



Meeting Minutes

Date: September 4, 2019, Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

www.southgatespokane.org

Attendance: 16 neighbors

PRESENTATIONS

Spokane Police Department Report – Jake Willard, NRO

- Continuing on homeless camps – very successful program
 - Connecting people with resources
 - Statistics should be available
- Some increase in property crimes
- Waiting for new NRO for southwest area

SNAP – Amos Atkinson, Energy Supervisor

509-456-7627 or snapwa.org

- Spokane Neighborhood Action Program – funded through energy companies like Avista, Inland Power and federal grants
 - Goal to improve conditions for people in poverty with housing, energy assistance, home repairs, small business owners,
 - 30 programs
- Gearing up energy season
 - Sept 9 start taking appointments
 - Avista Senior Disability program starting in October for energy discounts
 - Avista Walk-In Days start October 1-4 with breakfast and lunch served
 - Avista has regulatory meetings – can comment by mail or email

Spokane Public Transit – Ryan Broadwater

- Moran Station Park and Ride at 57th and Palouse
 - Behind schedule
 - Goal to be functioning by November
 - 100 parking stalls (can also park there to use trail)
 - Building for operators will be completed later
 - Ben Burr Trail
 - Will reconfigure to tie into boarding area, will still connect to 57th
 - Worked with school district to provide a bus to the north end of the trail until mid-October. Hope to have trail completed by then.
- September 15 – Route #4 every 15 minutes from 57th to Five Mile
 - North-south continuous connection
- New stop at Ferris
 - Other
 - Rest of equipment arrives in the spring 2020

P.L.A.N.T. Urban Forest – Lori Kinnear, Angel (city of Spokane Parks and Recreation) and Giacobbe Byrd

- Concern that urban forest is being cut down, ordinance not updated for 20 years
- Goal to increase urban forest canopy from 20% to 30% by 2030 to help with storm water, filter airborne pollutants, address equity issues about the benefit of trees for heating and cooling homes and businesses, increasing home values
- Small code changes that didn't have to go before the Plan Commission
- Next step is for an amendment to development code, that proposes:
 - Site planting standards including requirements for trees on single family and duplexes for new construction (not retroactive)
 - Street trees and other landscaping maintenance – ability to allow city to do maintenance at owner's expense
 - Clarify language that requires auto irrigation for trees on planting strips
 - Fees in lieu of planting street trees where not feasible to meet required number of trees. Funds will be used for planting trees at alternative locations
 - Guard against damage to trees from construction work added to planning section of code where development community looks for requirements
 - Incentives to retain trees during new construction
- Question: Have you considered giving people credits for watering their trees?
Answer: No, utilities vetoed because it would cost the city too money
- Question: Does this conflict with the SpokaneScape project? Answer: Project is to remove turf, not reduce trees
- Question: Is there a place on the website to comment? Answer:
- Upcoming Open Houses:
 - Tuesday, September 10
 - West Central Community Center
 - 5:30 to 7:00 pm
 - Thursday, September 26
 - South Hill Public Library
 - 4:30 to 6:00 pm
- my.spokanecity.org/projects/protecting-leaves-and-adding-new-trees-plant-ordinance/

City Council Representative Presentation – Breean Beggs

Repaving priorities for District 2 (not actually selected yet)

1. Repaving S. Altamont from 47th to 49th
2. Repaving 44th from Crestline to Altamont

Traffic calming:

- Three more cameras at schools (will be changing distribution because large amounts of money available and looking for larger projects connected to schools. Can get matching grants if on arterials)
- No change to red light traffic calming program

CDBG:

- Moving to a district-wide -- \$100,000 per district (needs to serve those in poverty)
- Next meeting in October
- Apply or nominate projects; votes will be tallied from neighborhood councils

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Moved, seconded and voted to approve minutes with following corrections:
 - Date and Minutes

Treasurer's Report - Andy Hoye

\$426.36 – no change

Community Assembly Report - Andy Hoye

- Meeting on September 5
- Notes will be attached to minutes

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoye

- Reminder about battery disposal – put in plastic bag and leave on top of your blue recycling bin. NOT in garbage – can catch fire

Pedestrian, Transportation, and Traffic Committee – Paul Kropp

- Mayor attending PETT meeting to discuss budget on 9/5/2019
- Proposed committee name change: ATT (Active Transportation & Traffic)
- August meeting presentation on “Greenways” for bicycles
 - City building a greenway on Cincinnati near Gonzaga University
- Strong America Tour – Charles Marohn book tour
 - Gonzaga Law School Moot Court on September 10 from 6-8 pm

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

Land Use Committee Update – Ted Teske

- KXLY Binding Site Plan
 - Land Use Committee met to discuss project as allowed by SNC
 - Comments submitted on August 1 regarding compliance with developer's agreements.
 - Developer withdrew gas station since it wasn't compliant with design requirements.
- Carwash pre-determination meeting set up
- 57th Ave Roundabouts – the real story
 - Rumor that roundabout was being built at 57th & Palouse
 - Clarified that work was being done for STA park and ride
 - Freya & 57th roundabout in 2022
- Transit Center - see notes above

Other

- Numerica is planning a Regal Street Fair on September 7 from 10 am to 2 pm
 - Target parking lot
 - SNC could have a table at the fair
 - Numerica says SNC can put info in their branch
- Neighborhood Clean Up funds used during spring clean up so no fall clean up
- CDBG Project Suggestions
 - Discussed – decided sidewalks

Open Forum (time permitting)

Next meeting – October 2, 2019