

Terry Deno opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Jeanine McKinney reported a balance of \$6,573.13 in the account. \$23.00 was deposited from the last meeting donations. \$4.84 was used to purchase supplies.

It is time to submit a request for a grant for funding a Summer Concert again this year at Prince of Peace Church. The amount is \$850.00. A vote was offered to the group to request the grant. A vote was taken. It passed unanimously.

Lieutenant Jake Jensen reported an arrest had been made recently near Bedford and Indian Trail Rd. The suspect was found inside the home and had prior burglary attempts. The police are continuing their Patrol on Indian Trail Rd to catch speeders.

Mel Neil gave the Community Assembly Report for Dan Knechtel:

-The multiple transition teams for the new Mayor have few people familiar with neighborhoods and nobody from the Community Assembly Body. Much of the CA meeting was spent discussing again how we can be better seen/included as partners with the Mayor's/City Admin, City Departments and City Council. A city council rep has yet to return to CA meetings (ONS-Patrick Striker did confirm that the plan is still to have Councilwoman Betsy Wilkerson attend the meetings), multiple neighborhoods brought up that they still haven't seen city council members or their reps at their meetings. An idea was brought up to submit a Community Engagement Reform Proposal to the different City Administrative Departments to establish protocols on how they can better interact with the community and CA during their policy making process.

-City Council is still reviewing the CA's resolution proposals (resolutions were no additional development until Sunset bridge repairs, not spending traffic calming and neighborhood grant funds for other city departments/issues, an account of the status of previously approved proposals?) Evidently the City Council hasn't responded because they don't have a protocol yet on how to respond to CA resolutions/proposals.

-Patrick Striker Office of Neighborhood Services: Staff is changing schedules. You may have a new liaison showing up at your neighborhood meetings.

-There will be an open town hall with City Council for Land Use Thurs 22nd 5:30 at West Central Community Center.

-To get community grant funds someone has to go to at least one training at the West Central Community Center. Grant proposals can be submitted 2/24/24

-Nick Hamad Parks department spoke: They are going to request a Levy in August. The Parks department is getting 2.5mill less than 2020 from the city. The Levy allows Parks to do a little bit more each year focusing on increasing staffing and replacing aging neighborhood parks. The previous Levy/Bond was for bit parks like Riverside, this is going to focus on small neighborhood parks. Hire more park rangers, install remote locks and occupancy sensors in bathrooms, 3 playground replacements a year, 2 new restrooms

a year. The cost will be about 10 dollars a month for a 400,000 dollar home and will not appreciate with increased assessed value. For us it would allow for more options at Meadowglen Park.

Spokaneparks.org/levy

-Community Assembly formed new communication committee to work more closely with City Departments/Mayor Admin/City council and also to try and get more involvement/information to Spokane residents.

-spokaneneighborhoods.org has toolkits for neighbors/neighborhoods.

-Used to get 400,000 dollars a year from the city council for community development projects. This is gone.

-New safety committee: Got WDOT to paint over new graffiti on I-90. On Division there is an area frequently tagged that they are looking to commission a mural. During the summer they are going to look for volunteers to help clean up graffiti. They are considering putting up a graffiti wall that would get whitewashed by the city quarterly.

Nancy Perkins gave an update for the Cop Shop.

They are holding a Coffee with Cops on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 9:00 a.m. at The Gathering Place at Post and Wall. There will be another Shred Day event on April 26 from 11-2 p.m. at The Shadle Cop Shop.

Kitty Klitzke reported from the City Council.

The City is working on a Bicycle Master Plan to enhance bicycling opportunities for all residents of Spokane. It proposes a bicycle network that will safely guide riders throughout Spokane.

A community-wide Land Use Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the West Central Community Center and Zoom.

Det. Tim Schwering/ Spokane Police Dept. gave a presentation on Crypto Currency Scam Prevention.

It has become a huge problem for people who fall prey to it. The scammers suck people into their scheme by contact through email, text, or phone. Tim encouraged everyone to put a Freeze on their Credit Reports to prevent anyone from getting information from them.

Owen Esperas and Christopher Savage talked about the many services the Meals on Wheels Program in Spokane offers. They are privately funded. Their emphasis is on helping the community in any way they can. Through volunteers they prepare and provide 600 meals per day to people in need.

Pollyanne Birge gave a short report from the ONS.

Mel Neil announced the Spring Curbside pick up is planned for March 12, 2024.

Terry closed the meeting at 8:25 p.m.