

NITNC MEETING MINUTES March 10, 2,026

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

The City of Spokane is launching a program offering property owners a free solar powered motion detecting residential light to help lighten up dark areas on their property.

Homeowners within the city limits can apply for one light via their 311 account at my.spokanecity.org/account.

Jeanine McKinney gave the Treasurer's Report.

The only activity was the meeting donations from February of \$11.00.

The ending Balance as of 2/28/2026 is \$6116.24

She spoke about the \$850 Community Engagement Grant that is offered to Neighborhood Councils to boost resident participation. We have used it in the past to pay for a one of our Summer Concerts in the Park. A show of hands vote was requested to see if we want to sponsor a concert again this summer. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Officer Scott Hice introduced himself. He will be filling in for about 6 months as our NRO officer. He spoke about the use of FLOCK cameras that read license plate numbers. They have been helpful finding stolen cars and recording vehicle speeds.

Nancy Perkins announced that the Red Robin Restaurant at 9904 N Newport Highway is sponsoring a Pancake Feed as a Fundraiser to support the local COP Shops.

"Pancakes with the Easter Bunny" will be held on March 28th from 8 to 10 a.m.

The ticket prices are \$12.00 for individuals, \$40.00 for Family of 5.

Kitty Klitzke reported that the City Council is making some changes in their meetings.

They have added a fast lane choice for public testimony. It is to accommodate participants with shorter testimonies.

On March 2nd they approved an ordinance banning the sale and distribution of Kratom within the City limits.

There will be a District 3 Town Hall meeting on March 25th at the MAC.

The City Council voted on March 4th to hold their regular meetings on Wednesdays starting in July.

Pollyanne Birge (ONS) reported that on March 31st 311 can be used to report non-emergency traffic concerns.

Speed Camera applications will be available on April 13th. Apply online.

There will be a Curbside Pick-up held this Fall.

Dan Knechtel reported from The CA meeting:

- Sunset and Gov way Catholic Charities planning on developing 30-50 tiny homes
- April 18th Office of Neighborhood services are doing a training on how to check out and use community assembly gear for neighborhood events.
- Council President Wilkerson: City Council is moving meetings to Wednesdays starting in July. People can reach out to her administrative assistant Jacobi if they have any logistical questions. City of Spokane is working with Department of Ecology to try and mitigate PFAS contamination. City of Spokane is anticipating having their 911 response unit up starting in September to start receiving 911 calls. Steven Williams will be the new response unit director. This response unit will cost millions of dollars, they don't know exact numbers yet but they anticipate having to do inter-department loans to help pay for it. April 1st Regional council of governors is going to meet and discuss the future of the Spokane County Jail. Spokane Police cannot stop ICE agents and ICE agents cannot conscript Spokane Police. Kratum will be banned in Spokane
- March 26th 5:30 at the MAC: District 3 townhall it will be on sidewalks
- Wast to energy plant is about to be fined for being too polluting. City of Spokane got a 4 year extension to be in compliance. If still out of compliance Spokane will have to ship trash beyond land above the aquifer so Tri-Cities or Colville like areas. It will be very very expensive.
- Amber ONS: Residential light program is running, one light per a house, there is back order, must show ID to pick up. ONS is updating neighborhood websites, hope to have them all up by September
- Lois Bollenback Spokane Regional Transportation Director: Spoke about how they try to facilitate communication and projects between city and county. Spoke about the number of failing bridges in Spokane only some are actually owned by the City. Latah Bridge is 113 years old, will cost 65 million to fully restore, they are looking at partial restoration solutions for now. She reports that a lot of projects got partially funded with COVID dollars that are now gone and across the nation everyone is struggling to find funds to complete

their infrastructure projects. I shared the road/infrastructure issues we are having in our neighborhood and lack of planning/communication between county/city. She said I could email her directly. Sent email to her and Terry and invited her to our May neighborhood meeting.

-Growing neighbors: Came and spoke about opportunities to connect with them and start community gardens.

-BSN: Neighborhood USA virtual conference is May 28-29th. CA has some grant money of 125 dollars if somebody would like to attend. You must give a report on what you learned for the grant money.

-Land use committee: In March they signed up to testify of the issues with no parking minimums. City council still debating removing parking space minimums to help with development and housing.

Terry Deno closed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.