



**Council and Steering Committee
 General Meeting
 November 5, 2014
 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	Tim Ottmar	Carol Steen
Julie Biggerstaff	Katherine Fritchie	Mark Reilly	Sue Strosky
Barbara Bonner	Steve Hart	Amanda Shelley	George Taylor
Janet Brown	Michael Harves	Joe Shogan	Dan Whicker
Gillian Cranehahn	Tracy Hosheit	Dawn Spickler	Karl Zacher
Alan Eschenbacher	Eric Kramer	MaryLou Sproul	
Tim Finneran	Elizabeth Marlin	Heather Trautman	

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements - Rick Biggerstaff

- Item for Vote - Approval of minutes
 It was moved by Eric Kramer and seconded by Kathy Fritchie that the minutes be approved. They were unanimously approved.

- Item for Information - Treasurer report – Julie Biggerstaff

Balances:

\$1,266.01	Savings
\$ 839.19	Coeur D'Alene Park
\$3,799.01	Summer Concert Series
\$8,091.49	MMA
\$2,507.16	Checking
<u>\$16,502.86</u>	Total

Expenses for October

\$29.50 renewal of Browne's Addition web-site domain registration

NEW BUSINESS

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

- The next meeting will be this Sunday, November 16, at Rocket Bakery at 4:00.
- The Coeur d'Alene Park Future Planning Workshop will be Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 in the Gilkey Room of the MAC.
- The Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park submitted a letter of interest for a \$100,000 grant from the Washington Women's Association.
- People are needed to help research and write grants.
- 2016 is the 125th anniversary of Coeur d'Alene Park. A celebration will be planned.
- Tee shirts will be for sale at the Council meetings. See Julie.

Item for Information and Vote -- CDBG Projects – Rick Biggerstaff

There is \$12,100 in CDBG funds available for physical improvements to the neighborhood.

- Liz Marlin made a proposal that 2 covered bus stops be installed at the SE corner of 4th and Cannon, behind *Coffee and Cone*, and at the SW corner of Pacific and Oak. The cost of each bus stop is about \$4945 plus an additional 25%-40% for installation at a cap of \$2000.

- Information given from questions asked:
 - There are several designs from which to choose.
 - They do have seats.
 - The City would contract with the STA for the design and installation.
 - The right of way at Pacific and Oak is sufficient for a bus stop.
- Concerns:
 - People who are not bus patrons will use the bus shelters for sleeping.
 - It's important to maintain the historic heritage of the neighborhood. An historic design is needed. Can Victorian features be added to one of the designs? If this costs additional money, can we choose to install one, instead of two bus shelters? (*Answer: yes*)
 - How will the property owners feel about it?
- Final Proposal: It is proposed that covered bus stops be installed at the SE corner of 4th and Cannon, behind Coffee and Cone, and at the SW corner of Pacific and Oak with the options of choosing only one intersection instead of two, and of adding additional Victorian features to the design. Vote: 12 in favor, 2 opposed. The Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council supports the decision to spend the CDBG funds on bus shelters.

Item for Information – Louie Flores

- The 20 historic marker signs in front of some of the houses in Browne's Addition need to be replaced. It would cost about \$6200 to reface the signs already in place. The property owners would be responsible for putting up the signs. CDBG money cannot be used for this project so Louie is requesting discussion time at another meeting.

Item for Information – Neighborhood Council Elections – Rick Biggerstaff

- Elections will be held in January. The officers include a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Communications Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer and 3 Members-At-Large. We are currently in need of a Vice Chair and another Member-At-Large. The executive committee meets 2 weeks before the monthly Neighborhood Council meeting.
- One of the goals of the Executive Committee is to have more clearly defined roles that reflect what is currently done in order to inform the neighborhood and be active in the city. The Members-At-Large are asked to make a commitment to attend one or more of the "other" meetings in the city plus the executive meeting plus the monthly council meeting. These "other" committees in the city include Community Assembly, Land Use, Public Safety, Building Stronger Neighborhoods, and Pedestrian & Transportation. In addition, the Executive Council helps to supervise the concert series and organize the neighborhood clean ups.

Item for Information and Request -- Holiday Party on December 3 – Rick Biggerstaff

Amanda Shelley is organizing the holiday party. Heather Trautman volunteered to help her with it. A venue and other information will be posted in the near future.

Item for Discussion – Youth Center – Mark Reilly & Joe Shogan

Last month, Amanda Shelley reported that the renovated space with the Youth Program at the Lutheran Church will be called the *Southwest Spokane Community Center*. Because this appears to be a change in the program it has caused some confusion and concern. Mark Reilly and Joe Shogan spoke about the *Southwest Spokane Community Center* and the *Youth Program* and the apparent change in name from what was previously announced. Following is a summary of the discussion:

- Joe Shogan: The *Peaceful Valley Youth Program* is the name of the program as agreed last June. The funding for the space came from the State, from Community Development funds, the City Council and from other neighborhoods. The state funded the capital project, not the program. The name on the space is the *Southwest Spokane Community Center*. The program is called the *Peaceful Valley Youth Program*. Other neighborhoods, who have supported the development of the space, will be able to use the space for meetings and other activities.
- Mark Reilly: Several months ago, the city told us that the funding was in jeopardy if we kept the name as only the youth center. If the neighborhoods need a space, we want it to be known that that space is available. In order to receive community center funding, we have to be competitive. If we don't have a community center, we don't get certain funding. If we can get people to use the space, the community center space, we can count that as a way to be competitive for funding. Several other neighborhoods gave money for that space.
- Comments from residents:
 - When we supported funds to support a youth program, there was a question, "Will this be a community center?" The answer was "No." What we hear now is that we have a community center coming into the church. We voted to support a youth program. Is it scheduled to be a community center? (*Answer: Yes.*)
 - Will the space down below be used as a community center? (*Answer: No.*)
 - How can you call it a community center if it isn't a community center? (*Answer: in order to get the funding from the city, we have to call it a community center.*)
 - The issue is around trust. We allocated money for something that is not a community center. We're trying to work together and there's a trust issue.
- Mark Reilly: As soon as I found out what was happening, I came back to you and told you. It was not brought to the neighborhood sooner because the board didn't know until long after the vote that it had to be a community center.
- Joe Shogan: The tenant is the *Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Association*. The only program that is in there is the *Peaceful Valley Youth Program*. The only foreseeable use as a community center is as a meeting space for neighborhoods who want to meet there.
- Heather Trautman (Office of Neighborhood Services): In order to get dollars to support the youth program... to be competitive in getting dollars, the question was asked, "What other services can be provided in that space?" We need to find out the eligibility criteria for funding, and to have a discussion about the future of that building and what that space will be used for. The application process for funding is at different times. For example, CDBG money is in August. We're getting funding now so we need to sign contracts with the new name. We will continue using the *Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Association* board name.
- Other questions to be answered: What falls under a community center? What happens at a community center? Who can sublet there?

Adjournment was moved, seconded and approved.

The Elk hosted the after the meeting get-together.