

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/08/2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 and Zoom

Attendees	Guests
Barb Brassard	Sergeant Rhian Wilkinson – Spokane Police Dept
Frank Cejka	
Rita Conner	<u>Attended by Zoom</u>
Andy Hoyer	Shelley O'Rourke
Paul Kropp	<u>Dainon Setzer</u>
Dave M.	
Patrick Stricker	

Presentations

Sergeant Wilkinson – Spokane Police Department

- ❖ Crime analysis, with map, comes out monthly and he will bring it to our meetings. It is only one week in time, but it is a good representation.
- ❖ There is not a lot of property crime in Southgate.
- ❖ Protests are requiring tons of manpower. On the 9th there will be a Walkout for Palestine, requiring 120-150 officers. This means there is no response to non-emergencies on the rest of the streets until the walk out is over.
 - This is the 4th protest in 2 weeks but the others have only required 8 to 20 officers.
 - No permit is required for First Amendment causes.

Patrick Stricker – Office of Neighborhood Services

- ❖ There was a Neighborhood Summit on November 4th. Local leaders present topics relative to the needs of Spokane neighborhoods. The Summit is a free, annual event open to any current or aspiring member of a [Spokane neighborhood council](#).
- ❖ The Asphalt Art Program is going on. Annie Deasy is organizing.

- Paul points out that information on this program has not been distributed to the neighborhoods.
- Paul can give input on an artist when Southgate is ready to work on this.
- ❖ Building Stronger Neighborhoods is taking nominations for Best Neighbor.
- ❖ Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) is now recruiting for the 2024 cohort Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy (SNLA).
 - It is a five-month program designed to equip new and emerging neighborhood council leaders with knowledge, skills and resources to increase engagement and effectively address their priorities.
 - Applications are due by Friday, Jan. 5, 2024.
 - Find qualifications, application and information on the [Gonzaga website](#).
 - There is a new leader, Cindy Donohue, at the Gonzaga School of Leadership.
- ❖ There is an Adopt a Neighbor program organized by the state. This is especially important as winter is coming and there is a need for help with snow shoveling.
- ❖ Paul brings up the website spokaneneighborhoods.org, asking who maintains it and pointing out that it is not linked to the Office of Neighborhood Services. The concern is making sure everyone, not just neighborhood leaders, has access to information including the monthly ONS newsletter and CA committee notes.
 - **Rita will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.**

Neighborhood Business

Minutes

- ❖ Andy moved that the minutes for October 2023 be approved and Rita seconded. **Approved.**
- ❖ Andy moved that the minutes for June 2023 be approved and Frank seconded. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$920 is in the checking account.

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

Andy reports:

- ❖ Andy will write up a memo on his view on how to handle discipline in the CA meeting.
 - Paul suggests an amendment to Policy and Procedures.
 - Patrick says that a suggestion from Southgate will carry more weight.
 - **Andy will compose a letter and Southgate will vote on it in January.**
- ❖ There is a lack of reporting about the status of traffic calming projects to the PeTT committee.
 - There has been no recent construction cycle.
 - There is a big pot of money and Mayor Woodward has suggested using some of it to fill in the budget shortfall.
 - The CA passed a resolution regarding reporting and stating that no funds should go to the city until 2024.

PeTT – Rita

- ❖ Different amounts have been mentioned for the traffic calming fund. Why don't we know how much? **Paul will send Rita a copy of the resolution passed by the CA regarding reporting.**
- ❖ **37th Avenue Light – Paul**
 - The Traffic Calming Program includes the installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) pedestrian crossing at 37th and Napa, one block west of Crestline.
 - The Garden District is under construction.

- Should Southgate ask that the project be moved from Napa to Crestline? Southgate should open the discussion with Abby Barton to see if it can be moved.
- **Andy says he will do it.**
- Dave says there is a crossing guard at 37th and Napa in the morning and wants to know what the SPS designated walking route is.

Building Opportunity and Choices for All (BOCA) – Rita attended

Rita suggests that we keep following this issue but at this time there is nothing that we can do.

Next meeting – January 10, 7:00 p.m. at ESD 101 and by Zoom

CA Meeting Notes – November 2, 2023

- There was a list of recommended purchases to add to, replace, or repair items in the CA inventory. This also included a Southgate reimbursement pending payment of \$180 for Southgate's Zoom license. A vote was called to approve the expenditures. Southgate voted in the affirmative.
- The Budget Committee has three openings. Andy is re-joining the committee. CA chair advocated for others interested in joining the Budget committee to contact same.
- Next was the vote for the Admin Committee members. Six candidates stood for election. Extensive discussion led to a first vote, followed by 2-3 subsequent votes to break voting ties. Five members were elected.

- CA's Policies and Procedures Committee -- Paul joined the committee. It is now four members in size, and they are directed to bring their recommended changes to the CA in early 2024. Please forward any input you may have on existing CA policies and/or procedures to the Policies and Procedures Committee committee.
- Extensive discussion on the use of traffic calming funds was held. The CA has drafted a resolution for presentation to the City Council on this topic. One or two minor changes were made to the document's text before the vote to approve as amended and to forward the same to the City Council. The vote was in the affirmative, including a yes vote from Southgate.
- The Re-Org Committee is encouraging people to attend their events to bring forward any ideas people may have on possible reorganization of specific aspects of CA operations.
- The Build Stronger Neighborhoods Committee also seeks individuals to work with them.
- Discussion around available awards which the CA has available, including:
 - The "Good Neighbor" award is for someone who, in your opinion, has demonstrated being a good neighbor.
 - There's also a "Spirit of the CA" award available if you would like to nominate somebody who has demonstrated significant support of the spirit, operations, or mission of the CA.

- There's also a "Lifetime Achievement" award available if you think someone has demonstrated commitment to the CA across many years. If so, please nominate them for the Lifetime Achievement award or discuss the nomination idea with the appropriate CA staff.
- The Neighborhood Safety Committee is now running and looking for people interested in helping them address neighborhood safety issues. They're considering having meetings at the Hive on the last Wednesday of every month.
 - Topics they are considering covering include crime, homelessness, fire safety, traffic calming, and whatever other resources CA members believe might be called on to assist Spokane residents in need.
- The annual meeting between the CA and the City Council is on November 30th at 5:30 PM at the Hive. At this meeting, members of the CA who attend will be introduced to the new members of the City Council based on the November elections.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Neely