

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/13/2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: ESD 101 and Zoom

Attendees	Zoom
Jerry Boyd	Summer Beers
Barb Brassard	
Rita Conner	
Allen Edwards	
Andy Hoyer	
Paul Kropp	Guests
Dave M.	Annie Deasy – Office of Neighborhood Services
Shelley O'Rourke	

Office of Neighborhood Services – Annie Deasy

- ❖ Mobile feedback trailer applications are due 4/8.
- ❖ The Asphalt Art pilot program has enough funding for all 29 neighborhoods to request 1 piece of asphalt art for a residential intersection. This can help with traffic calming. Must be on a residential street that is not a bus line.
- ❖ Clean up applications are due. Southgate has applied.
- ❖ Community Engagement Grant applications are due 6/14. Southgate needs to decide what to do.
- ❖ Ariel Anderson has been hired as the director of Neighborhood Housing and Human Services (NHHS).
- ❖ Traffic calming projects, cycle 10 and 11 will be completed this year.
 - The meeting to share the Altamont Loop Traffic Study results will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. directly after the regularly scheduled Lincoln Heights neighborhood council meeting.
 - Cycle 10 – Curb line improvements (bump outs) at Thurston Avenue/Pittsburg Street.
 - Cycle 11 – Bump outs at Freya at 44th Street.
- ❖ Question: Southgate is losing its meeting place. Does the City have funds to help with that? Answer: No.
- ❖ Question: The ONS newsletter is good. How do people find out it is available? Answer: Currently people must go to the city website and Annie emails it to

the neighborhood chairs. Annie is working on a digital copy that can be emailed.

- ❖ A neighbor suggested that the City have a website where a citizen can sign up for the distribution lists that they would like to be on. (For example, City Council, ONS, libraries) Annie will speak to someone about that idea.
- ❖ The library has free workshops on composting and water conservation.

Minutes

Andy moved that the minutes for February 2024 and November 2023 be approved. Barb seconded. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- ❖ \$900.30 is in the checking account.
- ❖ \$3,000 is in the special fund.

Community Assembly Report – March 7th – See notes at the end of minutes

- ❖ All city council members were present at the CA/CC meeting.
- ❖ Paul reported that the CA's Policies and Procedures are being reviewed. Proposed changes will need to be approved by the neighborhood councils. We will schedule this as an agenda item for April.
- ❖ Three members of the city council form a City Council Neighborhood Committee and this committee will engage with the CA going forward.

PeTT – Rita

- ❖ Sidewalk maintenance was discussed. Who is responsible for tree damage?
- ❖ CTAB funds are used for repairs and maintenance on arterials.
- ❖ Carole Tomsic will stay on the committee as vice-chair but they are still looking for a new chair.
- ❖ The City is working on the CA resolution regarding better disclosure of the use of Traffic Calming funds.

Land Use Committee

- ❖ 5115 S Freya 30 unit apartment building – B2402193SEPA
 - This is on the east side of Freya.
 - Public comments are due by 3/22.
 - Southgate Land Use Committee will discuss this.

Other

Clean up – Summer

- ❖ Southgate's extra garbage pick-up will be Thursday, April 11th. The postcards are ready to be mailed to the neighborhood.
- ❖ The City Council has designated \$1,000 per neighborhood for clean-up. It is to be used between now and October. It may be used for multiple events. Some examples would be removal of new graffiti or cleaning up around a house that has been neglected.
 - The program is being coordinated by Amber of ONS.
 - Rita got an email complaining that Hazel's Creek area was overgrown and covered in dog feces. Summer will talk to the Wastewater Department to see if this area might be an option for the use of the funds.
 - Summer will contact Amber and get more information.

Future Meeting Space – Rita

- ❖ The Talbott Center where we hold our meetings is going to start charging for use of this space. Schools cost money to rent as well. Libraries have closing times that don't work for us and can only be booked a couple of months in advance.
 - Rita contacted Hamblen Presbyterian Church and they have space we can use starting in August. They have an OWL available.
 - **Motion:** Jerry moved that Southgate sign a contract with Hamblen Presbyterian Church starting in August 2024, providing that we can cancel. Andy seconded. **Passed**

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

CA Meeting notes – March 7, 2024

Notes are from Carol Tomsic, Lincoln Heights NC

Bob S (didn't quite get his last name) talked at open forum (he was the only open forum) about Dementia Memory Gardens. He wants to start one in Spokane. His email is onememorygarden@gmail.com

Randy talked on CTAB. He presented on their draft 2023 annual report. It will be emailed out to everyone.

Paul gave a P&P update. It's on page 13 in the packet.

Dalin gave an update on the new Communications Committee. He said the committee will work with BSN and ONS to drive participation and promote in the digital space. Their next meeting is this Monday at 5:30 pm at the Downtown Library.

Tyler gave an update on the Neighborhood Safety Committee. He said the discussions on graffiti were over and now they were talking about sidewalks and street safety. It was noted that sidewalks were also being discussed at PeTT. Tyler also said they working with the mayors office in order for the committee to become part of the police and fire chief search.

Gail gave an update on the budget committee. There were 7 neighborhoods that did not attend the grant information meetings so there will be another meeting on 3/19/24.

Tina asked people to engage their residents by using their neighborhood names.

Paul said there may be an applicant for the DRB liaison position. The CA also voted in favor of the liaison committee's effort to obtain a position on the Park Board, Human Rights Commission and Police Advisory Committee.

Randy gave an update on the CA/CC meeting. He said the restart of Neighborhoods 3.0 was discussed. Time slots at the City Council meetings were discussed. He said the neighborhood council resolution will be discussed at the Urban Experience committee on 3/11/24. He said the city will figure out how to respond to the CA's three resolutions. A conversation on reading the three CA resolutions during the time slots was discussed but time ran out so it was deferred to roundtable.

A vote on three reps for the Neighborhood 3.0 was added to the agenda. I just know Mary Winkes and Tina Luerssen volunteered for District Two. (Didn't write down the other names) A coin was tossed and Tina won. Mary is the alternative.

Two reps were chosen for each district, one being an alternate because time/dates of meetings was not known.

During roundtable Fran mentioned their neighborhood is being affected by a housing development near Drumheller Park.

Conversation on the reading of the resolutions at a city council meeting resumed. It was argued whether Randy should speak or the individuals affected by the resolutions. It was agreed that Randy was the one who should after P&P was looked at. It was decided not to demand the city council respond in a time-frame e.g. one month. A motion was made and approved to have Randy read the resolutions at a future city council meeting.