

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/10/2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Locations: Zoom Meeting
www.southgatespokane.org

Presentations

❖ Spokane Police Department - Jake Willard

- Overall crime is down 17% year to date city wide and 30% in the area that includes Southgate. Covid meant more people were home this contributed to the decrease.
- Regal and 45th has the most criminal activity.
- Suspicious activity is the most common call with theft the next most common
- Andy mentioned the article in the paper discussing gang activity with the sheriff and it sounded very scary. Jake has been on a few scenes and it "is very sad" but it does not seem like there is a risk to the public. Gang activity is a good discussion for the community to have.
- Betsy asked about the demographic make-up of gangs and her concern is that we stereotype gang members. Jake will ask the gang task force.
- Jerry has heard that individual contact with individuals living in the neighborhood is helpful when policing and Jake agreed and thinks that SPD does a good job in this regard.

❖ City Council -Betsy Wilkerson,

- Police contract approved.
- There were many successful activities for black history month including 537 free gondola rides on 2/27. Remember that Spokane jewels should be for everyone!
- City Council is waiting for guidance from the Governor before moving meetings to in person.
- The health district is doing a good job reaching out and getting vaccinations done.
- City Council is still working on an ordinance for rental assistance.
- The Mayor will make a State of the City address on 3/12.
- City Council is working with Providence to have a State of Health of the City address by the end of the summer.
- The school board is revisiting the stadium proposal. Betsy is stressing that any new jobs need to have a livable wage.
- Summer asked if there was news about the empty Shopko and Betsy replied no, but she would like to see housing units there.

Neighborhood Business

❖ Approval of Minutes – February minutes approved (moved by Allen and seconded by Summer)

❖ Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- \$1,603.08 in checking thanks to the donation from Moran Prairie Neighborhood Association closing their account and transferring the funds.
- An autopay for renewal of the Directors' Insurance went through and Andy is working to get that reversed.
- \$3000 in escrow – Andy will ask Ted or Theresa about the rules for spending this money.

❖ **Community Assembly Report** – Andy Hoyer

- Notes from March 4/21CA meeting are attached.
- Engagement Grant Funds from the city are available for \$800. The suggestion was to plant trees to replace the dead ones at 37th and Rebecca. The funds sunset 5/14 so we will talk more at next month's meeting.

❖ **Waste Management Report** – Andy Hoyer

- The change to picking up recycling bins every other week will start in May.
- The city restarted picking up the green bins.

❖ **Ray Street Crossover**

- We have no updates from Inga. We will ask her to come to April's meeting.
- The survey closed but we don't see the results yet.
- Southgate will wait until after Inga's visit to submit comments, but neighbors weighed in:
 - A roundabout would be tight for all the trucks and busses using that intersection.
 - Freya narrows as it goes south. Should traffic be funneled there?
 - The concept of putting lights at 37th and Ray and Ferris parking lot needs more discussion/thought.
 - 44th and Freya intersection has terrible visibility.

❖ **Land Use Committee**

- Rita will set up a zoom meeting and send out the link. It will discuss Ray/Freya traffic, KXLY property and the comprehensive plan amendment at 53rd and Freya.

Next Meeting is April 14, 2021

See CA meeting notes below

CA Meeting Notes – March 4, 2021 – via Zoom

21 Neighborhoods present

Public Open House on Downtown Plan is March 16, from 6 – 8 PM via Webex. Link is

my.spokanecity.org/projects/downtown-plan-update

Robert's Rules of Order Training, Tuesday March 30, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, link below (see calendar date):

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=spokaneneighborhoods%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Los Angeles](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=spokaneneighborhoods%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Los_Angeles)

ONS is working on getting dump passes that are longer than 14 days. More curbside pickup options are being discussed.

CC member Wilkerson: CC is working on 29 initiatives / Police Contract done / working on more robust options for CDBG money. Delay in traffic calming options

Carly Cortright, ONS: Still working on getting a facilitator

Giacobbe Byrd: Water Resource Collaboration Group is working on a master plan to reduce water usage...be careful setting your sprinklers, we put out too much water on our lawns.

Neighborhood Council Training: Looks like most of the \$25,000, and most of the year will be spent on needs assessment and curriculum development, not delivery. Rachelle Strawther at GU is contact.

Nathan Gwinn: Downtown Master Plan is in works. Greg Francis (Rockwood NC) is on the board. Goals are 1) Connected and Walkable Downtown, 2) Thriving Arts / Culture / History area, 3) Great place to live, work and play, 4) Well organized downtown for all (parking issues), 5) Welcoming and Engaging Public Spaces – see www.Spokanedowntownplan.org

Two members were recommended and approved to join the Urban Forestry Committee: Toni Sharkey from Peaceful Valley and Kris Neely from Southgate.

The CA is working on some minor changes to their Policies and Procedures.

A memorandum of Understanding between ONS and the CA will be created by an ad-hoc committee that was formed.

Adjourned at 7:40PM