

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/11/2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

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Presentations

Spokane Police Department – Officer Berrow

- ❖ Crime is down year to date 11.9% city wide and 21% in our district (Rockwood, Lincoln Heights and Southgate).
- ❖ Calls for service are down.
- ❖ The most common crime type is suspicious activity followed by assaults and burglary of a structure.
- ❖ Call 311 with “homeless” complaints. They go to a list which is prioritized by the number of calls received. HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) responds with 2 officers and a city clean-up crew.
- ❖ Remember to close garage doors, lock cars and remove valuables.

City Council – no council representative in attendance

Spokane Lands Council–Elizabeth Potter

- ❖ Environmental non-profit concerned with restoration, water testing and community engagement.
- ❖ Believes public health is tied to environmental health.
- ❖ Building awareness of health risks:
 - There are PCB’s in the Spokane River so don’t eat the fish.
 - There are heavy metals from north Idaho mining in the shoreline soil.
- ❖ Partnering with the City to create more green space.

Neighborhood Business

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

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoye

- ❖ \$1,176.11 in checking
- ❖ \$3000 in escrow
- ❖ \$250.00 paid to file another objection to the Green Gables Childcare Center. Andy will attend the hearing on Monday, August 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Others encouraged to attend.

Neighborhood Clean-up – Summer Beers

- ❖ We will combine with Lincoln Heights neighborhood for a roll-off event (use of a dumpster) on Saturday, October 23. More information to come.

Community Assembly Report – Andy Hoye

- ❖ Notes from August 5/21CA meeting are attached.

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 8th at 7 p.m.

CA Meeting notes – August 5, 2021

19 neighborhoods

Paul Kropp reminded us of a Parks Department Survey and that SRTC has an opening and a survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/horizon2045>

Katherine Alexander: The CHHS is struggling – many staff resigned, hard to get current information. There is a current draft of the Housing Action Plan: <https://my.spokanecity.org/housing/spokane-housing-action-plan/> Note – this is a “plan” and has not been memorialized into ordinances yet. However, more intense zoning, which can mean more fourplexes in single-family-zoned neighborhoods is possible.

Greg Francis: The Park Board is forming a new Citizen Advisory Committee which will report to the City of Spokane Department of Parks and Recreation Development and Volunteer Committee – details to follow, but the CA and Neighborhoods Councils will likely be involved.

Councilmember Lori Kinnear: The CC is working on incentives to achieve a 15-minute walkable city. There are 185 vacancies in City Hall!

Kevin Freibott: He reviewed the Comp Plan amendments, and noted that the proposal to change the zoning at Freya and Palouse to much more intensive use was not considered. Apart from the City-wide changes to the proposed bike network, all changes were north of Southgate by several miles. See: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-proposed-comprehensive-plan-amendments/>

Shauna Harshman mentioned that the CTAB has openings. They will be funding the following in 2021, among other projects:

♣ Residential crack seal throughout the City of Spokane ♣ Queen Ave. from Standard to Magnolia streets. ♣ Scott and Garfield streets from 43rd to Thurston avenues. ♣ Longfellow Ave. from Monroe to Division streets. ♣ Unpaved road strip paving. ♣ Sidewalks on Driscoll Ave. from Wellesley to Bismark streets, 37th Ave. from Manito to Latawah streets, and the Cincinnati Greenway.

Gonzaga is still planning a training program for Neighborhood Councils.

The Police Reform Task Force has begun meetings to address policy...hard to get schedules together to meet.

The Police Advisory Committee met: The presentation highlighted various Police Reform bills (1054, 1227, 1310, 5038, 5051, 5135, and 5476 may be most impactful) passed at the state level. The bills may contain requirements that SPD has initiated in past years such as non-use of choke holds, body cameras, non-use of knock warrants, behavioral and health officer teams, and new use of force policy. Colleen also shared the crime rates and crime statistics and how many officers assigned to the north and south precincts and the intention to place more officers where there is more crime. There are currently 352 commissioned officers – staffing should be at 415.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the CA and the ONS Department was approved by the CA.

Greg Francis had three items: meeting in person will be reviewed on a month by month because of the changes with COVID; the WCCC meeting room is not equipped for hybrid meetings; and a quick recap of the Community Assembly and City Council joint meeting. The CA/CC recap: bulk of meeting was on Housing Action Plan which was passed last week; the traffic calming program; \$82 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds and encouraged everyone to complete the survey to help provide feedback on prioritizing spending; and laws changing policing. The next CA/CC meeting is September 30, at 5:30pm.

Carly Cortright mentioned that there are weekly traffic obstruction notices on the City website: <https://my.spokanecity.org/streets/notices/> . Residential speeding is still a problem. Fall clean-up decisions are still pending, but Disposal pass information is on the website:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/clean-up/>

The fall disposal period is September 14 – November 6.

The Vimeo for District 2 is here: <https://vimeo.com/565858525> Printed notices regarding Neighborhood Councils is going out in the Utility Bills.

Submitted by Andy Hoyer, CA representative for Southgate