

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/14/2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Locations: Zoom Meeting

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Attendees:

Summer Beers

Rita Conner

Allen Edwards

Andy Hoye

Kris Neeley

Shelley O'Rourke

Guests:

Kelly Hendrickson

Paul Kropp

Mike Lemberger

Sherri Stockman

2 attendees refused to identify themselves

Presentations

Candidates for District Two – Amber Waldref and Michael Cathcart

Neighborhood Business

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

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoye

- ❖ \$884.81 in checking
- ❖ Zoom account renewed for \$163.94 but will be reimbursed through the Engagement Grant

Community Assembly Report – September 1 – see notes at the end of minutes

Traffic Calming

- ❖ Inga Note confirmed in an email to Andy that the project planned to address the speeding on Thurston is a narrowing of the roadway with bump outs at Thurston/Pittsburg. This will also shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians.

- ❖ Andy agrees with Thurston neighbors that a stop sign would be best. The traffic circle is part of cycle 10 traffic calming and would be built in 2024 so we have time to work on changing it.
- ❖ Sherri was at the traffic calming meeting at the Hive and spoke to a traffic engineer who said that the bump out plan would not slow traffic. He was not aware of the Southgate letter and concerns about that intersection.
- ❖ Paul believes that Shauna Harshman from the city should be involved and this might be the connection needed between the neighborhoods and the consultants.
- ❖ Andy will call Shauna.

Other - Banners

- ❖ Shelley showed a couple of rough drafts of banner suggestions and reviewed the costs of table banners and pole banners.
- ❖ Shelley was given the go ahead to decide on design and place the order for 2 pole banners and a table banner.
- ❖ Deadline to submit to the city and use the Engagement Grant funds is Monday, September 19.

Next meeting – October 12, 7:00 p.m. by zoom and in person at ESD 101

Community Assembly Meeting – Webex – September 1, 2022

18 Neighborhoods

Amy Crawford concert is at the Scoop Restaurant on 25th on September 7, 6-8PM

Betsy Wilkerson – Trial Budget is due from Administration – total budget for 2022 was \$757M. There has been a shortfall in 2022 but there is ARPA money and reserves to cover it. Part of the shortfall was due to new contracts with the bargaining entities...also there is another \$7M to \$8M expenses for homeless shelters. The Trent shelter will open on Tuesday September 6.

Rick Friedlander – discussed redistricting and how it might affect neighborhoods that are on the current district boundaries. The redistricting committee is charged with having the same number of people in each Council district and no weird shapes.

Dean Gunderson – spoke about the Design Review Board and how it operates – basically it is advisory regarding what you visually see in the “public realm.” They are concerned with the City Comprehensive Plan, the Sub-Area plans and the Neighborhood Plans. They look at some but not all development projects. There is a fixed fee for DRB review. The Planning Director or Hearing Examiner has the final say. If, however, the DRB is unanimous on some project, then the permitting authority must adopt the recommendation. Dissenting opinions can be entered into the record. The CA Liaison has a vote and the recent liaison was elected as Chair. The CA liaison position is open. The DRB meets twice per month.

Mary Winkes spoke about the Plan Commission – they address Amendments to the Comp Plan and annexations to the City. There are 10 voting members. Mary is the CA liaison and cannot vote, which is OK because then she can advocate freely for the Neighborhoods. Mary serves on the Transportation Subcommittee of the PC. The PC meets twice per month.

Collen Gardner, Chief Garry Park - confirmed that changes to the NRO positions are coming, but no details have been released formally yet. Precincts will be converted to four Sectors.

September 19 is the final day for submitting Engagement Grant invoices and vouchers.

There will be a CA retreat on October 10, from 9 – 2 at the Hive. Gonzaga will facilitate.

The Mayor's Police Task Force is dormant. The CA representative, Luke Tolley would like the CA to ask about that in an official letter.

Submitted by Andy Hoyer