

## **Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes -- Revised**

Date: August 5, 2020,

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

[www.southgatespokane.org](http://www.southgatespokane.org)

Neighbors Present: 25 via Zoom

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Spokane Police Department Report –NRO – no report
- City Council Representatives
  - Betsy Wilkerson
    - Working with library to bring hot spots to parks for s
    - Renaming Fort George Wright progressing; tribes working on names
    - CAREs funding is looking at Requests for Proposals (RFPs) – Needs being addressed: 47% of small businesses don't have websites; childcare, housing, arts. Expect second round of RFPs
  - Lori Kinnear
    - Pandemic, riots, police contract, economic collapse
    - Working on using goats to reduce fuel for fires; pilot in October
    - Restoring part of Latah Creek; working with farmers to reduce silt
    - Park board revenue is down about 30%
- Dan Buller and Kyle Twohig– City of Spokane Staff -- Initial introduction and conversation about a need for new water tower.
  - City needs another water tower on the high system pressure zone; can't keep up with demand; affects all zones (mid south hill zone and further south up to Browne's Mountain). This need is not related for Garden District development
  - Multiple challenges to site at 31<sup>st</sup> and Napa so it was abandoned; conditional use permit no longer valid due to changes that would be required
  - Proposed reservoir in Hamblen Park, back to site selection; need to restart conditional use permit; lower cost might allow mitigation funds for park improvements; looking at Southgate Parks and Open Spaces planning document
    - 100 feet tall
    - 2 million gallon capacity
    - 50-60 feet diameter at bottom; 100 feet in diameter at top
  - Next Steps: Plan another community meeting advertised to all residents within several block radius in late August; permitting in fall 2020; project design in fall/winter 2020; construction 2021-2022
  - Questions: Has the donor of the property, Herb Hamblin's family been approached about making changes to the park? A: Not yet, the parks department would follow up.

- Q: Is there an opportunity to fully develop park? A: That would be up to the parks department, some communities are closing their park restrooms because they attract vandalism.
- Q: Would reservoir irrigate the park? A: Trees planted near the base of the tank maybe irrigated until trees are established, no plan to irrigate the park.
- Comment: The park is a natural area, I have a lot of concerns of a water park in the conservation area.
- Q: Have you considered placing in South Complex? A: We explored other parks, South Complex has plenty of area but the disadvantage is that it is 40 feet lower so the tank would be 40 feet taller and farther away from customers, and wouldn't fill as effectively.
- Q: Would this tower be fenced off and restrict part of the park. A: We need to find a way to protect from vandalism; if fencing it off is a big concern, we can consider other options.
- Q: What are thoughts and plans to make it blend in. A: One school of thought is to make a big statement, another is to make it "go away." It will be part of the discussion going forward.
- Q: Will there be cell towers on the tank anywhere? A: I don't know, I would guess that there probably will be.
- Q: Are you planning to present to Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council. A: That is a good point. (Carol, chair of LHNC invited Dan to attend a Zoom meeting.)
- Q: Will you be working with the school district? A: Yes, with the school district as well as Hamblen school.
- Q: Is there any consideration of building the tank on the Ferris campus and paint it Ferris colors to prevent vandalism? A: That elevation is about 40-feet lower and would require a taller tank, away from customers.

### **Round about at intersection of Palouse Highway and Freya**

- Project is in beginning phase, planning considered for 2021; earliest build is 2026 depending on funding

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Motion made, seconded and moved to approve the minutes from July 1, 2020 meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Andy Hoye**

- \$245.55 in checking account (has been reestablished as a non-profit and banking fees were refunded)
- \$3,000 in escrow account

#### **Community Assembly Report - Andy Hoye**

- Grand Blvd study has been completed; complete streets used as a model; in planning mode; no funds

- Will attach notes from August 6, CA meeting to August 5 SNC minutes

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoyer

- No report

### **Clean Up Program**

Option 1: Any neighbor could email the city and passes will be mailed to the person.

Option 2: 15 passes would be mailed to Summer to hand out.

Motion made, seconded and passed for Option 1.

**Pedestrian, Transportation, and Traffic Committee** – No report

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

### **Land Use Committee Update**

### **Other Topics**

- Invite City and County to talk about the budget, CARES funds
- Suggestion to invite the two county commissioner candidates to attend a meeting.
  - September or October meeting – Neighbors email their questions to Rita for forum.

Next meeting –September 2 via Zoom. Email invitations will be sent to everyone.

### **Community Assembly Notes for August 6 are below.**

### **CA Meeting notes – Zoom – 8-6-2020**

18 neighborhoods present

Lori Kinnear: Applications for CARES funding are being accepted – rental assistance, small business, child care, Arts and entertainment are being considered also. Criminal Justice reform talks are starting – no discussion of defunding police. Trying to get neighborhoods involved in keeping parks green – starting “good neighbor” meetings with Emerson-Garfield neighborhood re 55 W Mission homeless shelter. Re-organization of ONS is grinding away, two director-level positions; one will include Code Enforcement. 12% drop in city revenues due to Covid.

ONS brochure has been developed, but will need revision.

Leadership Training for CA and neighborhoods; \$4,000 has been allocated from Engagement Grant money. BSN will put out RFPs.

Dump passes will be distributed online, with no neighborhood income requirements. I will research County acceptance of dump passes at Transfer Stations.