

Terry Deno opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He talked about the Community Development Block Grant Program that allocates federal funds each year throughout the Spokane area to assist low to middle income neighborhoods. The funds can be used to improve local infrastructure, provide needed human services, improve parks and public facilities, and create jobs for low-income individuals.

A hand vote of the attendees was taken to pool the money and have the city use the funds for large projects instead of smaller projects for individual neighborhoods. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Clint Harris representing the Street Department came to speak about the problems encountered with the chip/seal process the city tried on Arrowhead Drive and surrounding areas. The city is working on finding a solution.

Jeanine McKinney gave the Treasure's report. The US Bank branch in our neighborhood closed this summer. The executive board met in early August and voted to transfer the NITNC bank account to STCU. The current account balance is \$7,340.45. She reported that the income from the Yard Sale was less than in the past years. Signs were purchased for Yard Sales in the future which decreased the profit for this year.

Mark Davies gave the report from the Community Assembly as follows:

1. Spokane Fire Department wants you to Close Before You Doze! SFD created a clip on sleeping with your door closed and submitted to a national contest. The winning fire departments will get money for Community Risk Reduction (public education) programming. If we win the money, via the SFD Foundation, the money will go right back into fire safety programming in our community!

2. PLANT Ordinance Notice of Public Meetings: When: 2 Meetings- Tue. Sept. 10 at 5:30pm (West Central Community Center), and Thu. Sept. 26 at 4:30pm (South Hill Public Library). The Protecting Leaves and Adding New Trees (PLANT) Ordinance, sponsored by Council Member Lori Kinnear, seeks to help the City achieve its goal of reaching 30% canopy by 2030 by amending Title 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

3. 16th Annual Spokane River Clean-Up When: Saturday, Sept. 14 at 9:00am Where: Highbridge Park.

Our NRO reported on recent crime activity in our area. There have been 20 service calls which have included graffiti, broken windows, car prowling, and 3 boat prowlings. All of the cars were left unlocked.

Karen Stratton reported the City Council is continuing to work on a site for locating a 24/7 Homeless Shelter. She said there have been calls from N.W. senior residents concerning deteriorating sidewalks that need to be fixed. There is a Pilot Program in the works through the Associated General Contractors (AGC) to offer training for apprenticeship programs for individuals interested in construction careers.

Mel Neil reported on the Yard Sale. There were 62 people that signed up this year to participate. A decrease from last year which was 76. It cost \$371.86 to purchase signs which we purchase every 3 years. The Yard Sale is our only fund raiser we have. He is looking to find volunteers to organize the Garage Sale next year.

Joe Reilly spoke about the SNAP (Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners) Program. They offer energy assistance to residents needing help with their energy bills. A Pilot Program is in place that offers seniors and disabled individuals reduced rates. Call (509) 456-SNAP for more information. Avista is a partner in this program.

Josh Kerns, our County Commissioner,

said they are getting into Budget Writing Season. There are hearings scheduled for Oct. 1, 8, and 22. They will be held in the Public Works Building at 5:30 p.m. He encouraged the public to attend to give their input and ask questions concerning planning the new budget. E-mails can be sent to Spokane County .org.

Terry announced our next meeting will include "Meet the Candidates." Karen Stratton and Breean Beggs are scheduled to be on the agenda.

There will be no Curbside Pick-up this Fall. Dump passes will be available at our next meeting Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Terry closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.