



**Council and Steering Committee
General Meeting
January 7, 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

Mark Anderson	Cynthia Fine	Mary Moltke	Mortag Stewart
Julie Biggerstaff	Tim Finneran	Germaine Morgan	David Tanner
Rick Biggerstaff	Louie Flores	Tim Ottmar	Liping Tanner
Bryan Boughten	Katherine Fritchie	Jim Red	Heather Trautman
Nicole Bower	Amanda Hamilton	Shelley Redinger	Paul Trautman
Kathy Campbell	Tracy Hosheit	Mark Reily	Dan Whicker
Peter Cooper	Eric Kramer	Dawn Spickler	Christine White
Gillian Cranehahn	Elizabeth Marlin	MaryLou Sproul	Karl Zacher

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome, Introductions - Rick Biggerstaff

• Item for Vote - Approval of minutes

The approval of the minutes will be at the next meeting.

• Item for Information - Treasurer report – Julie Biggerstaff

Balances

<u>Savings: 1,266.01</u>	MMA 8,092.02
Coeur D'Alene Park 866.19	<u>Checking 1,830.17</u>
Summer Concert Series 3,799.01	Total: 15,853.40

Expenses:

November:\$ 34.98	Coeur d'Alene Park planning neighborhood meeting snacks
\$ 15.00	Gift for member at large leaving position (Kathryn Hepke-Minor)
\$100.00	Donation to MAC from BANC
\$ 10.00	Holiday banquet/liquor permit
\$ 15.00	Ice and other supplies for holiday party
December:\$500.00	To Anna Harbine for first half of cost for historic interpretive sign development at Overlook Park

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

- The quarterly meeting will be on Sunday, January 18th at 4:00 at the Ridge Clubhouse.
- Agenda includes: 1) Bob Scarfo about the progress of the park design 2) Fundraising 3) Grants
- Work is progressing on the interpretive signs at Overlook Park and the text on the pillars.
- Grants: Spokane Parks Foundation grant application is in process; Spokane Historic Preservation \$2000 grant was awarded for the interpretive signs at Overlook Park.

NEW BUSINESS

• Item for Information – Spokane Public Schools – Leadership Team

On February 10 there will be a bond and levy replacement vote for Spokane Public Schools

- The proposed bond projects will modernize or replace schools and buildings; upgrade technology; improve safety and security; allow for improvement projects
- The proposed levy will help pay for counselors, librarians, custodians, office staff, and assistants; school programs; extra-curricular activities and community use of the buildings.
- More information is at spokaneschools.org/2015bondandlevy

- **Item for Discussion – Historic Home Signs – Louie Flores III**

The historic signs in front of some of the houses in Browne’s Addition need to be refaced or replaced. There are 45 properties on the MAC Historical Walking Tour map and 20 of them have historic signs. Louie gave information about the cost and materials.

Discussion Summary:

- The wording should address the people, rather than the architecture of the building. The text should be written by the same person in order to ensure continuity of style.
- Criteria needs to be set about which buildings are considered “historic.”
- We need a sign for the old Chinese cemetery.
- A QR code can be added to the sign to connect to something online. Larry Cebula and Spokane Historic Preservation can help get access to information/apps.
- Residents can sign up on a website “Next Door” to stay informed. The neighborhood council can also send out emails.
- Louie Flores will 1) take on organizing a mailing list to get people interested and informed; 2) start a budget for doing the total project; 3) lead fundraising 4) give progress reports to the neighborhood council

- **Item for Vote – Browne’s Addition Neighborhood Council Elections – Rick Biggerstaff**

Elections for new executive committee members took place. Members are expected to attend 1 meeting a month in the city if possible. There is also a 90 minute executive committee meeting that takes place 2 Wednesdays before the regular council meeting. The following were voted in:

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| Rick Biggerstaff - Chairperson | Amanda Hamilton - Member at Large |
| Eric Kramer - Vice-chair | Karl Zacher - Member at Large |
| MaryLou Sproul - Secretary | Elizabeth Marlin - Member at Large |
| Julie Biggerstaff - Treasurer | Nicole Bower - Member at Large |
| Tim Finneran - Communications Officer | |

- **General Items for Information – Rick Biggerstaff**

- February’s agenda will include giving input to the city on short-term rentals in Spokane; neighborhood traffic calming— application is due March 2.
- The Executive Committee agreed that the Neighborhood Council give \$100 to the MAC in appreciation for the support they give the Neighborhood Council. They print up the minutes/agenda and set up technology and provide the neighborhood with a meeting room.
- Watch for some dates coming up to talk about ongoing issues in the neighborhood. Situations will be identified and “experts” will be asked to come and help solve the problems/issues.
- Tim Finneran was acknowledged at the city’s Neighborhood Assembly for his outstanding achievement and dedication to the Neighborhood Council Program.
- Rick Biggerstaff can give information about the update/construction of the sidewalks in the neighborhood so talk to him if you have any concerns.

Adjournment was at 8:00.

Pacific Avenue Pizza hosted the after the meeting get-together.