

# Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/11/2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

[www.southgatespokane.org](http://www.southgatespokane.org)

## Attendees:

Summer Beers

Jerry Boyd

Rita Conner

Allen Edwards

Barry Holman

Andy Hoyer

Kris Neeley

Shelley O'Rourke

Dainon Setzer

## Guests:

Lynda McPhee

Paul Kropp

Jake Willard – Police Department

## Presentations

### **Spokane Police Department - Jake Willard**

- ❖ Activity at 50<sup>th</sup> and Regal such as vehicle prowling. He is spending some time there towing neglected vehicles to make site less appealing. Continue to call in anything you see that needs attention.
- ❖ He was busy with the homeless problem in East Central but is now able to focus on the nuisance properties in our neighborhoods so call them in or email Jake.
- ❖ Continue to call in homeless camps so they can be put on the HOT team list.

## Neighborhood Business

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

### **Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer**

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

- ❖ Andy will look into what the escrow money can be used for and report back next time. Some thought it was for “Seniors” and others for “park improvements”.

#### **Community Assembly May 5 Report – Andy – see notes at the end of minutes**

- ❖ The CA/CD committee is reviewing the federal guidelines to broaden the scope of the projects that can be undertaken. The projects that had been previously approved have not been completed due to a lack of staff to manage the grants.
- ❖ Andy and Kris are in favor of a pilot of the Mighty Network which will serve as a repository for minutes and attendance records of the neighborhoods. Andy thinks that Southgate will have the skills to use this new software.

#### **PeTT Committee – Rita**

- ❖ There was a preview of the 2023 and 2024 street projects. None of them are in Southgate.
- ❖ All the neighborhoods should have a traffic calming plan and Rita thinks that Southgate does not.
- ❖ ONS says there is a new traffic calming program. The district 2 kick-off is May 26 and a workshop August 3 at the Hive at 5:30.

#### **Planning Commission – Kris**

- ❖ All the short plats were approved to move forward.
- ❖ Current practice is to give public notice of the short plats with mailings and signs and notify neighborhood councils. The city wants to streamline the permitting process in the future by saying that notice to Neighborhood Council would substitute for public notice. Southgate does not agree.
  - Kris says this was first in the packet for the Planning Commission in late January/early February.
  - Andy **moved**: Rita, Andy and Kris will research the issue deeply and express the concern with notice of short plats to Neighborhood Councils replacing public notice and that Southgate is opposed. They will write a letter to City Council and copy the President of the Planning Commission. **Second** by Rita. **APPROVED**
  - Jerry requested that the letter be circulated to Southgate and Andy agreed.
  - Andy will tentatively bring it up at the CA meeting on June 2.
  - See [shapingspokanehousing.com](http://shapingspokanehousing.com)

- ❖ Changes to auxiliary housing will be going to City Council for approval. It will be easier to build Accessory Dwelling Units in garages and attics, for example.
- ❖ The Planning Commission is adding a meeting of a subcommittee to discuss housing. It will meet at 1:00 pm before the Planning Commission meets at 2:00 pm.

## **Other**

### **Community Engagement Grant - Andy**

- ❖ Each neighborhood gets \$800 to spend to increase community engagement with the neighborhood. The neighborhood must report on the use of past funds. Money cannot be spent on food. The deadline is 6/17 for applications.
- ❖ Andy is too busy to spend much time on this, as is Summer.
- ❖ We will discuss at the next meeting but we may pass.

### **North/South Freeway Update**

Rita will talk to Larry Stone for an update.

### **Returning to In-Person Meetings**

Rita, Andy and Paul will review the set up at Talbott Center on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am to get more information on the equipment used to record and zoom meetings held there.

**Next meeting – June 8, 7:00 p.m. by zoom**

## CA Meeting Notes – June 2, 2022 – Via Webex

20 Neighborhoods present - June 30 is the next CA/CC meeting, topics wanted

June 17 is final date for engagement grant requests – we need to act tonight

CA as a whole will request restoration of all notice requirements regarding short plats, decision via vote. Mary Winkes and Paul Kropp will write it.

The Comp plan Amendments are now in the Public Comment Period until July 25. Details for each proposal are here: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2021-2022-proposed-comprehensive-plan-amendments/>

GU has a Neighborhood “Story sharing” initiative called PNW MOSAIC: “Mapping Othering, Strengths and Allyship in Community” - contact Kristine Hoover at [hoover@gonzaga.edu](mailto:hoover@gonzaga.edu).

Park Board:

Here is the web link for the new draft parks master plan information pages:  
<https://my.spokanecity.org/parksrec/master-plan/draft-plan/> Note:

The Park Board will not be approving the plan this month. There will be additional public review and comment.

The CA has two liaison representatives on Park Board Committees:

**Lindsey Shaw**, Email at [loganspokanechair@gmail.com](mailto:loganspokanechair@gmail.com) - Lindsey serves on the DVC’s citizen advisory committee (DV-CAC) - The role of the DV-CAC is to garner the experience and expertise of existing volunteer organizations that already partner with the parks department in a variety of ways and then to help start new volunteer support groups focused on other local parks. Lindsey lives in the Logan neighborhood, home of Mission Park, and serves as the chair of the Logan Neighborhood Council.

**Julie Biggerstaff** - Email at [rbiggerstaff@comcast.net](mailto:rbiggerstaff@comcast.net) - Julie serves on the Park Board’s new standing committee, the Development and Volunteer Committee (DVC) - The role of the DVC is to vet and recommend to the Park Board support programs – financial and otherwise – for the city’s parks by the private sector and local volunteer organizations. - Julie is a member of the Browne’s Addition Neighborhood Council and resides close to Coeur d’Alene Park.

Per CC member Cathcart: They are refining the “illegal camping” ordinance – enforceable with four exceptions having to do with the riverbank, available shelter space, weather, etc. Details to follow.

There will be more translations of City documents into more languages.

We will re-activate the long-standing “placeholder” time at city Council meetings.

The CA voted not to use Mighty Networks – close vote: 9 “nay”; 7 “aye” ; 4 abstain.

The CA will have a representative on the Civil Service Commission – details to follow.

Carly wants logos and any neat photos of our neighborhood sent to her at [neigh.svcs@spokanecity.org](mailto:neigh.svcs@spokanecity.org)

City Administration attendance at Neighborhood Council meetings will be voluntary, not mandatory.

“Neighbors Drive 25” signs are almost gone.

They are interviewing for the Director of CHHS – there may be a CHHS retreat.

Submitted by Andy Hoye