



**Council and Steering Committee
General Meeting
March 4, 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

Rick Biggerstaff	Louie Flores	Sheila Mountjoy
Peter Cooper	Katherine Fritchie	Tim Ottmar
Gillian Cranehahn	Amanda Hamilton	Dawn Spickler
Eric Crow	Mike Harves	MaryLou Sproul
Pat Dougherty	Eric Kramer	Morag Stewart
Kim Engel	Scott Mailheau	Christine White
Tim Finneran	Elizabeth Marlin	Karl Zacher

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome, Introductions - Rick Biggerstaff

• Item for Vote - Approval of February's minutes

- It was requested by Morag Stewart that the statement "*Christine White and a small group of residents are putting together a grant application to install a traffic circle at 4th and Coeur d'Alene*" be changed to "*Christine White.....to install a traffic triangle...*" A motion to approve the February minutes with this change was made by Amanda Hamilton. It was seconded and approved.

• Item for Information - Treasurer report – Julie Biggerstaff

Expenses, February: \$63.00 reimbursed expenses for BANC Communications officer

Balances as of February 28, 2015

Savings: \$1,266.33

Coeur d'Alene Park: \$595.74

Concert Series: \$3,799.97

MMA: \$8,093.12

Checking: \$1,767.17

Total: \$15,522.33

• Items for Information – Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park – Julie Biggerstaff

- Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park – Julie Biggerstaff
 - ✓ The next Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park meeting will be at the Ridge Club House on Sunday, March 15 at 4:00. Topics include the comprehensive plan for the park by Bob Scarfo; and, a talk about the trees in the park by Angel Spell, the head of Urban Forestry.
 - ✓ Volunteers are needed for ArtFest weekend.
 - ✓ Two Versions of the Interpretive signs for Overlook Park will be presented at the April meeting.
 - ✓ Plans are in the making for a 125th park anniversary celebration.
- Friends of Historic Home Signs report – Louie Flores III
 - ✓ There are 13 people who want signs or are interested in getting new signs. Discussion ensued about the installation and payment of the signs (homeowners, city sources, grants, Spokane Preservation Advocates). Additional quotes are needed and information about the signs needs to be gotten out to the neighborhood.

- CDBG Project Update – Liz Marlin
 - √ 2014 proposals are undergoing a review period and will be completed in April. We'll know in May and funds will be distributed in July.
- Announcements – Rick Biggerstaff
 - √ Tim Finneran introduced the new Concert Series Coordinator for next summer. Scott Mailheau is new to the neighborhood and will take on the project.
 - √ Officer Tim Ottmar gave out gun locks and wheel clubs and encouraged everyone to keep their cars locked and cleaned out.
 - √ Wednesday, March 11, The Community Center will hold an open house from 4:30-7:00.
 - √ Christine White announced that the traffic calming project paperwork was submitted this week. The engineers will vet the project and if recommended, it will be approved by the City Council. The project is for a traffic triangle to be installed at 4th and Coeur d'Alene Streets to improve safety at that intersection.
- **Item for Information -- Discussion Forum in March – Rick Biggerstaff**
 - The last forum on the apartment building project on 4th and CdA was informative.
 - The next forum: *Addressing Future Zoning Codes for Browne's Addition* will be Thursday, March 12, 7:00-8:30 pm, Browne's Tavern. Speakers from the city will be there.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Item for Vote – Request for funds for neighborhood plantings – Christine White**
 - Christine requests \$800 for plantings for this year. Funds are needed for plants, soil, and fertilizer for the planters in the park as well as the traffic circle. Christine passed out a help wanted list specifying the help that is needed for the planting project this year. Mark Harves agreed to be Christine's driver to get plants. A final remark: "The traffic circle in Browne's Addition is the prettiest in the city." Amanda Hamilton made a motion to allocate \$800 for the plantings in the traffic circle and planters. It was seconded by Peter Cooper and approved.
- **Item for Discussion and Informal Vote – Proactive Rental Inspection**
 - The Community Assembly Public Safety Committee is asking for feedback about a proactive rental inspection program that is being considered. A proactive rental inspection program would include systematic inspections of rental housing to ensure that it is maintained and that residents live in healthy conditions. Specific requirements for inspections, enforcement and funding would be determined. Discussion about this topic ensued. An informal vote resulted in 7 in favor; 6 against; 2 abstain.
 - Rick will take our ideas and informal vote to the community assembly. Residents are encouraged to give Tim Finneran their additional ideas and opinions by Thursday. Then the work to design the program will continue or it will stop.
 - One suggestion was made that someone from the city come to tell us about how the neighborhood can be proactive in dealing with substandard housing and problem landlords.

**Adjournment was at 8:00.
The Elk hosted the after meeting get-together.**