NITNC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 9, 2024 35 ATTENDEES

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

Jeanine McKinney gave the Treasure's Report. There was a deposit of \$66.00 from donations collected at the March meeting. The current balance is \$6,676.13.

Officer Benjamin Maplethorpe said they have been watching the traffic on Indian Trail Rd. They have been giving out tickets and speeding has been decreasing. They will continue to patrol it.

Dan Knechtel gave a report from the Community Assembly.

Council President Wilkerson will be attending the C A meetings now. The City Council and the Mayor plan to work together on city issues. Traffic calming projects are continuing on schedule.

They are searching for a new Police Chief to replace Officer Craig Meidl.

The Spring Curbside Clean- Up is set for Tuesday, April 23. The flyer will be sent by mail.

Kitty Klitzke reported from the City Council.

The Mayor appointed Julie O'Berg as the new Fire Chief for Spokane.

Bob Scarfo gave a presentation on Memory Gardens. He is an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at WSU's Spokane Campus. He would like to introduce a Public Memory Garden to Spokane. The Gardens are designed as a safe place for people to take their loved ones with cognitive disabilities to enjoy nature. The beautifully designed landscaping is intended to bring a soothing, relaxing response. E-mail him at <a href="mailto:onemorygrden@gmail.com">onemorygrden@gmail.com</a>

Justyce Brant gave a presentation on SpoCanopy. It is a Spokane Tree Restoration Project, and a program of City of Spokane Urban Forestry, in collaboration with The Lands Council. They are giving out free trees to encourage people to plant in their yards.

She spoke about the benefits of Urban Trees in all neighborhoods. They decrease pollution in the air, filter the ground water, provide cooling, and can decrease anxiety.

Pollyanne Birge, ONS Liaison, reported that the Traffic Calming Trailers are on track for use.

Terry Deno closed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.