

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/8/2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 on Regal Street and by Zoom.

Attendees	Zoom Attendees	Guests
Summer Beers	Rita Conner	Sergeant Brent Austin-Spokane Police Dept.
Jerry Boyd	Kris Neely	
Frank Cejka		
Allen Edwards		
Andy Hoyer		
Paul Kropp		
Dave M		
Lynda McPhee		

Presentations

Sergeant Brent Austin – Spokane Police Department

- ❖ South Precinct is located at 520 S Stone and it is a good location.
- ❖ You can leave a message at 509/625-3310.
- ❖ He thinks Email is SPDSouthPrecinct@SpokanePolice.com but he will double check.
- ❖ Calls for service:
 - Most calls are to S Regal business district and apartment complexes at 53rd and 55th.
 - Mostly for suspicious activity, vehicle prowling and burglary.
- ❖ Patrick Striker is the new ONS Director. He will be the Southgate representative, probably starting in April.
- ❖ The traffic cameras near Ferris on 37th are now working.
- ❖ The department gets a lot of calls related to mental health and there is a mental health team that they work with. He has not seen an uptick in need at the apartment complexes.

Neighborhood Business

Minutes – Allen recommended approval and Jerry seconded.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$1,028.21 in checking.
- ❖ The Annual Report for WA was filed for \$20.
- ❖ Andy deposited 1 cent to keep the account active.

Community Assembly Report – February 2 – See notes at the end of minutes

- ❖ Patrick Striker, the new ONS Director, is interested in improving participation in Neighborhood Councils.
- ❖ Note that our small number of meeting attendees represent 3,000 households in Southgate.
- ❖ City mailings don't reach people living in the apartments. Paul Kropp wants to discuss this further with Neighborhood Services and Andy also expressed interest in this.
- ❖ Cliff Cannon has a similar problem with 60% of its residents living in rentals. They are considering creating a move in packet with a QR code that can be used to link residents to the neighborhood website.
- ❖ It was suggested that Southgate use some of its Engagement Funds for similar outreach to the apartments and perhaps to partner with businesses to get Southgate information out to the public.

PeTT Committee Meeting on January 24 – Rita

- ❖ Paul presented potential updates to policies and procedures.
- ❖ Radar traffic cameras fund traffic calming projects.
- ❖ Consideration is being given to using Survey Monkey to vote and apply for traffic calming projects in the neighborhoods.
- ❖ There have been complaints that the Street Department employees were dismissive when questioned about why projects were denied.
- ❖ Hiring is in process for a new Traffic Calming Director. This should be completed in April.
- ❖ Street art applications are due mid-February. Paul suggests that the intersection at Crestline and Thurston would be a good candidate for such a project. Rita to look into the guidelines for qualifying intersections and applications. Other suggested intersections are Crestline and 37th, Thurston and Pittsburg and other intersections along Crestline.

Motion by Andy to empower the executive committee to propose an appropriate intersection for street art, likely on Crestline, and submit an application, after reviewing the guidelines. **Seconded** by Kris. **PASSED**

Updates

- ❖ Gabby reports that the South Hill library is to reopen mid-March.
- ❖ Clean-up training is Feb 17 and Summer is not able to attend. No one else volunteered to go. Summer thinks it will be all right because there are other ways to get the information.

Land Use Committee

- ❖ Extension of 53rd – Jean Wells said last meeting that the project had been changed to low-income housing. Summer checked the city website and did not see that change. Jean did not reach out to Rita or Summer.
- ❖ Paul received a card in the mail from the Inland NW Land Conservancy regarding the Bauer property. Paul suggests inviting Dave Shaw from the Inland NW Land Conservancy, someone from the YMCA and George Paris. It is agreed that we will do this.
- ❖ KXLY property – We have seen no updates on that.

Other Business

Linda's neighbors in Glen Willow have concerns about snow removal at 37th and Freya. Drains are clogged and there is flooding. Piles of snow have reduced visibility and snow has been pushed onto the sidewalks. Summer suggests calling the city at 311.

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

CA Meeting Notes – February 2, 2023 – via Webex

18 Neighborhoods present

Letter to the Park Board regarding complaints of Julie Biggerstaff is postponed.

We are encouraged to fill out the survey form regarding housing...see me for a link.

The Police Task Force Group has foundered but is trying to reform – much frustration. Perhaps the CA will restart the Neighborhood Safety Committee.

CM Bingle:

The CC is working on the tenant-landlord policy and resolution. There are some new hires and they are still seeking a person for the neighborhood communications position, Shauna Harshman's job. There is a new HR director, David Moss. Development impact fees are being reviewed – a committee was formed. There is still ARPA money for small businesses affected by Covid. Other ARPA money will be spent soon. We are encouraged to partner with the City Council to appeal to the State to finish the North/South corridor – details how the CA and neighborhoods can do that will appear later.

Patrick Striker is the new Director of ONS and introduced himself briefly – he was the manager of the COPS program and knows a number of CA reps – looking to help us achieve more participation in the neighborhood councils.

The Engagement Grant training will be March 13.

We approved Leslie Hope as the CHHS liaison and Kris Hansen as the DRB liaison, on the recommendation of the Liaison Committee. They were excellent candidates.

A committee is working on the Policies and Procedures, including formalizing the facilitator selection process, meeting venue and method, grievance procedures, and the MOU with ONS. Gonzaga may be involved in facilitation – there is money in the 2023 budget for a facilitator.

A different committee is working on Strategic Planning, report coming soon.

The Building Stronger Neighborhoods committee meets on the fourth Monday of every month at the Shadle library.