



**Council and Steering Committee
General Meeting
October 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

Rick Biggerstaff	Tim Finneran	Bonnie McInnis	MaryLou Sproul
Nicole Bower	Amanda Hamilton	Mary Moltke	Morag Stewart
Janet Brown	Kay Howard	Jason Nechanichy	Jose Trejo
Jackie Caro	Eric Kramer	Dawn Spickler	Karl Zacher

Welcome, Introductions - Rick Biggerstaff

Item for Vote - Approval of September's minutes

Eric Kramer made a motion to approve September's minutes. It was seconded. During the vote, there was one nay with no suggested revisions. The minutes were approved with a majority vote.

Item for Information - Treasurer report – Julie Biggerstaff

<u>Expenses for September</u>	<u>Income for September:</u>
\$103.00 Renewal of the P.O. Box for the Neighborhood	\$0

Balances as of September 30, 2015

\$4,361.96	Savings:	\$3,243.01	Concert Series	\$797.14	Checking
\$2,228.27	Coeur d'Alene Park	\$8,096.88	MMA		
<u>Total: \$18,727.26</u>					

Items for Information - Neighborhood News – Rick Biggerstaff

- ✓ Kay Howard, a resident of West Central, talked about a hearing tomorrow morning in City Hall. Developers plan to build four 12-15 story apartment buildings on the west point of Kendall Yards. Residents are encouraged to attend and give input at the Design Review hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for Information – Browne's Addition Traffic Calming Update – Jackie Caro, Neighborhood Services

- ✓ Browne's Addition applied for a traffic-calming project at the corner of Coeur d'Alene, Spruce and 4th. This would include the installation of a protected pedestrian crossing with an island. On June 17, data was gathered on the traffic in the intersection and it was determined that the location has low traffic volumes, low average speeds, and a very low collision record, with no pedestrian collisions. After talking to Browne's Addition residents, Rick Biggerstaff and Christine White, it was suggested to wait on acting on this request at this time in order to get the best project that meets the needs of the neighborhood. Discussion followed:
- ✓ Morag Stewart remarked that one day (June 17th) of data gathering is not indicative of traffic in that area. The colleges and schools are out, and it was the start of vacation, so it's not a good date to consider. We've also had the start of the preschool in the church in the last few weeks. Jackie Caro said that she will take that comment back to the engineers about getting more data.
- ✓ Dawn Spickler said that they have a small business on the corner and there is concern about parking. Jackie informed her that they require 51% of the signatures of the residents in that area before going forth with the project. There would be some loss of on-street parking.

- ✓ There was a suggestion about putting in a crosswalk from the park to the community garden and lowering the speed limit around the park. Jackie remarked that there's been talk of first finishing the plan for CdA park in order to incorporate aspects of that plan into traffic calming projects.
- ✓ Jose Trejo expressed a concern about the trolley route that the STA is planning. Jackie answered that the engineers would check this out before finalizing a traffic-calming project.
- ✓ The neighborhood needs to decide whether to move forward with this plan and take it to the city council or to wait until the neighborhood can be sure that any traffic-calming project is the best fit for Browne's Addition. After approval, engineering from the Streets Department will do a specific survey and get feedback from the neighborhood. If the city council accepts the proposal now, the earliest it could be done is in the Spring of 2016. It's also possible that the project could be delayed a year or longer, or the neighborhood can apply for another project. The next application period ends March 2016.
- ✓ In November, the neighborhood will hold a vote on this project proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

Items for Information –

- ✓ Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park – MaryLou Sproul
 - A fund-raising dinner and media event will be on Saturday Nov 7th at Patsy Clarks. The tickets are \$75. Invitations went into the mail yesterday. More information is at <http://friendsofcdapark.org/>.
 - The park master plan was approved last week by the lands commission and goes to the park board for first review tomorrow afternoon. Bob will be presenting the master plan back to the neighborhood at the November meeting.
 - Historic tours of Browne's Addition are still being offered this fall as an additional fund-raiser for the park. Talk to MaryLou Sproul if you're interested.
 - The Friends of Coeur d'Alene have begun conversations with the MAC about the use of the park for other events such as Shakespeare.
- ✓ Concert Series Final Report – Tim Finneran (*Thank you Tim, for your work with the concert series.*)
 - The concert series had a net loss of \$638.91. There were some good bands and generally a good turnout but there was a tough start with temps over 100° the first 3 Thursdays. Then there was the smoke problem in August. Audubon also had their concert series every other Thursday night during the same time period. Sponsorship was also a problem which needs some improvements next year. Next year, because of the 125th anniversary, the Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park are planning some activities in conjunction with the concerts. It is also the 20th anniversary of the concert series.
- ✓ Neighborhood Cleanup – Amanda Hamilton
 - October 24th is another dumpster day at All Saints Lutheran Church from 10:00-2:00. People can bring their trash and garbage. There will be a post card coming that will give details.
- ✓ ECEAP Preschool in Browne's Addition – Amanda Hamilton
 - There is an ECEAP preschool at the Southwest Community center. It is income qualified for 3 and 4 year olds which means free for low-income families. It includes a morning snack and lunch. They can accept 12 children who don't have to live in Browne's Addition.
- ✓ Community Development Block Grant allocation update – Rick Biggerstaff
 - Browne's Addition tried to partner with Cliff-Cannon for a traffic-calming project on Spruce in the area of the Youth Program at the Community Center. The neighborhood council in Cliff-Cannon turned it down. Jackie suggested that the neighborhood contact West Hills to partner with them on this project. There is also a possibility to use some CDBG money left over from previous years' allocations. Next month some options will be presented.

Neighborhood Discussion Forum: (*Postponed until further notice*)—Rick Biggerstaff

- ✓ The forum has been postponed until there are some topics that come forth to talk about.

Adjournment was at 7:30.

Everyone was invited to Browne's Tavern after the meeting