

Terry Deno opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Captain Tom Hendren reported there has been increased vehicle prowling in our neighborhood by juveniles. He urged us to remember to secure our cars and keep our garage doors closed. If we see a crime happening call 911. If an incident doesn't require an officer at the scene call Crime Check.

Jeanine Mc Kinney gave the Treasurer's Report.

There was a deposit of \$24.00 from the collection at the January meeting. The ending balance in the account is \$6,105.24.

Mayor Lisa Brown gave an update for the City Of Spokane.

Thanks to the passing of the 2024 Community Sales Tax, we now have 4 Neighborhood Resource Officers working for our neighborhood again.

She spoke about what the H.O.M.E. Starts Here Ordinance does. It creates a unified strategy for the City of Spokane to meaningfully address the factors that contribute to housing instability and homelessness.

She mentioned that Spokane is currently working on forming our own 911 call System.

Zack Zappone said that the City Council is talking about moving the Monday Night City Council meetings to Wednesday Nights. None of our attendees objected to that change.

Shelby Allison and Sacie Boyer gave a presentation with samples of their Asphalt Art Work they have been creating on roadways used as a traffic calming measure to make road intersections and crosswalks safer for pedestrians.

Our Neighborhood Council has selected the intersection at Farmdale and Shawnee to take advantage of this opportunity to help increase the awareness of the Woodridge School Students that cross this intersection every day and to increase their safety.

Shelby and Stacie will be designing some samples for the Council to review. They have asked for input from the neighborhood for ideas of what we would like to have included in their artwork design.

Dan Knechtel Community Assembly representative for North Indian Trail gave the following report:

NIT Neighbors:

Please see below my CA notes. These notes were presented at our meeting Tuesday 1-13-2025.

Notes from 1.8.26 CA meeting

Linda Carroll CA rep on the plan commission: Warned that there is no stated role for the Community Assembly to express an opinion in the current 2046 plan. They are considering expanding the defined area along "Corridors" from .5 miles to possible 1miles into residential areas.

-Important Plan Spokane 2046 updates and I would like to present to the neighborhood about 3 choices they want comments/feedback by Feb 18th.

-Parks gave out their 2026 planned project list. We are number 9 for Meadowglen Park with Barry Ellison as manager, finish bids by March 26th, construction starts June 26 finishes spring 27.

-City of Spokane is having a hands on planning and discussion on the North-South Corridor project Jan 22nd and Feb 26th at the Francis Scott Key Elementary School 5pm

-New Councilwoman Sara Dixit introduced herself: Nobody had any questions so I asked her what her goals were for the year. She stated her goals for this year are to help city council and herself be more accessible to the public, to use more common language, to meet with people.

-President Wilkerson: Said City council is having a 3rd party audit of the department to see what they need to do to "right size" their department/admin people. They are hoping to get more youth involved in city council/office of neighborhood services. I asked her what the status was of the new emergency response system that Spokane was going to have to start up after breaking away from Spokane County. She stated that they have reached an agreement to continue shared services for two more years before they break away but no other updates. Still planning on splitting from County.

They are going to share with the Community Assembly their plan for parking minimum for new development/business at the February meeting.

Heather Hamlin from the Office of Neighborhood Services: There will be 12 speed cameras available this year instead of 7. They will be available from May to October. She is working on a calendar/schedule showing the rotation to neighborhoods of which ONS/City Council member will be visiting.

Abbey Martin and Jon Snyder Director of Transportation and Sustainability: They would like feedback on any quick build/adaptive design projects done. This will help them assess if they should make them permanent or if they did not work out.

Traffic Calming/Safe Streets for all: For next cycle of projects to be submitted for potential grants they want individuals to fill out a webform on their website just listing what safety concerns you have. You don't have to provide a particular project solution, you can just share your concerns and they can think of the solutions. They want neighborhood councils to also compile a list of concerns from neighbors and send them one of what they feel are the top priorities for the neighborhood. They said that construction companies are getting hungry for projects due to federal and state funding issues so now is a good time to get lower bids for the city. These projects will likely be completed years down the road but now is the time to get bids and contracts he said.

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/traffic-calming/>

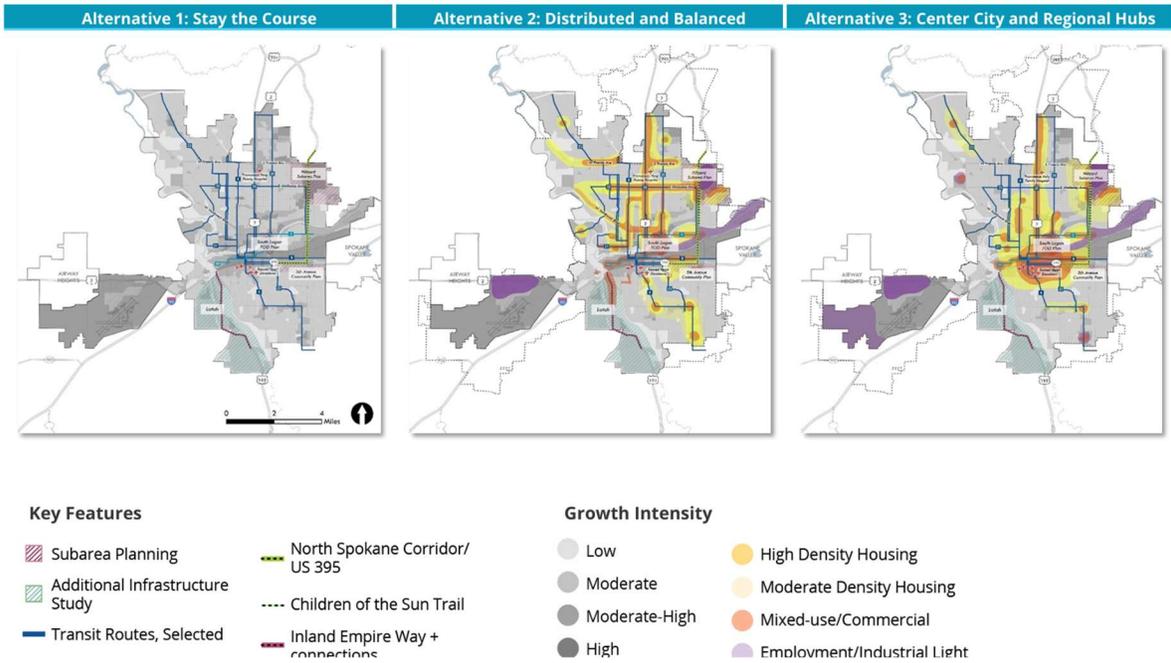
Safety committee: Our Fire Chief wants people to know that 3rd party lithium battery chargers have been a fire hazard lately in Spokane. Also don't leave lithium batteries in the chargers after they are charged. Jamie Mcyintire is the fire department risk reduction specialist and happy to meet with any neighborhood meeting.

-In October the Fire Department received 4353 calls. 12% were for fires, 78% EMT related calls.

-on 1/21 6pm at the Comstock Neighborhood council meeting at the Manito United Methodist church both the Police and Fire chief will be speaking about a review of the year 2025 for their departments. All are welcome.

* Spokane is leading the nation in solving major crime cases for a city of this size. For comparable sized cities there is a 55% completion/solving rate and Spokane is 94%. It's because of the high tech equipment they have and the very good crime scene securing procedures our police have been trained to implement.

Dan had a question for the group at the end of the meeting concerning the safety of traffic flow at the intersection of Barnes and Farmdale. The long fence along Barnes as cars approach the intersection makes it difficult for traffic to see pedestrians. Should it be made into a 4 way STOP instead of the 2 way STOP as it is now? He asked for a show of hands vote. Only 13 people voted. 4 voted yes, 9 voted no.



Also he asked for a show of hands for part of the Spokane EIS Plan regarding the proposed growth plan showing 3 alternatives. See the above graphic. The vote was unanimous for the Stay The Course plan. For more detailed information about this plan go to the following link: <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/planspokane/draft-eis/spokane-2046-deis-public-summary.pdf>.

Terry closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.