

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/09/2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

www.southgatespokane.org

Attendees:

Summer Beers

Shelley O'Rourke

Rita Conner

Allen Edwards

Guests:

Kelly Hendrickson

Alan Leshar – YMCA Northwest

Barry Holman

John Bauer

Andy Hoyer

Karen Branin – Moran Prairie

Paul Kropp

Carly Cortright - ONS

Kris Neeley

Presentations

City Update – Carly Cortright – ONS

- ❖ \$25 digital dump passes will be available year-round or until funds run out but that is not likely. Link for the disposal pass sign up: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/clean-up/> If you don't have computer access, a pass can be picked up at your Cop Shop.
- ❖ Applications for curbside pickup are due 3/11.
- ❖ The Neighbors Drive 25 will have an event kickoff on 3/24. Signs can be picked up at your Cop Shop. 10 signs were given to each neighborhood council.
- ❖ Traffic calming cycle 9 (2019 applications) are going live. A crosswalk will be added at SE Blvd.
- ❖ School zone flashing lights have been added at 18th and Bernard and 9th and Perry. Ferris flashing lights will be activated no sooner than April and Carly will update us next month. Paul saw a news report that they would be active for fall.

YMCA – Alan Leshar – President and CEO

- ❖ YMCA purchased 15 acres at 57th and Glenrose on the northeast quadrant of the property along Glenrose. The YMCA has studied the area since 2016 and then tested the location with the purchase of Gold's Gym which did well

- ❖ The Bauer family plan is that the northwest quadrant will be a conservation easement bordering Ben Burr Trail. The YMCA is working with the Bauer family to develop a conservation plan. The YMCA will develop walking trails on its property that connect to the Ben Burr Trail and the conservation area.
- ❖ YMCA will house early education, youth and teen programs, pools, gym and community gathering areas.
- ❖ Intent is to blend the building into the environment, especially with concerns to height. They are considering a sloped roof and minimizing equipment on the roof.
- ❖ Increased traffic on Glenrose is anticipated but they will do what needs to be done to make it safe for customers and if this means a traffic light (as with the north Y) then they will do it. Use of the facility is spread out from 5 am to 9 pm.
- ❖ There will not be any sports fields which will reduce high density traffic that might occur around practices and games. This also means there will not be bright, stadium lights.
- ❖ Neighbors have concerns about the barn which was built prior to 1900. It is not on the historic register. The Y is considering using the original barn timbers in an alternate outdoor structure such as a gazebo, for the community to enjoy.
- ❖ There will be public forums where the community can share what it wants in the building.
- ❖ The cost will be \$30 - \$40 million. 80% will be raised beforehand. They will seek government grants in addition to capital fund raising. They expect it will take 5 years to fund raise, design and build.
- ❖ There is a farm lease with the Bauers to farm the property for now.
- ❖ If the funds cannot be raised, they may hold the property or sell or transfer the property, but they have promised the Bauer family that a sale would only be considered for low density residential, a library, school or nonprofit recreational facility.
- ❖ The next steps are to develop a timeline for community meetings, traffic studies and funding activities. Architectural drawings should be done next year.
- ❖ When asked about using a community committee for continuous input, Alan responded that it was too early to say but that might happen. The Y used a teen group for input on the north Y.
- ❖ When asked how the Y will communicate plans the answer was through homeowner associations as that seems to work well but it may evolve over time.

- ❖ When asked about walkability and other forms of transportation Alan replied that the trails would be paved and that the Y has asked STA for a bus stop as that is important for teen use.

Neighborhood Business

Approval of Minutes – Approval of February 2022 minutes was moved by Allen and Andy seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,156.11 in checking
- ❖ \$3000 in escrow

Community Assembly March 3 Report – Andy Hoyer – see notes at the end

- ❖ Community Engagement Funds of \$850 can be applied for by the 6/17 deadline. The neighborhood needs to provide evidence that we tracked the results from our last expenditure (zoom account purchase). The expenditure should be increasing community engagement by increasing attendance at meetings or some other way.
- ❖ It is possible to make a first and second choice for spending the funds.
- ❖ Some ideas were: Facebook ads, movie night, welcome bags, outdoor concerts, block parties, signs and banners.
- ❖ Summer like the idea of a movie night and will talk to the city about what is involved in setting that up.

Neighborhood Clean Up- Summer

- ❖ The decision must be submitted by 3/11.
- ❖ Summer has submitted some dates for a spring curbside pick up to Annica Eagle. Annica has been receptive to adjusting the plan as we move along.
- ❖ The pot of money for the spring curbside pickup is \$6,500 which is \$2,000 less than previous budgets.
- ❖ The cost of the postcards mailed to the neighbors was about \$1,800 and this comes out of the same budget.
- ❖ We can consider using electronic notification to advertise the event through City of Spokane bill pay accounts, our website, Facebook and Nextdoor. This would eliminate the cost of the mailer and bring us closer to the budget amount.

- ❖ We went over the budget amount last time. The neighborhood is supposed to be charged if the amount is over budget.
- ❖ Andy will talk to Carly about this charge. Summer said that the city has told the neighborhoods not to worry about this.

By-laws – Andy

Paul and Andy are working on revising the by-laws. The by-laws have been deficient for some time.

PeTT Committee - Rita

- ❖ The Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (Ctab) has positions to fill. If interested reach out to Randy McGlenn.
- ❖ Ctab is trying to increase engagement with the neighborhoods and to get them to weigh in on multi-modal transportation projects.
- ❖ Many attendees spoke up about problems in their area.
- ❖ <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/boards/spokane-transportation-benefit-district-governing-board/citizens-transportation-advisory-board/>
- ❖ Paul encourages neighbors to volunteer as no special expertise is needed and you can bring attention to which residential streets get attention.

Land Use Committee - Summer

- ❖ South 30 acres of the Bauer property (the YMCA and conservation land will be the north 30 acres)
 - have been purchased by Paris Homes for 123 single family homes.
 - Planning will start this summer.
 - 57th will be widened for a turn lane.
 - Community meetings will be held, and George Paris will notify us.
 - Note that this is in the county.
- ❖ **Daycare (46th Ct and Freya) - Andy**
 - Mr. Mannix did not have an update from his neighborhood group.
 - The developer that is building on the other lots has said he might be interested in acquiring the lots the daycare was to be built on.

Other

Returning to In-Person Meetings

Rita has reached out to the Talbott Event Center to verify the current rules. The center is reviewing government mandates and CDC guidelines and will update their policy shortly. We will discuss this further at our April meeting.

Next meeting -April 13, 7:00 p.m.TBD whether by zoom or in person and let neighbors know in the meeting announcement.

CA Meeting Notes – March 3, 2022

22 Neighborhoods present

The Planning Commission Traffic Subcommittee is working on priorities for arterials in the 6-year plan – adding traffic calming priorities also. There are always triage priorities (24) to decide how to spend what is always not enough money.

Councilmember Stratton – working on getting and spending money on low-income housing – recognizes the need to speak to neighborhoods regarding shelters – adding more police resource officers – West Central Tax Increment Financing target area is getting funding for a consultant – working on new dog parks near 63rd and also in Riverfront Park – Police department is happy with rewriting the restrictive state bills to allow use of force.

Randy McGlenn spoke about the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) – they have not done much this year – are updating the 6-year plan – this is for residential streets – they need more members.

Kathryn Alexander suggested the CA adopt a network package called Mighty Networks – subcommittee was formed.

The CA is still working on Policies and procedures updates. The Building Stronger Neighborhoods committee has 11 training videos now

– spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/resources/videos. “Neighbors Drive 25 signs” are available after March 24 at Cop shops.

Year-round disposal passes will be available online and at cop shops. Each neighborhood will have at least one event per year...Summer can expand on this.

The CA will begin hybrid meetings soon.

The City Council Housing Action Subcommittee heard some complaints about the neighborhood councils not being supportive of tenants.

Notes from the Engagement Grant Training: \$850 per neighborhood this year. June 17 is the deadline – we will need to provide some evidence that we have tracked the results of our last expenditure which was a Zoom account, I think. Ideas are Facebook ads, movie nights, welcome bags, Block parties, signs and banners, A-frame signs, Door hangers, outdoor concerts, magnets. We can offer a first and second choice (if Covid or smoke make the first choice not possible.) The rules and applications have not changed much from past years.