

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/11/2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 on Regal Street and by Zoom.

Attendees	Zoom Attendees	Guests
Summer Beers	Kris Neely	Brent Austin-Spokane Police Department
Jerry Boyd	Gabby Ryan	
Rita Conner		
Frank Cejka		
Allen Edwards		
Andy Hoyer		
Dave M		
Lynda McPhee		
Jean Wells		

Presentations

Brent Austin – Spokane Police Department

- ❖ Resource Officers are no longer being used.
- ❖ City is divided into 4 precincts. Southgate is in Charlie Sector, south of the river not including downtown.
- ❖ Tips/complaints should be made to the precinct.
- ❖ Although Officer Austin thinks that the city is 100 officers short, the city has 356 officers which is the full allotted number.
- ❖ The officer attending our meeting will vary depending on who is on duty.
- ❖ Shopko has been quiet during the day.
- ❖ The apartments at 53 and 55th Ave have seen the most service with the most calls for domestic violence.

City Council – Written report from Lori Kinnear read by Rita

- ❖ City Council is working on the budget:
 - The budget the mayor submitted was not balanced.

- Police and fire departments are getting more money and their overtime budgets are increasing as well.
- 9 additional traffic police positions are being added.

Gabby Ryan – Southgate Liaison, Office of Neighborhood Services

- ❖ The city is hiring to replace Shauna Harshman, Manager of Neighborhood Connectivity. When that is done the traffic calming workshops will start.
- ❖ Volunteers are needed for the “Point in Time” count of the homeless, January 25-29.
- ❖ There is currently a winter clothing drive with distribution date of January 25.
- ❖ Reminds us to be good citizens when it snows by parking on the correct side of the road and shoveling sidewalks.
- ❖ Monday January 16 is the next holiday with city closures. Garbage and recycling will be picked up as usual.
- ❖ The new ONS director has been hired. The announcement will be made after the city council confirms the hire on January 23.
- ❖ Dump passes will be available sometime between March and May.
- ❖ Clean up training and Community Engagement Grant training will be scheduled soon.
- ❖ Gabby was asked when the South Hill Library would reopen. She will find out.

Neighborhood Business

Minutes – November minutes approved with the correction that Paul Kropp was listed as a guest but they should reflect that he is a member.

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,048.20 in checking
- ❖ Andy is aware of the renewal dates for the neighborhood domain and web site and will take care of those.

Community Assembly Report – January 5 – See notes at the end of minutes.

Speed Camera Nominations – Summer Beers

- ❖ The city is looking for recommendations for parks to install 20 mph signs or speed cameras. At our last meeting we discussed putting cameras at Ben Burr Park and Hamblen Park.
- ❖ We have until March 1 to submit.
- ❖ The speed cameras at Ferris and Adams schools are live when the lights are flashing.

Mobile Feedback Trailer Application – Summer Beers

- ❖ Summer will reach out to the neighbors on Thurston who are concerned with traffic speed there.
- ❖ Also suggested was on Crestline, south of Thurston and down to 53rd.
- ❖ **Motion** by Andy and **seconded** by Jerry to let Summer decide and submit the application. **PASSED**

Land Use Committee Update

- ❖ Bruchi's is going in on Regal at 42nd.
- ❖ Palouse and Freya – no update. Jean says the 96 units will be low income which is a change.
- ❖ Freya and 57th Round-a-bout – To go in this summer.
- ❖ 57th between Ben Burr Trail and Glenrose – The preliminary study on the road work to be done is complete. There will be an extra lane, bike lanes and pedestrian facilities.
- ❖ Day Care – Andy will get an update.
- ❖ Extension of 53rd – Jean Wells says there is some surveying being done. Southgate has not heard anything official but will be on the lookout for information.

Election of Officers

Jerry nominated the current slate of officers who agreed to run again. This will be Summer's last year.

Motion by Jerry to elect the current slate of officers for another term, **seconded** by Kris. **PASSED**

Next meeting – February 8, 7:00 p.m. by zoom and in person at ESD 101

CA Meeting Notes – January 5, 2023 – Zoom

18 neighborhoods present

The CA Strategic Plan Committee is meeting and working on a plan.

Councilman Zappone:

They are reviewing the long-awaited landlord-tenant agreement – will be an ordinance

Planning to buy mobile police cameras for placement in high crime areas

There will be lane-painting on north Howard – bicycle lanes etc.

There is a Senate Bill being worked on (SB5755) to offer tax exemptions for developers who put multi-family, low-income housing on old parking lots.

There is an Expo 50th anniversary planned.

The CA Liaison to a Volunteer Committee of the Park Board is Julie Biggerstaff from Browne's Addition. She is unhappy with the work of that committee. The CA is preparing a letter to be sent from the entire CA expressing her frustrations – an ad hoc committee has been formed to firm up the wording.

Several CA awards were made, Greg Francis, Kathryn Alexander and Carol Tomsic and others

Paul Kropp reminded us to find people to serve on the DRB and CHHS as liaisons...there is a firm application for the DRB position.

Fran Papenleur summarized the work of the Building Stronger Neighborhoods committee – refreshing the Handbook and building a toolkit.

There will be only two CA/CC meetings in 2023 – March 30 and August 31. We are reminded to be nice to City staff. There is a position available on the Admin committee.

It was expressed that the CA should be notified in advance of new ordinances, and that the CA should be in the loop if members are to be tapped for interviewing. A new, unnamed, ONS Director has been selected – pending approval by the Mayor and CC.

We will have Randy McGlenn do the moderating for two months and are still trying to figure out a way to do in-person meetings, probably at the Hive.

- Andy Hoye