

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/12/2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

www.southgatespokane.org

Presentations

Spokane Police Department - Jake Willard

- ❖ Crime continues to decrease year to date: 13% for the city and 29% for the precinct that includes Southgate. Jake thinks that the decrease is due to Covid lockdown and the larger numbers of people at home.
- ❖ Ray and 44th has the most activity.
- ❖ Most frequent calls for service are suspicious activity, domestic disputes and assault and battery.
- ❖ A neighbor has concerns about the Shopko site:
- ❖ Continue to report graffiti to 311 and suspicious activity to Crime Check.
- ❖ The owner of the site is considered a responsive owner so the site cannot be reported for abatement.
- ❖ Jake has heard that a grocery store may be coming to the site in the next 6 months and he will keep us posted.
- ❖ Jerry has seen people gathering/loitering on the lawn near the Palouse. Jake says for illegal camping issues to call Code Enforcement (311) and get the problem on the pod program list. A team with support from different services is sent out and can do clean up as well.

City Council – no council representative in attendance

Neighborhood Business

Approval of Minutes – April minutes approved (moved by Allen, second by Andy)

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,533.92 in checking

- ❖ \$3000 in escrow
- ❖ Used Southgate's 1st Interstate Bank card (with Ted Teske's help) to set up auto renewal for our Go Daddy website for \$69 (\$23/year for 3 years).

Community Assembly Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ Notes from May 6/21CA meeting are attached.
- ❖ The memorandum of understanding between the Office of Neighborhood Services, the Community Assembly and the neighborhoods is being discussed.
- ❖ Gabby, Southgate's representative for ONS, is not replying when Rita and Summer email her. Summer will copy Carly Cortright, Director, Community Programs, Neighborhoods, Housing, and Human Services on future emails.
- ❖ We need to discuss the Community Engagement Grant. Southgate is entitled to \$800. Deadline for spending the money is May 21. See Other Business below.
- ❖ The new City Administrator is Johnnie Perkins.

Waste Management – Andy Hoyer

The change in recycling schedule to every other week has started.

PeTT Committee – Paul Kropp

- ❖ The results of the Fish Lake Trail Extension survey is that the Blue connection was the most popular. See the survey results here <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/projects/fish-lake-trail-connection-study/fish-lake-trail-survey-april-2021-summary.pdf>
- ❖ Chip seal work will be done on Freya between 37th and the Palouse. Rita received a flier about the work, but we do not have the dates yet.
- ❖ There is a lot of money coming in for traffic calming. The City Council wants to change the process starting in the fall and cycling through the neighborhoods. This might allow identifying larger projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian activity. A facilitator will be assigned but Southgate should start looking at potential projects now. PeTT has been challenged by Council President Beggs to come up with a system to score these projects.

Land Use – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ There has been a Conditional Use Permit Application for a proposed daycare, Green Gables Children's Learning Center, at 46th Ave Ct (4504 S Freya). Public

comment open until 5/21. <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/CUP-Application-2.pdf>

- ❖ The cul-de-sac was recently approved for the addition of 11 new single-family lots.
- ❖ Owners are going to aggregate 3 lots for a daycare.
- ❖ The projection is for 100 vehicles onto Freya 2 X's per day.
- ❖ Traffic study was not required
- ❖ Approved for 133 children
- ❖ 2-3 stories high
- ❖ Note that the 44th and Freya intersection site lines are bad and this will exacerbate the traffic problem
- ❖ A daycare will change the character of the neighborhood
- ❖ Andy has drafted a comment letter to submit.
- ❖ **Motion:** Andy will send a letter outlining the Southgate concerns and copy our city council representatives. (moved by Rita and 2nd by Jerry, **approved unanimously**)

Other Business

- ❖ Community Engagement Grant of \$800
- ❖ **Motion:** Purchase stickers to put Southgate's new meeting dates on the old signs. If this is not possible, then spend the grant money to purchase new signs. (moved by Summer and 2nd by Jerry, **approved unanimously**)
- ❖ In person meetings will start in June.

Next Meeting is June 9, 2021 in person

See CA meeting notes below

CA Meeting Notes – May 6, 2021 – via Zoom

22 Neighborhoods

Police Forum will be May 18 – Luke Tolley is the CA rep

Kathryn Alexander:

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CHHS – “Better Health Together” has been fully funded (\$2M) by the CHHS – this will primarily impact those suffering financial hardships as a result of the pandemic – may be rental assistance etc.

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Cupid Alexander has a strategy session on preventative measures to impact the housing situation

– link will be coming.

The Engagement Grant deadline will be extended until May 21.

“Strength finders” training will be June 29 at 6PM for neighborhood councils.

The CA/CC session was good – 15 neighborhoods present.

Mary Winkes is part of the interview panel for the new Planning Director.

Councilmember Kate Burke said that the State legislative session was good for Spokane, including \$2M

for affordable housing, \$1.7M for the MLK center, \$1M for public radio, \$1.2M for the Guild School,

\$400,000 for Felts Field, \$600,000 for the Boys and Girls Club.

Sustainable Action Plan workshops are coming – a new City Flag is coming

The CA recommended hiring Jennifer Cumbie as the facilitator after an interview by an ad-hoc committee and review of references. Carly Cortright will negotiate the final deal with JC’s employer, Aim

and Build Consulting.

A presentation from the Spokane Community Investment Fund was made by Julie Sinisterra and Joel

Williamson. These are low-return investment funds designed to help a community. It is in the very early stages.

The master plan for City Parks was reviewed again by Nicholas Hamad – August will be the first community workshop.

Cleanup Changes: After the CA objected in a formal letter to the City, they have changed the cleanup

plan to offer 16 cleanups (instead of zero). Ten neighborhoods will receive curbside pickup and 6 will get

“roll-offs” – the CA will help determine how these will be allocated. – These will be in Sept-Nov.

Dump

passes will still be available.

ONS: WE have a new City Administrator, Johnny Perkins who is just getting up to speed.. The Pedestrian

Traffic Awareness Plan is marching forward. There will be a focus group next Wednesday. The Gonzaga-

led leadership training plan is moving along – interviews are happening (I was interviewed, by the way.)

They hope to pilot something in the fall. I suggested they build a “Handbook for Neighborhood Councils.”

Urban Forestry: Both Toni DePasquale and Kris Neely spoke: EarthDay tree planting happened and a surplus went to Malden. Also, 25 trees were planted in West Central. There are documents available on dealing with tree after a windstorm, and basic tree care. See www.SpokaneUrbanForestry.org

Comstock Park restoration continues – also Audubon. A brochure is coming regarding street trees. Also,

they discussed the challenge and liability of removing large trees.

The CA approved appointment of Kathryn Alexander to the Housing Action Subcommittee sponsored by the City Council.

The committee working on the Memorandum of Understanding with ONS presented a draft that was

hard to read – we will go over it during the next meeting.

We passed some minor changes to the CA Policies and Procedures.

There was a discussion of some items missing from the minutes.

Adjourned at 8:00 PM