

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

August 11, 2026

6:00 – 7:30 pm

For this meeting, the location is changed to:

The Hive

2904 E Sprague, Event Room C

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Agenda (West Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting)

Date: August 11, 2026

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: The Hive (A Spokane Public Library)
Events Room C
2904 E. Sprague Ave
Spokane, WA 99202

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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 – Micah Prim | 6:03 | 15min |
| 3. | City Council Person(s) Presentation – Andres Grageda | 6:18 | 8min |
| 4. | ONS (Office of Neighborhood Services): Pollyanne Birge | 6:26 | 10min |
| 5. | Secretary’s Report (accept/amend minutes) | 6:36 | 2min |
| 6. | Officer’s Reports | | |
| | • Treasurer | 6:38 | 2min |
| | • CA | 6:40 | 5min |
| 7. | CE Grant – West Hills Potluck | 6:45 | 3min |
| 8. | Revitalization Committee Report | 6:48 | 10min |
| 9. | Agenda Items | | |
| | • Disposal Passes to be Available at the Meeting | 6:58 | 2min |
| | • Fire evacuation plan discussion | 7:00 | 8min |
| | • Increased illegal camping, dumping, and fires discussion | 7:08 | 10min |
| | • Maggie Toland presentation about neighborhood aesthetics | 7:18 | 5min |
| | • Open discussion | 7:23 | 7min |
| 10. | Adjourn Meeting | 7:30 | |

West Hills Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Location: Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, 3404 W Woodland Av, Spokane, WA 99224

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; Tim Lynch, Absent
- **Guest Presenters:** Micah Prim, Spokane Police Neighborhood Resource Officer
Kate Telis, City Council Member District 2
Pollyanne Birge, Office of Neighborhood Services
- **Public Attendees:** 9 (see attendees at the end)
- **A Quorum was established.**

Police & Public Safety – Officer Micah Prim

- The “Hot Team” that used to accompany the code enforcement people for camp removal has been disbanded. That responsibility has been handed to officers of the precinct that the issue is in.
- Several camps in the Sunset Hill and People's Park area have been removed. One arrest was made as the camper had several warrants. That person also had 3 dogs that were picked up by SCRAPs. He highlighted a difficult case of a disabled woman who has mental issues and is reluctant to move to an assisted living facility.
- There was much discussion on the camping and upcoming fire season.

City Council Updates – Kate Telis

- Spoke to the group about her main concern is the possibility of a data center coming to Spokane. She opposes this facility for power and environmental reasons.
- Spoke to the tiny houses and the possible relocation of the House of Charity in our

neighborhood. It was pointed out that there are many facilities already in our neighborhood and she was asked specifically “Will you say no to more facilities in West Hills?”. Her answer was no she would not attempt to stop the building of more dependent facilities in the West Hills. She commented that there is land available in the West Hills that is not available in other neighborhoods.

- When asked about the Pallet Home site that is planned for the area of 7th and Audubon (near Sunset and Government Way) she felt this has been put on hold until the legal challenges have been played out. There is currently a lawsuit that has been sent to Superior Court. One attendee commented that he cannot rent out or live in his garden shed so how can the city allow that kind of living by others in our neighborhood. It was pointed out that the pallet home money came from the opioid settlement funds and therefore there will be no drug testing for the pallet homes.
- Kate felt that some level of committee or neighborhood participation would be helpful.
- She commented on the Seattle mess of open drug use in their pallet homes and that was not acceptable. It was noted that Waters Meet Foundation that will run the pallet homes wants “the best” residents in the homes. But that leaves “the worst” still camping in our neighborhood. Also noted was the 7% success rate with short term recovery programs.

Secretary’s Report

- Minutes approved unanimously.

Office of Neighborhood Services – Pollyanne Birge

Spoke of the Plan Spokane 2046 that is almost complete. Chapters and maps will be available in the next month. Find those at PlanSpokane.org. There will be a district 2 town hall June 24th 5-6 PM at the MLK center 500 S. Stone. Kate Telis and Paul Dillon will be in attendance.

The Revitalization Committee

- Reported that the West Hills is the geographically largest neighborhood in Spokane. They are interested in bringing businesses to the area. There are 7 bridges in the West Hills and all are in some state of disrepair and the Sunset (Latah Creek) bridge is very bad and will be closed for up to 3 years when it gets rebuilt.

Community Engagement Grant – Sue Arnesen

Reported that she sent out 186 requests to the WHNC email list for ideas for a movie night (date/movie/food) got 4 responses. A date of Aug 21st was tentatively set for that event in the park. Ideas for a Fall gathering included a chili cookoff with judges from SFD and/or SPD. Hopefully a fire truck or K-9 Officer could make an appearance.

Other Discussion:

- It was noted that Sue Lani Madsen's article on the influx of facilities in our neighborhood was voicing in an excellent manner the concerns of all of us. Our NC had reached out to a couple of attorneys to assist with our protest of what is happening in the West Hills. More on this to follow in the coming weeks and months.
- A neighbor has appealed to the Superior Court her claims that the comprehensive plan and city ordinance are being ignored and West Hills is getting inundated with homeless assistance buildings.
- The city has a downtown ban on single serve alcohol and a requirement that establishments must provide Narcan if they sell drug paraphernalia. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send a letter to the city requesting the Alcohol Ban Zone be expanded to include West Hills.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

List of Public Attendees:

Karen Carlberg
JB Freeman
Deb Greel
Karen Jurasin
Maureen McGrath
Sandy Nichols
John Paul
Ken Thayer
Sandy Wicht

Community Engagement Grant

Requested Action: Park Celebration/Fall Festival Potluck Date will be Announced

Key Points:

The Community Engagement Grant is a City-funded program that provides up to \$850 per neighborhood council to support projects that:

- Increase neighborhood engagement and participation
- Improve communication and outreach
- Support community events, meetings, and neighborhood initiatives

This funding is specifically intended to help neighborhoods connect, organize, and build capacity.

At our April 2026 meeting, a Movie Night and a Park Celebration/Fall Festival (PC/FF) were approved for funding. Paul Bundy, WHNC Treasurer, submitted our application to the City of Spokane for a Movie Night and for a Park Celebration/Fall Festival. The City approved the application for the funds.

In early June, we sent email to the WHNC email list (close to 200 names) requesting feedback on the Movie Night. 4 responses were received. With such little response, the Movie Night is not moving forward. So, we will just concentrate on the Park Celebration/Fall Festival.

WHNC has just sent out a poll to our mailing list about a date for the PC/FF. At the meeting the results will be provided and we will then get the notifications out.

This will be a potluck with everyone bringing a food item to share. WHNC will provide ice cream and toppings; as well as, paper plates, plasticware, and napkins.

If people have cornhole games (or other games), we can set them up.

Previous Discussions: This has been presented at the February 10, April 14, 2026, and June 9, 2026 WHNC meetings.