

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/14/2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 and Zoom

Attendees	Zoom
Jim Barry	Summer Beers
Jerry Boyd	Barb Brassard
Frank Cejka	LHanson@chas.org
Rita Conner	Kris Neely
Allen Edwards	
Andy Hoyer	Guests
Paul Kropp	Sgt. D Betts and Sgt. K Yrigollen – Spokane Police Department
Shelley O'Rourke	
Patrick Striker	Andres Grageda – Assistant to Councilwoman Lili Navarrete
Jackson Striker	

Spokane Police Department – Sgt. D Betts and Lt. K Yrigollen

- ❖ Either Sgt. Betts or Sgt. Wilkinson will be attending our meetings in the future. They patrol in our area.
- ❖ There is nothing significant to report.

Office of Neighborhood Services – Patrick Striker

- ❖ The city is working on Traffic Calming, cycles 10 and 11; both last year's and this year's projects will go ahead in 2024.
- ❖ Clean-up training is on Friday.
- ❖ The Engagement Grant is \$850 for each neighborhood for the year.
 - Andy went to the training on the 12th.
 - Question: Could we use Engagement Grant funds to send postcards to every household in Southgate? Would the city's mailing list include the apartment renters in multi-family properties? It is hard for the neighborhood to reach those households. Is the city's mailing list current?

- Answer: Yes we could use funds for that. The city's mailing list should be up to date. Sometimes in a large neighborhood there would not be enough funds to mail everyone.
- ❖ There will be a Land Use Townhall on Thursday, February 22, 5:30 – 6:30 at West Central Community Center.
- ❖ Firewise USA can come to your house and perform a risk assessment for free.
- ❖ ONS staff has been reorganized so staff can attend as many neighborhood meetings as possible. Our liaison is now Annie Deasy.

Minutes

- ❖ Andy moved that the minutes for January 2024 be approved. Rita seconded.
Approved.
- ❖ We will vote on the November 2023 minutes next month.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$900.30 is in the checking account.
- ❖ The Annual Report to the state is done and the filing fee was \$20.
- ❖ The Annual Report (990N) to the federal government has been filed.

Community Assembly Report – February 1st – See notes at the end of minutes

- ❖ The CA has been changing with lots of new people showing up in the last 6 months. Some dormant neighborhoods have come back. A new Communication Committee has been formed to improve communications.
- ❖ There are 3 resolutions before the city council:
 - The CA has requested that Traffic Calming funds be used as originally planned for.
 - A report on the progress of the funds spent be made quarterly to the CA.
 - A community engagement letter asking the city that if they are going to start a process, to finish it.

Urban Forestry – Kris Neely (Kris is CA liaison to the Urban Forestry Committee)

- ❖ A \$6.1 million federal grant will be received over 5 years by Urban Forestry Department of the city. More has been applied for and the decision should be heard soon.
- ❖ This grant doubles the effort of SpoCanopy in 2024.
- ❖ Southgate is on the list of areas in the city deficient in public right of way trees.
- ❖ If Southgate wants trees we can ask for them. Call Katy in Urban Forestry.

PeTT – Rita

- ❖ Cuba will be paved, 38th to 40th avenues.
- ❖ Randy McGlenn's term on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) ends March 1. They are trying to find a new PeTT Committee member to sit on CTAB.
- ❖ Randy is also stepping down as chair of PeTT and they are looking for a replacement.
- ❖ Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB) is very active on the south hill and is involved in traffic calming.
- ❖ The city is looking at sidewalk infill but streets are the priority. Paul questioned that and pointed out that Councilperson Wilkerson has said pedestrians are a priority. Rita will look into it more.

Land Use Committee

- ❖ BOCA (Building Opportunities and Choices for All)
 - Short plat applications are coming in.
 - As of 7/7/2022, Spokane was the tip of the spear for the country in allowing infill, condensed housing on lots.
 - 37th and Napa – 4 lots 16' by 70'
 - 34th and Manito – 5 lots in the place of 1
 - On 12/23/2023 there was an emergency ordinance passed to change the 6 plexes allowed to 4 plexes because appraisers can only do 4 plexes maximum.
 - This is a new situation for appraisers who have to complete a bank form attesting to the highest and best use.
 - The Planning Director reviews the infrastructure before allowing the short plat application to go forward.
 - 53rd Ave. Short Plat Application – Z23-556PSP
 - 5115 S Freya 30 unit apartment building – B2402193SEPA
 - This is a narrow section of road with no sidewalks and not enough room for bikes.
 - If this infill is to go ahead, there need to be upgrades to infrastructure.
 - If SEPA is approved then Southgate can question the SEPA determination. Stormwater is a likely problem.
 - Concurrence testing is required for this project. The question of enough traffic capacity must be addressed.

- Traffic Calming 2.0 has sidewalk construction on Freya, north of the Palouse only (per Summer).
- ❖ Home Depot is still under SEPA review (B2400242SEPA) and not yet open to comments from the neighborhood.
- ❖ Jerry suggested that our Land Use Committee composed of Jerry, Rita, Andy and Paul have a meeting to discuss some of the above issues. **Agreed.**

Other

- ❖ The 29th Street pedestrian designation was approved by city council.
- ❖ Mobile Speed Feedback Trailer Applications – Summer Beers
 - We will request one again by Ben Burr Park because there was speeding identified there last year.
 - We also request Freya, between 37th and 44th, south bound.
 - Summer will complete the application and send it to Rita.
- ❖ Neighborhood Clean-up – Summer Beers
 - Summer agrees to coordinate this again if we do an extra garbage pick up like we have done in the past.
 - Andy moved that we do an extra pick up, Jerry seconded. **Passed.**
- ❖ Planning Commission Meeting Today – Kris Neely
 - Changes were recommended as to how the Planning Commission conducts business. One item is the timing of public comments.
 - See the Planning Commission website agenda drop down for February 14th packet.
 - The next discussion is on February 28th.
 - Let Kris know our comments.

Next meeting – March 13, 7:00 p.m. at ESD 101 and by Zoom

CA Meeting notes – February 1, 2024

22 Neighborhoods

There are three resolutions before the City Council that they are working to respond to.

There was a lengthy discussion of how the City and other groups should achieve community engagement – that is a set of best practices presented by Luke Tolley.

A new standing committee titled the “Communications Committee” was formed, to address this and also public outreach to increase CA/Neighborhood visibility.

Betsy Wilkerson will be the CC liaison to the CA.

Fran Papenleur will serve as a new member on the Policies and Procedures ad-hoc committee.

The Urban Forestry Committee of the Parks Department has \$10M Federal Grant money – being reviewed now, mainly for tree removal, pruning and planting – five year grant – dead tree removal continues – tree inventory and neighborhood tree maps are being created – golf course tree maintenance continues.

Per Patrick Striker - The big Ordinance directing activities at the CA is still being reviewed – ONS will try to visit more NC meetings -The SNLA classes have begun. There will be clean-up training on Feb 5, CE grant training on 2/7, 2/12, 2/23, 2/24. Attendance is mandatory for any grant \$. I am on that committee and will attend training on Feb 12.

Nick Hamad presented a lengthy discussion of the need for a Parks Levy in August – around \$100 per house per year for 20 years. Spokaneparks.org/levy is the link.

We discussed CA goals, BNS goals. The CA/CD Committee is still working with the CHHS Department to find out how we can move forward projects that originate in the Neighborhoods.

The next CA/CC meeting is on 2/29 at the Liberty Park Library at 5:30. There will be a “Townhall Meeting” in June for District 2.

There are vacancies on the CTAB, and we need a liaison for the DRB.

They will pave Cuba from 38th to 40th this year.

There will be a large number of chipseal projects around the city – none in Southgate.

I filed the Annual Report with the Washington State Secretary of State.