

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/13/2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

www.southgatespokane.org

Attendees:

Summer Beers

Jerry Boyd

Rita Conner

Allen Edwards

Barry Holman

Andy Hoyer

Kris Neeley

Shelley O'Rourke

Dainon Setzer

Guests:

Mike Lopez – Spokane Fire Dept.

Lynda McPhee

Paul Kropp

Paula

Presentations

Emergency Medical Service Levy Renewal - Mike Lopez -Spokane Fire Department

Link to presentation

<https://vimeo.com/spokanefire/review/686470464/5a86570770>

Neighborhood Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve March 2022 minutes was moved by Allen and Andy seconded. **Approved**

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

❖ \$1,156.11 in checking

❖ \$3000 in escrow

Community Assembly March 3 Report – Kris Neeley – see notes at the end

Community Engagement Grant – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ Each neighborhood gets \$850 to spend by November 15, 2022.
- ❖ Decision must be made by May 20, 2022.
- ❖ If we don't use the money it will go back into a pool of funds that the CA can use. CA is considering purchasing an OWL 360 recording devices that records a hybrid meeting and everything in the room on the screen. Each one is about \$1,200. (Later in the meeting Kris reported that the list price was \$999) Perhaps the CA will buy several and neighborhoods can borrow them.
- ❖ To qualify for the funds, the neighborhood must report on how the funds were used in the past and the effect on attendance at neighborhood meetings. Southgate would report that last year's funds were spent on stickers to correct the meeting date on our yard signs but due to Covid we have not returned to in-person meetings and cannot gauge the effect of the expenditure.
- ❖ Summer looked into hosting an outdoor movie presentation. There is only one company that rents the blow-up screens and the cost is greater than the grant. We would need to get a sponsor to make up the difference and Summer does not have time to follow up on that at this time.
- ❖ Question from chat: Could we use the funds for signs along Thurston reminding drivers that the speed limit is 30? Answer from Andy: The general purpose of the Engagement grant is to build capacity and activity in the Neighborhood Council itself...my guess is that it would be denied - BUT I will ask the Budget Committee.
- ❖ Question from chat: What is the "hybrid" possibility at the ESD? Shouldn't the neighborhood council try to offer as standard practice a hybrid meeting option in order to expand participation?
- ❖ Send any suggestions to Rita for Board discussion.

Neighborhood Clean Up- Summer

An extra garbage pick-up is scheduled for Southgate on April 28. Summer sent out notice cards. Summer will let Andy know the number of cards that were sent out.

By-laws – Andy

Still working on them.

PeTT Committee– Rita

- ❖ A presentation of the operational goals for the committee was made which included:

- Improve engagement with the neighborhoods
- Increase interaction with the city
- Provide feedback on transportation projects
- Review impact on transportation progress
- Provide educational presentations and workshops
- Project review of street maintenance and construction
- Receive and provide project reports to neighborhoods
- ❖ Paul suggested that the cycle 10 (next cycle) list of traffic calming improvements and construction should be reported to Southgate.
- ❖ One of those items is curblane improvements and Summer has emailed the city asking what those are.
- ❖ Lynda asked about the traffic plans around Ferris and 37th. Barry recapped the plans which are awaiting funding.

Land Use Committee

- ❖ Daycare (46th Ct and Freya) - Andy has no further news. Rita says 3 houses are being built. Barry reports that the one house sold closed for \$1.1million.
- ❖ Barry notes that the memory care center is going forward and asks if there is any news on the development across from Target. Rita will look into that.
- ❖ Jerry asks for news on the Shopko property and points out that there is a lot of dirt being moved behind the Maverick station. Rita sees a Black sign there but there have been no permits issued. Rita will do a little digging.

Other

Mayor or one of her staff to attend neighborhood meetings.- Paul points out that this is a big step in accountability as the mayor is responsible for doing what the city code says.

Returning to In-Person Meetings

- ❖ ESD 101 restrictions have been lifted but may return in the future.
- ❖ Meeting attendance varies depending on the issues more than zoom versus in-person.
- ❖ Summer moved that we zoom for the May meeting and reevaluate next month. Andy seconded. **Passed**
- ❖ Moving ahead, having an in-person option is probably going to be expected so we should prepare for hybrid meetings. Rita will talk to ESD 101 about how to

do a hybrid meeting. If we don't like that, we will explore other possibilities such as borrowing an OWL system.

Next meeting -May 11, 7:00 p.m.by zoom

Community Assembly Draft Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022 via WebEx web conference

□ Paul Kropp: Early warning- 2 Liaison positions (Design Review Board, Plan Commission) will be opening later this year. Paul will follow-up after the summer to remind CA of need for nominations.

□ Mary Winkes: Happy to renew role as Plan Commission liaison. At beginning of the Plan Commission

Report there is a synopsis from Jackie Churchill in the report to review. Proposed comprehensive plan amendments are included in the report and see if there's anything impacting your neighborhood.

□ Fran Papenleur: Announcement- Spokane Parks Foundation is having a silent fundraiser at GeneralStore during month of April, portion of proceeds from sales at the General Store will go to the Make-a-Splash program, which provides swimsuits, swim lessons, water safety clinics, and more to children.

□ Scot Webb: Millennium Northwest LLC is planning to put a development in the neighborhood, and anytime the neighborhood council requests updates and presentations, they haven't been successful in connecting in their desired way to give feedback to the developers. Scot is requesting that the CA write a letter to support a moratorium on the development until Millennium Northwest LLC meets with the neighborhood council to discuss concerns. They're unsatisfied with current communication between neighborhood and the developers.

Legislative Agenda:

Council President Breean Beggs' Report:

☐ **New Councilmembers have completed their first quarter in office. New CMs are filling in their roles smoothly.**

☐ **City finances are not strong coming out of the pandemic. Reserves are low, and the project costs are high, causing financial strain. Seven open labor contracts that haven't been renewed and the negotiations of those contracts will put additional financial strain for up to 2 years.**

☐ **Homelessness: City Council passed/changed many laws regarding homelessness. The Mayor/City has not been able to find enough shelter beds yet, which makes enforcing the homelessness-related laws difficult. The Mayor will be announcing her plan to address homelessness soon (April 27), to explain how the City plans to comply with laws and find more shelter space. New shelter expected to open soon, RFP for shelter operator went out last week.**

☐ **Affordable Housing: In June 2021, affordable housing plan was passed. Plan Commission and Planning Department are figuring out ways to implement the plan that was passed.**

☐ **Climate change: Snow melt and water levels are concerning, worried about water needs in the late summer. \$13 million tank being built in Airway Heights now. Observing drought responses. Might need to build multi-million dollar infrastructure to address. The wells that the city pumps water from has a significant impact on the river's water levels.**

☐ **\$80 million ARPA funding: Trying to get the money approved and into the community. Housing, childcare, first-time home buyers, parks, mental health, apprentice training are some of the focus areas of where that funding will go.**

Traffic Calming Updates (Shauna Harshman):

- ☐ **Flier is in the packet about the upcoming workshops.**
- ☐ **Annie Deasy sent an email out about the Cycle 10 projects that the TC Subcommittee approved. These will go up for briefing at Urban Experience Committee and approval at City Council.**
- ☐ **3 new speed radar cameras will be going into District 2 around schools.**☐ **State Legislator approved desire to put speed cameras around hospitals and parks. Council President Beggs will be accepting feedback on areas that need the speed radar cameras.**
- ☐ **City Council office and ONS have worked to relaunch the neighborhood street mural program. Looking to roll out a 3 year pilot program to install murals in the community, working with Spokane Arts.**
- ☐ **District-Wide Informational Workshops: The chance for neighborhoods to come together and share big picture ideas on how to address traffic concerns in their community. Interactive piece in the workshop for residents to give feedback on traffic calming ideas. District 1: May 25 (5:30-7pm) at Northeast Community Center; District 2: May 26 (5:30-7pm) at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Outreach Center at East Central Community Center; District 3: May 31 (5:30-7pm) at West Central Community Center.**
- ☐ **Additional workshops (finalized dates to be announced later, June-August) will continue in the summer. 2-4 neighborhoods at each of the summer workshops, and this will give those neighborhoods the opportunity to dig deep into what connectivity, safety, and traffic needs/concerns are. These workshops will create a list of the top 3-5 issues those neighborhoods face. Engineers will then take those lists, analyze them, and come back to the neighborhoods with their proposed solutions. Neighborhoods will have the opportunity to give feedback to the engineers in the**

workshops. Then finalized ideas will go through the process of collecting all the details of proposed projects, the money needed to make them happen, and any other details. The results will be a solidified 4-year proposed project list of traffic calming projects.

☐ Concerns about the list being built out for multi-years: There is still room to amend the list of project ideas should urgent traffic needs arise.

Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee (PCTS) Liaison Presentation (Charles Hansen):

☐ PCTS was formed in 2014, the committee is represented by many members including local, state, and federal agencies in addition to citizens and school representatives.

☐ The matrixes in the agenda packets show the determination process behind how they determine which projects make the most sense to implement and add to the 6-year plan.

☐ The longer Street Reconciliation Sheet shows the estimated costs of projects.

☐ The shorter Street Reconciliation Sheet shows the projects expected to take place this year.

Mighty Networks Ad Hoc Committee (Kathryn Alexander):

☐ Please read the report that the ad hoc committee put together regarding the Mighty Networks platform. They are recommending that CA invests in the platform.

☐ Kathryn wants CA members to vote on this in the May CA meeting, please review the portion of the report that mentions the pricing/subscription details.

☐ Email questions to Kathryn Alexander or ask them in May's CA meeting.

☐ Lots of questions about what the platform looks like for CA & Neighborhood Councils. There is a demo that can be viewed (link in report) to see what the platform is like.

☐ This platform is not subject to public records requests, so information requests would have to be approved.

☐ Concerns voiced about neighborhood capacity to adopt a new platform, in addition to paying for a new platform. There is likely enough Community Engagement Grant funds.

Policies & Procedures Adoption (Daniel Zapotocky):

☐ Final version of P&P is in agenda packet

☐ VOTE: “Motion: Approve 2022 Policy and Procedures as presented.” Tina Luerssen moved to vote, Daniel Zapotocky seconded. Motion passes with 22-approve, 0-deny, and 1-abstain.

Committee Goal Approvals (Seth Knutson):

☐ Budget, Building Stronger Neighborhoods, Land Use and Liaison Committees’ 2022 Goals are up for approval, located in agenda packet.

☐ VOTE: “Motion: Accept 2022 Committee Goals for Budget, Building Stronger Neighborhoods, Land Use, and Liaison Committees.” Greg Francis moved, Tina Luerssen seconded. Motion passes with 21-approve, 0-deny, and 1-abstain.

Administrative Committee Updates (Seth Knutson):

☐ Community Assembly/City Council (CA/CC) Meeting Recap:

They discussed the potential of a homeless shelter on Trent. Vehicles were purchased for the police department (35 vehicles). Relations between developers and neighborhoods were brought up, CP Beggs will follow-up. Four more traffic officers plan to join the force. Speed radar cameras were discussed as they were in this meeting.

50% of the red-light camera money goes to the state, and the other 50% goes to City but realistically leaves us only 25% of the funds to work with. Presence at City Council meetings was brought up.

□ Presence at City Council meetings: Fran brought up that presence at the City Council meeting was often issue-based, when there was strong support for some large issue that the CA and NCs wanted to bring to City Council. Then a CA rep would be designated as the guest to bring forth that topic at the City Council meeting.

□ In-Person Meeting Discussion: The City Council Briefing Chambers seem to be the best location, but continued construction makes parking downtown difficult. Other locations voiced concern over hybrid capabilities. A return to in-person only meetings would mean lack of access for virtual meetings.

Admin plans to continue the CA meeting being hosted virtually on WebEx in May.

Office of Neighborhood Services Update (Carly Cortright):

□ Carly will send out an email on Monday to the neighborhoods about the Administration's desire to have a presence at the neighborhood council meetings. Administrative guests at the neighborhood council meetings would like 5-10 minutes on the NC agendas to introduce themselves or give a small presentation.

□ Annica's last day was April 1. We are short-staffed with CPC positions in ONS. Could be July until we have someone hired in the empty role.

□ Clean-Up Program: Events were finalized! There are still some fall openings for roll-off events.

□ Mobile Speed Feedback Trailers: Annie is working on finalizing the schedule for trailer placement. C.O.P.S. Volunteers will be helping us place trailers as well. Traffic Calming resolution is

briefed to Urban Experience Committee next week, will go to City Council vote around end of month.

**□ Spokane Gives is this month, City is promoting volunteer opportunities, please visit the link to view open opportunities:
www.spokanecity.galaxydigital.com**

Roundtable Discussion:

**□ Fran Papenleur: Video Library link:
<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/resources/videos/>**

□ Dale Walker: New shelter location on Trent expected. Chief Garry Park already has some shelters in their neighborhood, and the nonprofits in the past have worked really well to establish a good relationship with the neighborhood beforehand. They hoped that the City would encourage the same strong relationship between the neighborhood and nonprofit who will manage the shelter. They were grateful for their Council members meeting with the neighborhood to voice concerns. Working on a Good Neighbor Agreement. Wanted to say thank you for the work put in to involve the neighborhood on the process of putting a new shelter in.