Logan Neighborhood Council

Regular Meeting Minutes | Draft for Review

Date: September 17, 2026

Location: Yasuhara Middle School Library

Time: 6:00 PM

Presiding: Matthew DeGarmo, Interim Chair

Prepared from the meeting transcript. Informal conversations after the meeting have been excluded.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting began with introductions from council members, neighborhood residents, a Spokane Police Department representative, and Spokane County Commissioner Amber Waldref.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Officer and Committee Reports

Chair Report: The neighborhood curbside cleanup was scheduled for September 30, 2026. Residents reported that some apartment complexes, including O'Malley Apartments at 707 E. Mission Avenue, had not received informational flyers. The Chair agreed to follow up with the Office of Neighborhood Services.

Chair Report: The Logan Neighborhood Block Party was reported as a success. Approximately 685 food tickets were distributed, although actual attendance was likely higher.

Vice Chair Report: Vice Chair Jim expressed appreciation to Tiffany and other volunteers for their work organizing the neighborhood block party.

Secretary and Cleanup Coordinator: Both positions remain vacant. Interested residents were encouraged to volunteer.

Land Use Report: Doug provided an update on Plan Spokane 2046. Public comments were due October 2, 2026. Concerns were raised about neighborhood representation, increased residential density, parking, and infrastructure.

Community Assembly Report: Barbara Ann discussed wildfire evacuation planning, emergency preparedness, apartment development, and parking requirements.

Informal block party priorities survey:

Neighborhood concern	Responses
Crime	36
Traffic	22
Housing	18
Cleanliness	18
Community engagement	16

4. Spokane Police Department Report

Officer Storch provided an update on the department's gun violence enforcement efforts. Reported activity included 19 warrant arrests, 95 felony charges filed, 71 misdemeanor charges filed, 139 search warrants, 34 cases cleared, 21 cases currently assigned, and 32 firearms reportedly seized (verify against recording).

Residents expressed appreciation for the department's efforts and discussed neighborhood public safety concerns.

5. Spokane County Commissioner Amber Waldref

Comprehensive Planning: The county continues working on its growth management plan, including future development, housing needs, and coordination with municipalities.

Data Centers: The county adopted a four-month moratorium on new data center development while reviewing potential regulations. Concerns included energy and water use, environmental impacts, and state and federal oversight.

County Budget: The county faces an estimated $28–30 million budget shortfall following a $25 million deficit the previous year. Commissioners are evaluating expenditure reductions and revenue sources.

Wildfire Recovery: Commissioner Waldref discussed wildfire damage, evacuation challenges, recovery efforts, and pursuit of state and federal assistance, including potential FEMA funding.

Emergency Preparedness: Discussion included evacuation routes, city-county coordination, and Spokane Transit Authority's role in assisting residents.

6. Office of Neighborhood Services Update

- The Spokane Neighborhood Summit was announced for November 7, 2026.
- The Emergency Streets Pilot Program was discussed, including rapid safety responses following fatal traffic collisions.
- Residents were encouraged to review and comment on the proposed comprehensive plan.

7. Plan Spokane 2046 and Proposed Zoning Changes

The council reviewed proposed future land use changes affecting Logan, including increased residential density near Gonzaga University, Hamilton Street, and other areas designated for higher-density residential or mixed-use development.

Residents raised concerns about apartment development without sufficient off-street parking, impacts on established neighborhoods, competition for housing between students and permanent residents, traffic congestion, and infrastructure needs.

8. Neighborhood Concerns

Parking: Residents described limited street parking near Hamilton Street, Mission Avenue, and nearby businesses. Potential solutions included business coordination, alternative parking locations, and city assistance.

Traffic Safety and Hamilton Street: Concerns included speeding, pedestrian safety near schools and intersections, construction congestion, traffic calming, and safety along Upriver Drive and near the Centennial Trail. The Chair discussed inviting city transportation representatives to a future meeting.

Public Transportation: Residents discussed Spokane Transit Authority routes, discontinued service, and a petition seeking restoration of a previous route.

Neighborhood Safety: A resident raised concerns about an incident involving her daughter near a bus stop. Participants discussed reporting incidents to police, neighborhood resource officers, and Spokane Transit Authority.

9. Follow-Up Items

- Follow up with the Office of Neighborhood Services about missing cleanup flyers.
- Contact residents who raised parking and traffic concerns.
- Explore inviting City Streets and Transportation representatives to a future meeting.
- Consider formal letters addressing parking and traffic safety.
- Continue monitoring proposed land use and zoning changes.
- Recruit volunteers for vacant council positions.

10. Upcoming Meetings

The Chair clarified that regular council meetings occur on the third Thursday of each month and indicated incorrectly listed dates would be corrected. Executive Committee meetings were also discussed. The date and location should be confirmed before publication.

11. Adjournment

The Chair thanked attendees and encouraged continued participation. The transcript does not establish a formal motion to adjourn or an exact adjournment time.

Draft note: Speech-recognition errors may affect names and numerical details; the firearms figure and Executive Committee schedule require verification. These minutes summarize the discussion and exclude informal post-meeting conversations. Only approval of the previous minutes was clearly recorded as a formal vote.