

MEETING SUMMARY

Community Development Committee

Community Assembly

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Northeast Community Center – South Classroom

ATTENDANCE: Roland Lamarche – North Hill, Bill Forman – Peaceful Valley, Elaine Thorne – Comstock, Kathryn Alexander – Bemiss, Alexandra Stoddard – Nevada-Lidgerwood, Buzz Bellesa – North Hill, Dave Bentz – Minnehaha, Lois Wardal – Hillyard, Charles Hansen – Whitman, Jessie Norris – West Central, Tim Musser – Emerson Garfield, Valena Arguello – East Central, Fran Papeleur – Audubon-Downriver, Mary Carr – Manito/Cannon Hill

NEIGHBORHOODS PRESENT: North Hill, Peaceful Valley, Comstock, Bemiss, Nevada-Lidgerwood, Minnehaha, Hillyard, Whitman, West Central, Emerson Garfield, East Central, Audubon-Downriver, Manito/Cannon Hill

NEIGHBORHOODS ABSENT: Balboa, Five Mile, North Indian Trail, Rockwood, Grandview/Thorpe, West Hills, Latah/Hangman Valley, Chief Garry Park, Southgate, Lincoln Heights, Cliff/Cannon, Riverside, Browne's Addition, Logan, Northwest

STAFF PRESENT: George Dahl and Sarah Turner

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Roland called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OCTOBER 6TH MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were reviewed and approved with the correct spelling of Emerson Garfield.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE/LEADERSHIP: Roland asked the Committee to consider elections to the CA/CD Committee Executive Team. Roland offered to serve as the Committee Chair through 2016 with Valena serving as Vice Chair and Kathryn as the Recorder. Elections will be held during the Tuesday, December 1st meeting.

Roland suggested making the December meeting a celebration for all the good work that the Committee has done over the past 12 months. The Committee will have a brief business meeting at the West Central Community Center on Tuesday, December 1st before meeting at the Back Yard (1811 W. Broadway – West Central) for food and drinks. All are welcome to attend, Jessie will make reservations.

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Fran reported that the CHHS Board received Fair Housing training from the Northwest Fair Housing Alliance during their October 7th meeting. The CHHS Board has 2 vacancies. State Auditors Report came back with no findings on the CHHS Department.

The CA will be holding nominations and elections over the next 2 months. CA meeting times will change in January 2016. The new meeting day and time will be the 1st Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Members of the CA Retreat Committee will provide outreach to Neighborhood Councils to describe what the CA is and how folks can be involved. All Neighborhood Chairs have received a survey seeking input on the CA.

Kathryn mentioned the CA has received a budget allocation (5k) through the City of Spokane. Funds will be used to fund neighborhood functions (bbq, etc.).

2017 NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK PROPOSAL:

George and Roland presented the proposed Neighborhood Sidewalk Program to the Committee. There was a lot of discussion regarding the proposal with the following recommendations being made: prioritize locations with an existing right-of-way violation, disabled, elderly, lowest income. The Committee requested the City not use a first come, first served methodology. The Committee recommended a total allocation of \$150,000.00 from the total CDBG Neighborhood allocation to fund the proposal. Further the Committee established a percentage of cost share that would be based on the applicant’s household income. The following table represents what was approved by the Committee.

Income Range	% of Cost Share Covered by <i>Grant</i>	% of Cost Share Covered by <i>Homeowner</i>
<30% Area Median Income (AMI)	100%	0%
31-40% Area Median Income	95%	5%
41-50% Area Median Income	85%	15%
51-60% Area Median Income	75%	25%
61-70% Area Median Income	65%	35%
71-80% Area Median Income	30%	70%

The Committee approved funding tree removal using the same percentage cost share as listed above for sidewalks.

Kathryn mentioned her displeasure that we are not committing more CDBG funds toward sidewalks in the City. Kathryn also had additional questions regarding sidewalks.

Bill made a motion to approve forwarding this proposal to the Community Assembly at their November 6th meeting. Roland will present on behalf of the Committee with support by George. The motion was approved by 12 of the 13 neighborhoods present.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS: Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 1st from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the **West Central Community Center, Newton Room.** Following a brief business meeting (elections and sidewalk proposal update) we will conclude the meeting at The Back Yard (1811 W. Broadway – West Central).