

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2018 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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PRESENTATION

City Council Representative Presentation - Breean Beggs

- Paving Regal from 29th to 37th is scheduled to take place this season
- Plans for a new, official city dog park near Mullan Road School are moving forward. The park will have about same space as the unofficial dog park in the area now. It will mostly be in treed area. School district is motivated to make project work, he said.
- There are traffic studies planned for arterials in the neighborhood.
- There is a proposal for 10 more patrol officers, but the city needs to find funding source
- There is potential for tax initiative to pay for police and fire personnel that might appear on the April ballot.
- Homelessness issues are a continuing challenge for the city.
- \$100,000 was set aside on the Monroe Street project for businesses to renovate their facades.
- City officials' recent trip to Denmark was paid for by a foundation. No taxpayer money was used. Beggs noted that 50 percent of trips in Copenhagen are by bike.
- Bicycle pedestrian bridge in University District expected to open later this month.
- Reports of property crime in the city are going down compared to last year.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report - \$246.15 in account

Spokane Police Department Report - property crime low in Southgate, especially compared to other neighborhoods

PRESENTATIONS

Southeast Sports Complex Re-design Update

- Representatives of the Parks Department gave an update on South Sports Complex.
- Phase one of Master Plan for the park will begin in November with demolition and tree removal. Construction will begin in the spring. City will pave all of 46th from Altamont to Cook with sidewalk on south side only. Altamont will remain unpaved.
- Restrooms at 46th and Altamont moved out of line of sight of homes. First phase includes trail, splash pad and playground near 46th and Altamont.
- Playground equipment will have contemporary look, Outbuildings such as restrooms will be hardened against vandalism. Playground area will have rubber surfacing rather than sand or wood chips. This will make it more ADA accessible.

Moran Park and Ride and Regal-Monroe HPT Route Update

- STA presented a proposal for a Monroe-Regal line extending from soon-to-bebuilt park and ride at Palouse and 57th to 5 Mile shopping area. The route will go through downtown, and combines three existing routes. There is also a proposal for an express bus that would get riders downtown about as fast as driving a car.
- One sticking point for new route is the turn at the southwest corner of 29th and Regal needs to be widened for buses. If can't get property owner to work with them, will run route on Southeast Boulevard.
- Plan for routes include shelters at many stops and better pedestrian lighting. Some stops will have signage telling when next bus will arrive.
- Moran Station Park and Ride at Palouse and 57th will have about 100 stalls of parking. Buses on the route will be electric with a charging station at the park and ride.
- Park and Ride construction will begin next summer.
- Neighbors can comment on route proposals and complete survey at spokanetransit.com/input.

Community Assembly Report - Rita Conner

- Touchmark expansion has been approved by the city to include memory care and a fitness center for 55 and over on west edge of Sonneland property.
- Property maintenance code is being updated; code enforcement is complaintbased
- Homeless camping on city property is a problem, not enough beds in shelters throughout city.
- Building standards for infill housing are being modified for setbacks etc.

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoye

Andy Hoye reported he is trying to find out if the city is penalized for trying to recycle stuff for which there is no value. He said it is hard to get answers from agencies.

Pedestrian, Transportation, and Traffic Committee – Paul Kropp

Paul Kropp presented an update on the Children of the Sun Trail, which will run along the North-South Corridor freeway project.

Other Committee Updates as Needed (CDBG, CA Grant, By-laws, etc.)

 CDBG - Community development block grants going to a City Council District model. It means Southgate needs to work with other neighborhoods in our district to get grant money.

Land Use Committee Update

- KXLY Property Residential Component and Gas Station
 - KXLY developers have plan for residential development on west side of its development at Palouse Highway and Regal Street. Developers are proposing Texas doughnut-style apartments, which include a parking garage surrounded by apartment units. Apartments allowed up to four stories. Developers are proposing a 300-unit complex with several retail spaces. They anticipate two buildings that will have market-rate rents.
 - KXLY developers have said they will build a convenience store in place of supermarket on the southeast portion of their property.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm. Minutes taken by John Kafentzis