



**Council and Steering Committee
General Meeting
April 1, 2015
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Gilkey Community Room
Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture
2316 W. First Ave**

The following people signed in at the meeting

Julie Biggerstaff	Heidi Crow	Amanda Hamilton	Liz Marlin	Morag Stewart
Rick Biggerstaff	George Dahl	Dawn Harbine	Sheila Mountjoy	Dan Whicker
Nichole Bower	Pat Dougherty	Tracy Hosheit	Jason Nechanicky	Karl Zacher
Wendi Chappell	Kim Engel	Pamela Johnson	Tim Ottmar	
Peter Cooper	Tim Finneran	Cheri Julin	Della Riggins	
Simon Crollett	Katherine Fritchie	Randall Julin	Dawn Spickler	
Eric Crow	Betsy Godlewski	Eric Kramer	MaryLou Sproul	

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome, Introductions - Rick Biggerstaff

Item for Vote - Approval of March's minutes

- A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Eric Kramer. It was seconded and approved.

Item for Information - Treasurer report – Julie Biggerstaff

Expenses, March: \$400 for first payment to summer concert coordinator

Balances as of March 31, 2015

Savings: \$1,266.33

MMA: \$8,093.62

Coeur d'Alene Park: \$595.74

Checking: \$1,767.17

Concert Series: \$3,399.97

Total: \$15,122.83

Items for Information

- Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park – Julie Biggerstaff
 - ✓ Anna Harbine has been developing historic signs for Overlook Park. She showed designs for the signs and asked for a preference for which version, the dark one or the light one. A straw vote showed that most people prefer the dark version of the sign. The *Friends of CdA Park* did not receive the grant from the Spokane Parks Foundation so there isn't enough money to get the signs manufactured. If anyone knows of a source to get the signs project finished, please let the *Friends* know.
 - ✓ The next *Friends of CdA Park* meeting will be May 3rd at the Ridge Clubhouse at 4:00. At the last meeting, Angel Spell, Spokane's Urban Forester, spoke about the trees in the park. She put CdA Park on the list for pruning this summer. She will also help the neighborhood get a planting grant to increase the biological diversity in the park.
 - ✓ Volunteers are needed for ArtFest weekend. There will be fundraisers—lemonade signs, tours of Patsy Clarks. Julie sent around sign up sheets. Next month job descriptions will be given out. Funds will go mostly to the 125th birthday celebration.
- CDBG Project Update – Liz Marlin
 - ✓ The neighborhood is waiting to hear about funding to bring bus shelters to our neighborhood. The city will send their recommendations to HUD in May and neighborhoods should be notified in about July.

Item for Information -- Discussion Forum in March -- Rick Biggerstaff

- Liz Marlin will be the facilitator of the next monthly forum at Browne's Tavern from 7:00-8:30. The topic will be *Summer Public Safety in Browne's Addition*. Tim Ottmar, Browne's Addition resource officer, or another person from the police department will be there.

NEW BUSINESS

Item for Information—ArtFest—Betsy Godlewski

- ArtFest will be May 29-31. As usual, some of the streets around the park will be closed. Over 250 applicants of art vendors have applied to participate which is more than ever. There will be 11-12 food vendors on the side of the park. Make it Art for kids will move to the tennis courts. They will build a birdhouse while their parents drink tea. Fun and games for everyone.

Item for Information—Free Tree Vouchers—Rick Biggerstaff

- Free trees are being given away. People need to go on to the Spokane city website to get more information. It's first come, first served. In addition, Browne's Addition has some vouchers to give out for free trees. They must go to property owners. One voucher is for 2 trees. The nursery will be contacted and on April 17-18, the homeowner can go to pick up their tree. Go to the website or look at the trees at a nursery. There are 16 vouchers to give out tonight. They must be back to the city by April 10. Contact Tim Finneran if you want a voucher.

Item for Information—CDBG Future Funding & Other Announcements—George Dahl

- HUD is using a new method of determining how to distribute CDBG funds. Community Assembly has formed a subcommittee (CACD) to decide the fair distribution of CDBG funding. In the past, the 10-year census data was used to determine eligibility and distribution of the funds. Now the American Community Survey runs a 5-year average of information to do the same thing. After careful consideration, it was determined that Browne's Addition has 3 census block groups and will receive \$2933 based on a formula developed by the CACD. One of the block groups is shared with Latah and Riverside neighborhoods. If for example 90% of the people live in Browne's Addition, we still get only 1/3 of the money allocated for that block and Latah and Riverside each receive the other 2/3. This information has been decided by HUD and is not negotiable. The emphasis is on getting neighborhoods to work together and take care of the low-income neighborhoods. At the next CACD meeting, they will talk about how neighborhoods can partner to fund improvements in their neighborhoods.
- Cleaning from the Core is on April 25th at various locations throughout the city. Teams of volunteers will be going out to clean up the city. People can sign up for different clean up opportunities. Participants get a tee shirt with the garbage goat on it along with lunch at food trucks.
- For those who are landlords, there is a Fair Housing Conference at the Convention Center on April 23. The cost is \$40 which includes lunch.

Item for Information—Coeur d'Alene Park Comprehensive Plan –Bob Scarfo

- Bob showed 3 possibilities for master plans of the park. Residents were asked to view the plans and vote on the scenario they liked best and make optional comments.

Adjournment was at 8:00.

Pacific Avenue Pizza hosted the after meeting get-together.