Logan Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Yasuhara Middle School Library

Call to Order

Chair Matt DeGarmo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Matt thanked everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Executive Meeting minutes was tabled.

Speakers

Deanna Storch, Spokane Police Department – Neighborhood Resource Officer

Officer Deanna Storch provided an update on neighborhood public safety. She noted that the Garland and Market area continues to be a crime hotspot and discussed the Spokane Police Department's newly established Gun Crime Unit, which is focused on addressing firearm-related offenses.

Lisa Woodard, Spokane Clean Air Agency

Lisa Woodard provided an overview of the Spokane Clean Air Agency and its role in protecting regional air quality. She explained that the agency enforces local, state, and federal air quality regulations and registers businesses with regulated emissions.

- Information on the agency's wood stove grant program.
- Promotion of the Alert Spokane notification system.
- Approximately 550 smoke and odor complaints are received annually.
- Approximately 70 air quality violations are documented each year.
- Burn bans are issued through the Fire Department.
- Residents affected by smoke are encouraged to submit complaints to the agency.
- Discussion of Smoke Ready Week and public education resources.

Donna DeBit, City of Spokane Planning and Development

Donna DeBit provided an update on the Ruby River Hotel dock project.

- The project is a private development proposal.
- Initial planning began in October 2024, with the shoreline permit application submitted in July 2025.
- The proposed dock is approximately 2,200 square feet and intended for public use.

- The comment period included notifications to approximately 80 agencies between July 2025 and January 2026.
- A public hearing was held in March 2026, followed by a public comment period.
- Final approval from the Washington Department of Ecology was received on May 21, 2026.
- Neighborhood councils were inadvertently omitted from the notification process.

Discussion:

- Doug Tomkins stated he had not yet received an official response regarding his complaint about neighborhood councils being excluded and reiterated concerns raised in his letter.
- Donna DeBit responded that every inquiry received by the department had been addressed.
- Doug Tomkins questioned whether the project had obtained the required public easement.
- Donna DeBit confirmed that a public access easement is in place.
- The dock will be open for public use during hours consistent with Riverfront Park and may not be reserved for private events.
- Jim Simon raised safety concerns regarding the kayak launch.
- Donna DeBit explained that planned safety measures include warning signage and the existing Avista safety rope.

Pollyanne Birge, Office of Neighborhood Services

- Splash pads open May 22.
- City pools are scheduled to open in early June.
- Neighborhood councils are welcome to present at City Council meetings.
- The Residential Light Program still has lights available.
- The second round of the Speed Trailer Program will begin September 21.

Reports

No officer or committee reports were presented.

Unfinished Business

Speed Trailer Dates and Locations

Information was provided that the second round of speed trailer deployments will begin on September 21.

Curbside Cleanup Date

No action was taken.

New Business

None.

Open Forum

The Open Forum began at 7:08 p.m.

- Brief discussion regarding neighborhood block party participation and attendance.
- Social Work students from Eastern Washington University attended to learn more about neighborhood councils and community engagement.
- Chair Matt DeGarmo offered to provide the students with existing research related to the Logan Neighborhood.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.