom
    - 1230 W Boone Ave, Spokane, WA 99201
    - June 18, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

### **Register for Alert Spokane:**

- During emergencies and disasters, it's crucial for residents to be informed about evolving situations. Sign up for ALERT Spokane to receive public alert and warning messages that are disseminated throughout the greater Spokane area.
- Alert Spokane is now using a new software called ReGroup. Please re-register for notifications if you had been registered previously.
- In the event of an evacuation, refer to the [Spokane Regional Emergency Communications map](#).

### **Cool Down with Splash Pads:**

- Our final splashpads are opening on Monday, June 15 (Nevada Park & Grant Park). Most splash pads opened ahead of Memorial Day weekend. Find more information at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/recreation/aquatics/splash-pads/>