

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/13/2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

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Attendees:

Rita Conner

Summer Beers

Andy Hoyer

Shelley O'Rourke

Jerry Boyd

Frank Cejka

Allan Edwards

Chris Neeley

Daimon Setzer

Officer Seth Berrow

Councilwoman Betsy Wilkerson

ONS Liaison- Gabby Ryan

Guests:

Sherri Stockman

Donna Sima

Jarrett Retz

Andy Hill

Sheila

Presentations

Spokane Police Department – Officer Seth Berrow

- ❖ Crime is down year to date 10% city wide and 25% in our district (Rockwood, Lincoln Heights and Southgate).
- ❖ The most common crime types are suspicious activity, drug violations, assault and battery.

City Council – Betsy Wilkerson

- ❖ Council working on how to spend the first \$41 million ARPA (Federal American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The first projects will most likely be housing.
- ❖ Council is working on the budget.
- ❖ Council to have workshops on public safety.

Thurston Street Speeding Concerns – Neighbors Living on Thurston

- ❖ There have been many accidents on Thurston including crashes into parked cars (4 cars hit, 1 totaled), many of them hit and run.
- ❖ Speeding is a hazard with cars going 50 to 70 mph.
- ❖ A mobile speed feedback sign was set up at the “jog” at Pittsburg but this was not a good location because drivers slow down there.

- ❖ Neighbors would like a stop sign at Pittsburg and Thurston. There is a precedent for a stop sign on this arterial because there is a stop sign at Crestline.
- ❖ Dainon is on the Hamblen PTG so he will talk to them and to the principal.
- ❖ The school district has funds for safe routes to school.
- ❖ Southgate will request a mobile speed feedback sign at a better location.
- ❖ It was suggested that we look into getting a permanent speed sign.
- ❖ Andy moved that Sherri Stockman and Summer prepare a letter to submit to the City, City Council and the Police Department. Jerry seconded. **PASSED**

Office of Neighborhood Services Staff Liaison – Gabby Ryan

- ❖ There is a Neighbors Drive 25 Program and signs. Gabby will let Southgate know when they will be available at the Cop Shop.
- ❖ There are jobs available at the city. Passing the Civil Service Test may be required.
- ❖ Clean Up Program – You can apply for another disposal pass for 10/15 to 11/1 and again for after 11/1.
- ❖ City Hall is now open and will have some dump passes on an emergency basis through the end of November.

Neighborhood Business

Approval of Minutes – August minutes approved (moved by Summer, seconded by Andy)

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,176.11 in checking. Purchased zoom for \$169 then reimbursed by City.
- ❖ \$3000 in escrow

Community Assembly Report – Andy Hoyer – see notes at the end

Old Business

- ❖ North/South Freeway presentation by Larry Stone – Rita to get his contact information and the example of a comment letter for Summer.
- ❖ Traffic Calming:
 - Sidewalk on the Palouse was declined.
 - The greenway on Freya will get further study but it is outside the scope of traffic calming.

- Andy moved to revise Southgate's request and submit to pave Thor. Jerry seconded. **PASSED**
- ❖ Green Gables Daycare – 46th Court and Freya – Andy will attend the meeting on 10/20 at 6 PM.

New Business

Meeting Schedule –It was discussed whether Southgate should meet every other month. The Executive Committee is authorized in the bylaws to act between meetings and the Land Use Committee can also act. Some feel that things always come up for discussion when we meet and monthly meetings encourage attendance. Southgate will continue to meet monthly except as decided in the summer and December.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

CA Meeting – Notes – October 7, 2021 – via Zoom

19 neighborhoods present

Councilmember Wilkerson: Challenges with staffing many positions. We need a good connection to N-S Freeway from 5th Avenue – may sell vacant lots not needed for N-S Freeway – colleen Gardner is on the steering committee for freeway.

\$5,300 left in Budget – which could mean an additional \$200 per neighborhood that has used some already or go for awards.

Spook-walk in Browne's Addition on 29th, 30th and 31st.

Johnnie Perkins: they are doing some hiring – using 3rd party vendor for clean-up. Need good neighbor protocols – trying to get tents off sidewalks – trying to monitor the area around shelters. Working on abandoned vehicles, have reduced backlog from 1200 to less than 400. Working to discourage distributing food in parks. No parking signs near parks from 10PM to 6AM are being installed. There will be a community graffiti cleanup with pizza. Many city positions are open. Working on nuisance properties. May put phones on Monroe Street Bridge to discourage suicides. City Cyber-security is being improved. Trying to improve safety at the Cannon Street shelter. Working on staffing for Rapid Rehousing which can help people get jobs also. Final candidates for CHHS positions are being interviewed.

Carly Cortright: Said to call her if liaisons are not performing. Traffic enforcement is down. Working on speeding in Manito Neighborhood. Gonzaga training for Neighborhood Councils is progressing – making a video. Only \$10,000 in preliminary City budget for neighborhood training in 2022, down from \$25,000...but final negotiations are still happening. Many boards have vacancies, including Design Review Board. There will be no fall clean-up for Southgate.

Paul Kropp: He reminded the CA of the Parks Board volunteer position and encouraged the neighborhoods to nominate someone. – deadline is October 25.

Submitted by Andy Hoyer, CA rep for SNC