

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/11/2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Locations: Zoom Meeting
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Presentations

- ❖ Spokane Police Department, Jake Willard took questions
 - The increase in population in the area has not spiked crime.
 - Winter is here. Be careful out there. Don't leave unattended cars running.
- ❖ Lori Kinnear, City Council
 - Stated there is no support from city council to supply water outside the city, outside the urban growth area. They would not want to set a precedent for future sales of real estate for development.
 - She has been working on revisions to the park ordinance as a response to complaints about activities in the city parks such as noise, litter and needle and food distribution. Although there already were rules for events needing reservations in the city code, the parks code did not reference them. The main changes put forth are:
 - Require a reservation and permit issued by the parks department if food will be served to more than 15 people. A clean-up plan is required. Cost of clean-up can be charged back to event organizers.
 - Restating current state law under which it is illegal to distribute drug paraphernalia in a park and to clarify that sidewalks adjacent to the park are also included.
 - No driving vehicles in Riverfront Park that are not authorized by the Parks Dept and refer to the municipal code that allows impoundment of abandoned vehicles.
 - Andy asked about the sit/lie law and it does not cover parks.
- ❖ Kathleen Weinand, Transit Planner from STA discussing bus route changes
 - In 2022 implement the City Line and improve routes and frequency in NE Spokane
 - Covid has impacted planning, financially and the speed of the changes.
 - The service survey closes 11/13/2020.
 - Changes affecting Southgate Neighborhood:
 - Rt 43 will end at Manito Shopping Center
 - Rt 146 picks up the 37th Ave section
 - Rt 4 has no changes
 - Rt 144 peak express to downtown
 - Electric (battery) buses will be used for the City Line and Regal/Monroe Lines.
 - There is significant investment in enhancing stations so that reduces flexibility of lines.
 - A bus lasts 15 years and STA bought new ones this year.
 - Reach out to Kathleen with concerns over bus stop planning.

Neighborhood Business

Approval of Minutes – September and October minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- \$245.55 in checking

- \$3000 in escrow

Community Assembly Report – Andy Hoyer

- Notes from November 5/20CA meeting are attached.
- Notes from December 3/20 CA meeting are attached.
- Notes from January 7/21 CA meeting are attached.

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoyer

To save money, recycling will be picked up every other week in 2021.

Pedestrian, Transportation and Traffic (PeTT) Committee – Paul Kropp

- 44th Ave (Napa to Regal) is in the resolution adding projects to the 6 year plan.
- Neighborhoods are pushing to restore a program to pave the unpaved residential streets.
- Cycle 8 of traffic calming will be done in 2021. This includes a 25th Ave and Bernard bump out.
- As part of the traffic calming for school safety projects, Ferris High School will have flashing lights so there will no longer be a slow down to 20 mph all day. It will be constructed in 2021.
- The city is projecting to build the roundabout at Freya and Palouse in 2026, with preliminary engineering to be done in 2021. The city will be looking for grants.
- The committee will meet in November but not in December.

Land Use

- KXLY property
 - It went through the Design Review Board 9/9/20.
 - Texas doughnut is the plan.
 - The frontage on Regal is not developed yet.
 - The width of the pathway needs to be checked. Ted says the plan for the path between the doughnut and the sports complex (south side of complex) shows 5 ft while the Design Review Board recommended 8 ft. Southgate should ask the CA liaison to the DRB about this.

Election of Officers

- Election to be in January.
- Jerry nominated the existing slate of officers:

○ Chair	Rita Conner
○ Vice chair	Summer Beers
○ Andy Hoyer	Treasurer and CA representative
○ Shelley O'Rourke	Secretary

Next Meeting is January 13, 2021

CA Meeting notes – Jan 7, 2021

Quorum achieved...19 neighborhoods present.

Councilman Cathcart: Budget was approved – no layoffs. There is a “heat map” of late utility payers – mostly NE Spokane. More CARES \$ will go out for rental assistance and utilities.

There are three water conservation virtual workshops planned – District 2 will be Jan 28 at 6PM.

He will liaise to the Park Board for 2021. There will be an “Open Forum” at CC meetings via Webex.

Cupid Alexander: His focus will be on communications, internal “right-sizing” which may mean adjusting job duties.

The CA decided not to use Engagement Grant \$ to hire an independent facilitator, after much discussion. Vote was 11 to 7. Carly will facilitate until she finds money or a volunteer from her team.

14,542 free dump passes were issued. 22% of households were served by dump passes, but only 8% of dump passes were actually used = 212.79 tons of waste removed.

\$23,500 of Engagement Grant money was authorized, but only \$13,155 spent.

21 placements of Mobile Speed cameras were made in 2020. School photo-red cameras were shut down.

There are two positions on the Urban Forestry Council – applications are here:

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/committee-commissions-board-application-2014-10-30.pdf>

There is a YouTube recording of a December 29 panel discussion on Affordable housing:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=KSztwshhBiU

In lieu of Town Hall meetings, there will be virtual CA/CC meetings: Our neighborhood can appear if we choose. Some dates are already taken (2/1, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3). Contact Lori Kinnear at lkinnear@spokanecity.org

- Andy Hoyer, CA rep for Southgate

CA Meeting notes – December 3, 2020 – Webex Virtual Meeting

23 neighborhoods present. 5:33 PM start.

Comments regarding the rezoning at 29th and Ray are welcome. (Will not be commercial east of there, but may have multifamily west.)

Beggs: \$10M in the red in Budget, will need to use some reserves, but not much. For 2021, Engagement grants to Neighborhood councils will remain at \$25,000, plus another \$25,000 for training to include some for Councils! Police Reform Committee will meet in January. Landlord/tenant collaboration continues. They will likely rename Fort George Wright Drive. They are open to opinions regarding the proposed re-zone of 53rd and Freya, but will continue to reject unless transportation issues can be relieved in that area.

Cupid Alexander introduced himself – background in policy and grants with the City of Portland – happy to move on. One challenge with 1590 money is targeting those earning from 30% - 60% Area median income is that they don't qualify for mortgages – we will need some cooperation from lenders.

We tabled a discussion of the facilitator until January – Carly Cortright will fill in; this is Kevin's last meeting.

There was a long discussion about the Hamblen Park Water Tower that ended with a note to the Parks Board reminding them to listen to neighbors – there was not a specific endorsement of the "Resolution."

Town Hall meetings have been cancelled, but we will be able to speak up at the Legislative sessions on a per-neighborhood basis – they will notify us.

The Spokane Housing Action Plan survey needs input from citizens. Link is here:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/housing/spokane-housing-action-plan/>

CDBG money is moving towards "do them all" option with balance to Habitat.

There are minor changes to SPD precinct staff.

8:15PM adjournment.

- Notes by Andy Hoyer, CA rep for Southgate

CA Meeting Notes - November 5, 2020 – WEBEX

20 Neighborhoods present

CA/CC recap from Tina: CC will try to keep \$25,000 for neighborhoods for the Engagement Grants / RV parking rules will be complaint driven – there is a legal issue re homelessness / Park cars on odd side of street in winter / CC trying to add Open forum to virtual CC meetings / 0.1% additional sales tax, will provide \$5.8M per year for housing issues including homelessness – this is somewhat controversial and will be discussed in November – must be determined before year-end – based on HB1590 / more snow plowing earlier is planned

Councilmember Mumm: Mayor, Beggs, others held a news conference on the Budget – very close, in agreement on most issues / no layoffs in city / more planners to be hired / probably will go to every other week for recycling pickup – saves \$900,000. Cannon Neighborhood Park will lose a play structure / it is time for citizens to weigh in on park issues. There is a significant park situation in Seattle: Albert Davis Park is now full of homeless tents, Lake City area – no response from City Council.

ONS Division Director Cupid Alexander has been hired – from Portland – lots of experience.

Large issue looming that affects Southgate: providing city water to the outlying areas – right now it is the Glenrose Athletic facility...this abuts our neighborhood and we could respond. There is a video coming on Cable 5 and the CC website.

CA probably will fall under the Open Meetings Act – formal details to follow – draft Ordinance is 4.27.030

Kathryn Alexander is the CA Liaison Nomination to the CHHS Board – needs to go through CHHS, Mayor, CC.

The Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee will offer leadership training – details to follow – multiple copies of a book have been ordered.

Detailed organization chart of the ONS department will be forthcoming per Carly Cortright,

I am chair of an ad hoc committee to find a new facilitator – Carly will do it for a few months.

- Andy Hoyer