

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/14/2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

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Presentations

Spokane Police Department - Jake Willard

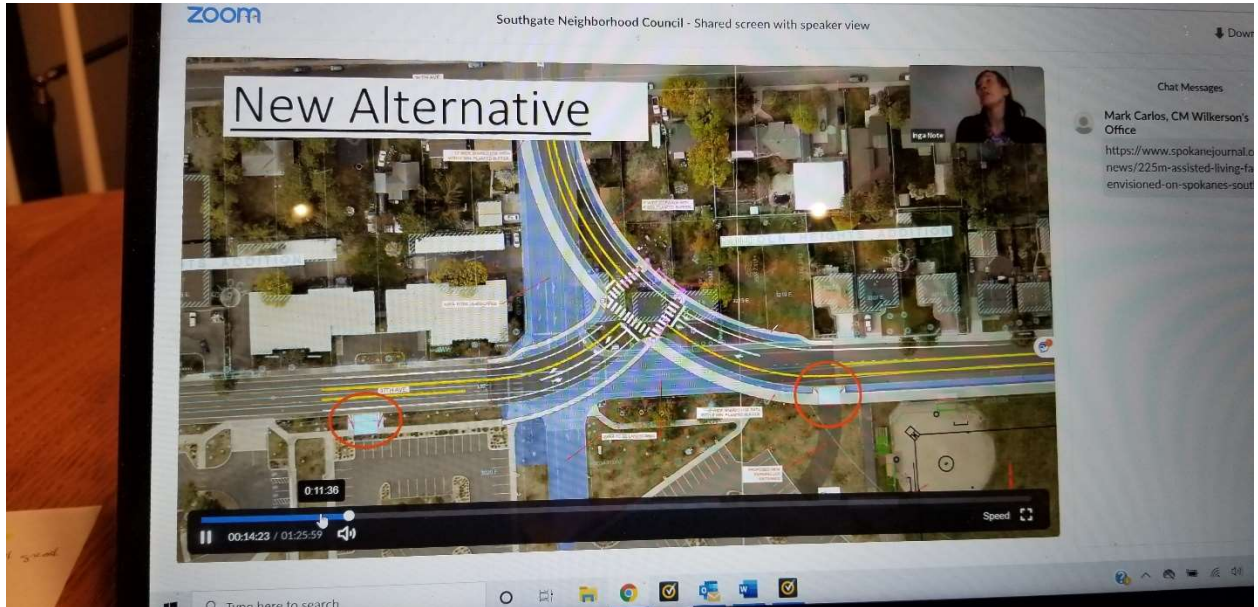
- ❖ There was a decrease in the number of calls for service.
- ❖ The activity is concentrated at Regal and 44th.
- ❖ Suspicious activity is the most common call.
- ❖ Call Crimecheck for problem homes.
- ❖ Andy commented on the illegal camping around the freeway. Jake says to call in any sighting to Code Enforcement who will then contact the police. There was an illegal camp at Regal and 44th.
- ❖ Jerry was interested in BlockWatch. Jake says it is run by Sandy McIntire and to email Jake and he will forward the request.

City of Spokane – Inga Note, Senior Traffic Planning Engineer

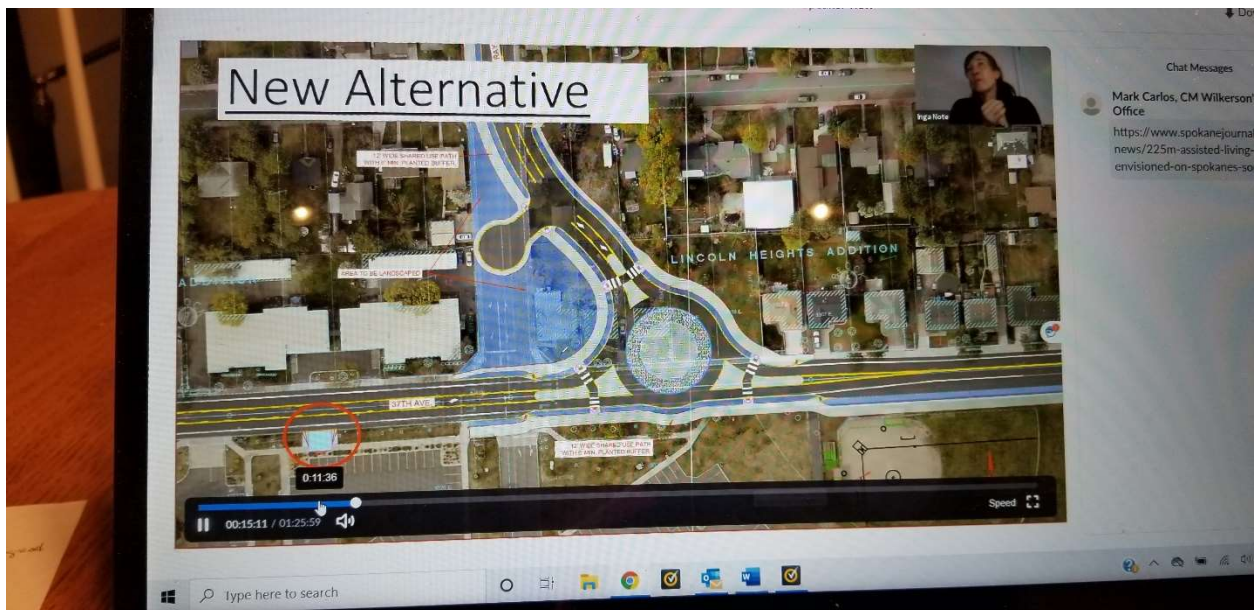
The alternatives to the “Ray Street Crossover” were presented. These are available on the city website <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/ray-freya-alternatives-analysis/>

- ❖ There were 143 responses to the survey with mixed responses to the alternatives and the original crossover plan. The city-wide responses were similar to the area responses.
- ❖ Respondents had the following areas of concern:
 - 29th and Regal
 - Lack of safe bike/ped crossings
 - 37th and Regal
 - 37th and Ray
 - Lack of pedestrian facilities
 - Lack of bicycle facilities
- ❖ Results of the survey suggest these improvement ideas:
 - 37th and Freya roundabout
 - Crossover with roundabout
 - 4 lanes on Regal
 - Connect 42nd Ave to Regal
 - 2nd entrance for Ferris student lot
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- ❖ **New alternative A:** Curve with lights at 37th and Ray but move the intersection slightly east and north. This would be a 3-way intersection with the entrance to Ferris no longer at the light. There would be 2 exits from Ferris: one to the west of ray on 37th and one to the east of Ray on 37th. There is going to be a study of this alternative which will start soon.



- ❖ **New alternative B:** Roundabout at 37th and Ray but moves the intersection to the East. The Ferris exit is not included in the roundabout. Analysis of this alternative will also be done.



- ❖ Other improvements that would help traffic flow:
 - Complete 42nd Ave east of Regal

- Complete 47th east of Freya
- Extend 53rd and 55th to the east
- ❖ Non-motorized requests:
 - Enhanced crosswalks
 - More shared-use pathways
 - Filling sidewalk gaps
 - LPI on signals
 - Protected bike lanes
 - Transit stop access
 - Bike routes on quiet streets
 - Controlled crosswalks on Regal
- ❖ Solutions for shared-use path:
 - Putting a path on 35th which is in pedestrian plan
 - Paving a path in Hazel's Creek is possible if wetland is not lost.
- ❖ The schedule going forward:
 - April:
 - Alternatives analysis
 - Evaluate non-motorized improvements
 - May:
 - Online meeting
 - Finalize recommendations and study report
 - The build will be out several years as grant funding will be explored.
- ❖ Questions/Answers to the Presentation:
 - School district indicates that the softball field (that would be lost in crossover) is extra, but it would prefer things as they are now.
 - School has not commented on specific plans but does not want students exiting the parking lot onto Regal.
 - A roundabout has a higher throughput of traffic over a traffic signal. Speed in the roundabout would be 15 to 20 mph.
 - There are no wetland impact issues except if a shared-use trail is paved in Hazel's Creek and even then, there is not a problem as long as wetland is not reduced.
 - The crossover alternative was included in the presentation for comparison, but it is not the choice moving forward. Council President Beggs said City Council agreed with that statement. Council President Beggs was against the crossover because it went through the Ferris campus. Councilwoman Kinnear said that she was against it because residents of the neighborhood did not want it.

City Council – Betsy Wilkerson, Lori Kinnear and Breean Beggs in Attendance

- ❖ Councilwoman Wilkerson gave her opinion that the infrastructure in the neighborhood does not support zoning changes on Regal and Palouse to multi-family.
- ❖ Council President Beggs wants more housing and would like more density. He wondered if the neighborhood would embrace projects if infrastructure funding was in place and the projects were scheduled by the city. This could help align infrastructure with development and keep developer mitigation funds in the area of the development. If development could be approached like this, what projects would Southgate like to see? What can we extract from the develop in exchange for supporting the project? Paul had concerns about how the “new” process would work. Jerry thought this process would create an “expectation of approval” by the developers so he was against this approach.
- ❖ Nexcore is planning an assisted living facility at the S Regal Lumber site. It would have 120,000 sq ft, 3 stories and 95 parking spots. The council members were not familiar with this project. This is a link to an article on the project: <https://shar.es/aoFhzh>.

Neighborhood Business

Approval of Minutes – March minutes approved (moved by Allen)

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,603.08
- ❖ \$3000 in escrow – Ted Teske has reviewed with Andy the history and parameters for spending this money.

Community Assembly Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ Notes from April 1/21 CA meeting are attached.
- ❖ 2018, 2019 and 2020 traffic calming cycles have been funded and activated.
- ❖ Dump passes will be good for a month.

PeTT Committee – Paul Kropp

- ❖ Go to the city website with the options to connect the Centennial Trail to the Fish Lake Trail <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/fish-lake-trail-connection-study/> and find a link to the survey. This survey was sent out to the neighborhood. Survey closes April 30.

- ❖ 44th Ave will be paved from Crestline to Altamont. Lori Kinnear has been diligent on this project. The bicycle advisory committee pointed out that the road was on a bicycle route so the paving of 44th will be done “properly”.

Mobile Speed Signs – Summer Beers

The 3 locations our Southgate chose for the signs:

- ❖ On Thurston heading east near Pittsburg
- ❖ On 37th westbound at Cuba
- ❖ On Frey northbound south of 37th

Neighborhood Clean-up – Summer Beers

- ❖ Only dump passes this year but extended them to a 4 week period
- ❖ Apply for them starting May 1 through your city utility account
- ❖ Summer will post on website

Other Business

- ❖ In-person meetings starting next month
- ❖ Preregistration required. Summer created a form. A link will be attached to the meeting notice.
- ❖ Attendees will be temperature screened entering the building.
- ❖ Mask required.
- ❖ Rita will meet with Quincy to discuss how to also zoom the meeting.
- ❖ Come early for the check in process so the meeting can start on time.

Neighborhood Services Liaison

Southgate liaison is Gabby. She should be attending our meetings but she has not attended recently. Rita will follow up.

Next Meeting is May 12, 2021

See CA meeting notes below

CA Meeting Notes – April 1, 2021 – via Zoom

19 Neighborhoods present

Application deadline for Engagement Grants is May 14. There will be an Arbor Day talk at the May CA meeting.

CM Stratton: West Central Play structure will be repaired / There will be hawk lights on division at Everett, Wylie and Long (these will be interesting!!) / The Parks Department plans a fairly normal aquatic season, but no splash pads / Spokane Gives is looking for volunteers: <https://myspokane.org/spokanegives>. / A new City-wide mural program is coming / there are some low-interest loans from SNAP coming for utility lines / there will likely be new SPD patrols at schools / \$84,000,000 of Federal money is coming to Spokane to help with Covid-impacted businesses and groups...Karen Stratton will be on the Committee for this – contact her if you have an interest. / A Cold Case unit is forming in the SPD / Traffic Calming cycles 8, 9, 10 (from 2018, 2019, and 2020) are being funded and activated / Pop-up shelters will be addressed by the CC

ONS Update from Annie Deasy: Carly Cortright was absent; Kevin Freibott was facilitator...several guests who might apply to be the CA facilitator were observing tonight. The Gonzaga Training group will be forming focus groups, hopefully to have a pilot training program by year-end. Mobile Feedback applications are due April 12.

Dustin Bender (City Solid Waste) re Clean up: Only dump passes this year, will be good for four weeks – find online applications soon in your MySpokane bill-paying account. You can get a MySpokane account without paying bills online. The actual pass will be delivered electronically. A media kit is forthcoming. The passes will be available from May through November. There was significant dissatisfaction expressed – reps wanted more curbside pickups, Covid arguments sounded weak.

Jason Lien from the SRTC presented an excellent review and study of the plans for Division Street – the current preferred option (Side-Running C) has a two-lane bicycle path on Ruby. See the SRTC site for more details at <https://www.srtc.org/division-street-corridor-study/>. There has been significant public exposure and input. They will try to get Federal grant money to fund it.

The CA has applications available for the CC Housing Action Subcommittee position representing the CA. It will be a significant time commitment – see me or Paul Kropp if interested.

Shared Zoom accounts for CA Committees will be pursued by the Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee. The CA decided to keep the emergency action provisions in the new Policies and Procedures revision. The next CA/CC meeting is April 29 at 5:30PM via Webex. – send Agenda items to the Admin Committee.

Christina from Gonzaga will hear input after the BSN meeting on April 26th regarding training for neighborhoods. The meeting itself starts at noon.

- Notes taken by Andy Hoyer, CA rep for Southgate