

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/12/2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: South Hill Branch of Spokane Public Library and Zoom

Attendees	Zoom
Barb Brassard	Frank Cejka
Rita Conner	
Allen Edwards	Guests
Andy Hoye	Paul Dillon - Councilman
Kris Neely	Officer Micah Prim – Spokane Police Department
Shelley O'Rourke	Judge Mary Logan and husband Bill Sharon
Christa Seger	Heather Hamlin - ONS
Dale Stopperan	Pollyanne Birge - ONS
Bruce Millsap	Shelby Allison – Spokane Arts
Lewis Wirth	Kendall Eminger – Spokane C.O.P.S.

Spokane Police Department – Officer Prim

- ❖ The hotspot of the neighborhood is the area around Target.
- ❖ The Traffic Unit issued 123 infractions in 8 hours for things such as no insurance, using cell phones, speeding, and not using seat belts.
- ❖ Officer Prim's contact information:
 - Cell: 509.216.1890
 - mprim@spokanepolice.org
- ❖ SPD's monthly report is available at this link.
 - <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/police/accountability/p-sc-briefings/2025/p-sc-briefing-april-2025.pdf>

City Council – Paul Dillon

- ❖ The speed along 46th by the soccer fields is supposed to be 25 mph. Signs will be up in the next month.
- ❖ On Monday, council will take up renewal of unlawful camping ordinance, aggressive solicitation and good sighting of facilities.

- ❖ There will be an update to Complete Streets. All redesigns will be done with all users in mind. The old law had a lot of exceptions.
- ❖ In the protests yesterday there was only 1 injury. Thanks to SPD.
- ❖ Krypto kiosks have been a hotbed of activity. Spokane wants to be the 2nd city in the US to ban them.

ONS – Pollyanne Birge

- ❖ Free Firewise assessments are available from Spokane Conservation District.
- ❖ Aquatic Centers open June 16.
- ❖ Kids ride free at River Front Park on June 22.
- ❖ The new ONS Director is Heather Hamlin, who is present this evening.

Judge Mary Logan –Spokane Municipal Court, Position #2

- ❖ See <https://reelectjudgemarylogan.com>
- ❖ The court does not handle felonies and only crimes with sentences less than one year.
- ❖ It is a court of rehabilitation, not retribution including Veteran's Enhanced Treatment Court and Community Court.
- ❖ Underlying conditions are considered: homeless, substance abuse.
- ❖ Kris comments to Councilman Dillon that the data from distributed sites and Judge Logan's court need to be combined to see what is working and what is not.
- ❖ The other candidate running will present at a future meeting.

Minutes – Allen recommended approval of the May minutes. Rita was the second. **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report – Andy

Checking - \$696.63

Reserve - \$3,000.01

Engagement Grant – Andy

- ❖ \$850 is available to the neighborhoods to spend on increasing neighbor participation.
- ❖ In the past we have used \$200 for our Zoom Pro license.
- ❖ The application is due Monday. Andy will deliver it tomorrow.
- ❖ Andy points out that our meeting location, date and time have changed, and so we need new printed materials. We would have until the end of the year to decide exactly what to print.
- ❖ Kris **moved** that Southgate request \$200 to renew the zoom license and \$500 for miscellaneous printed marketing materials. Barb was the **second**. **Passed**.

Community Assembly Report – Kris - June Draft Minutes Attached

- ❖ Father's Day is the last meeting of the Gabriel's Challenge group.
- ❖ The state firefighting budget has been cut by 50%. We should have someone from the Conservation District come and talk to us about fire prevention.
- ❖ The Scale House Market is now open.
- ❖ Urban Forestry – Kris is the representative. The city has received a \$2 million grant to plant trees. The goal is 30% tree coverage by 2030. The city is working on removing 250 dead trees.
- ❖ Council President Wilkerson was at the Home Depot opening. She is asking for input as to whether council should move meetings from Monday to Tuesday. Many holidays fall on Mondays.
- ❖ City council did not extend the moratorium on development in Latah Valley.
- ❖ The City of Spokane is updating its Comprehensive Plan, a document required by the [Washington State Growth Management Act \(GMA\)](#), with a deadline of June 2026. This update will guide the city's development for the next 20 years, addressing issues like land use, housing, transportation, and climate resiliency. The city is seeking public input.

- ❖ The budget committee approved \$450 for new lawn toys which can be borrowed by the neighborhoods.
- ❖ The Spokane Neighborhood Summit is in November. Please let Kris know if you are interested in making a presentation.

Asphalt Art – Andy

- ❖ The artist's wife had a baby and he was not able to be here but will be at the next meeting.
- ❖ A flier with the four suggested drawings was handed out to the room.
- ❖ The time frame is that we pick one tonight, make changes in July and then we would paint this summer. Paul told Andy that he expects the decision to be made in July. Pollyanne stated that no other designs will be put forth.
- ❖ Shelby has submitted for a permit for August but that could be changed to September.
- ❖ Kris **moved** that Southgate decide on one of the four suggestions tonight. Allen **seconded** the motion. **Passed.**
- ❖ We went around the room and each person, voting member or not, gave their opinion on the submissions. Two people abstained from stating an opinion.
- ❖ Allen **moved** and Rita **seconded** the motion to accept drawing #4, the drawing with the bird and white curls. **Passed.**
- ❖ The artist will attend our July meeting and suggestions for tweaks to this drawing will be discussed.

Other Business

C.O.P.S. - Kendall

- ❖ COPS is a 501(c)(3)
- ❖ The city only gave 25% of the 2-year budget funds needed so it will only be open until August 1.

- ❖ The Cop Shop is currently located at 29th and Mt Vernon, above the Two Seven Public House.
- ❖ Kendall also works with Block Watch. Barb wants to talk to her about her community joining.

Suggested speakers – Kris suggests we invite the manager of the new Home Depot to speak to us.

Next meeting – Thursday, July 24, 2025

Community Assembly Draft Minutes

Prepared by: Office of Neighborhood Services

June 6th, 2025, in-person at Liberty Park

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Luke Tolley

Present: Luke Tolley—Bemiss, **Ryan Jerman**- Browne's Addition, **Macayla Leyden**—Chief Garry Park, **Sandy Wicht**--Comstock, **Debby Ryan**—East Central, **Linda Carroll**—Emerson-Garfield, **Robert Churchill**—Five Mile Prairie, **Tina Luerksen**-Grandview-Thorpe, **Laura Johnson**—Hillyard, **Stephanie Watson**--Latah-Hangman **Carol Tomsic**—Lincoln Heights, **Mary Winkes**—Manito-Cannon Hill, **Shannon Benn**-Minnehaha, **Hilary Michalowicz**—Nevada Heights, **Laura Newman**--North Hill, **Dan Knechtel**-North Indian Trail, **Ann Haggett**-Peaceful Valley, **Lorna Walsh**-Riverside, **Toni Sharkey**—Rockwood, **Angel Troutt**—Shiloh Hills, **Kris Neeley**—

Southgate, **Christian Koch**—West Central, **Kathy Hagy**—West Hills, and **Charles Hansen**—Whitman

Not Present: Audubon-Downriver, Balboa South Indian Trail, Cliff/Cannon, Northwest, Logan

City Staff Present: Pollyanne Birge, (ONS), Heather Hamlin (ONS), Erin Hut (Communications Director), Betsy Wilkerson (City Council President), Giacobbe Byrd (City Council), Tirrell Black (Planning), Kevin Freibott (Planning)

Guests: Paul Kropp (Liaison Committee), Sue Arnesen (West Hills), Elizabeth Goldsmith (Comstock), Andy Hoyer (Southgate), Bill Heaton (Land Use Committee), Rhett Redshaw (North Indian Trail), Kelly Cruz (West Central), Laura Newman (North Hill)

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Introductions

1.1 Approve Meeting Recording: Lorna moved; Luke seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Approve Agenda: Tina moved; Dan seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Approve/Amend minutes: Linda moved; Lorna seconded. Motion passes unopposed.

4. Admin Committee Action Items

- Only one on official minutes follow up: invite the Planning Department to talk about the neighborhoods chapter and they are here! Council President will touch upon the follow up on resolutions submitted, etc.

OPEN FORUM:

5. Reports/Updates/Announcements

- Carol: Describes the Lincoln Great Invasive Week Pluck at Lincoln on Saturday, June 7th. You can come learn how to pluck invasive weeds from the [Pacific County Noxious Weed Control Board](#). Learn from Jeff Nesbitt who will give tours, look at birds, and we will also provide coffee/donuts between 8-11am. Jon Snyder at City Stairs, one of his ideas is that there should be a “Stair Hike” in Spokane. In your packet, there is a list of all the City owned and Parks is coming up with their list. If your neighborhood has stairs you want on the list, let us know.
- Mary: Shawn came to Manito to give presentation, but we didn’t get flyer, please send. Carol will send.
- Carol: Paul said to add the school districts as well.
- Sandy: Only two neighborhoods have signed up for one on one with the City Council: Grandview and

Comstock, so anyone who needs to sign up let her know to get on the roster.

- Kris: [Urban Forestry](#) had busy meeting, we heard a Spokaneopy update. Spring planting for spring is done, 157 trees in 11 neighborhoods. For the city, 2 final projects completed N. Monroe getting major make over—50 dead or missing trees are being replaced. Between N. Nevada tree wells are being addressed for stumps and 250 trees waiting to be removed because they are dead, but the budget for that got hung up. The City is waiting to see how it unfolds. 16 parks have been vetted for major pruning, will begin once the removals will be taking care of. Trying to get interns to work with them to work in Urban Forestry to help expend presence. Trying to get Katie Kosanke to come to CA August meeting.
- Laura: Removal of dead trees does that include downtown? Kris: All I know is what was reported: “The trees are in high occupancy areas that Urban Forestry have received ongoing complaints about” but I get the impression that in Neighborhoods and not downtown, I can check on it.
- Mary: Downtown is a Neighborhood. She is most concerned about the ones by the ones by the Spokesman, they are dead, not sure if it is Cowles or

City is responsible for them. If you are looking for interns, SCC has a program focused on flowers/plants. Kris: two instructors from SCC are on the Committee. As long the trees are in the City right of way, it is part of Katie's purview.

- Lorna: Those trees are terrible—especially around the Chancery build. Downtown has some serious problems and the tree issue seems to get kicked around. I'd be willing to call as well.

AGENDA ITEMS:

6. City Council Update (Council President Wilkerson)

- Council President (CP) Wilkerson shared Season of Celebration, especially graduations. She shared congrats to parents and grandparents who make it happen.
- On June 22nd having [Riverfront Kids Fest](#), all kinds age 12 and under all rides free! Kids fest is a family focused event to celebrate children and support families in Spokane.
- Handed out letter from the Mayor regarding the HOME program, has some myth busting in the letter.
- Gabriel's Challenge is ending, we have had 50-70 people every Tuesday night, it is a good turnout. One thing she took away was to prepare for the relapse and we need to integrate that into our conversations

and planning. Fathers' day celebration is the end of the challenge.

- Last year we talked about changing our Council Meeting nights to Tuesday nights. We are revisiting this idea again, because so many meeting missed for holidays. Please let me you're your thoughts on it and will have more community engagement soon. The vote would be in August, and it wouldn't go into affective until Jan. 1, 2026.
- Passed out the "Numbers you Should Know" flyer.
- Chris Wright: Policy Advisory for City Council discussed two issues: 1) Moratorium in Latah Valley—the City Council passed a moratorium in April for one year, they had a work plan that mainly focused on wildfire issues, made some progress, but would have been good to get more planning done. CC Dillon sent an email to Luke that is the best summary of what's been done in the last year that includes some funding for planning particularly for the Thorpe tunnels and sub area plans, emergency planning, and the planning of a fire station. The moratorium expired May 20th, there was not the feeling among council members that there wasn't the basis legally to continue the moratorium. If you read the state and fact sheets on moratoriums you can do them for up to a year if you have a work plan,

but it is very difficult legally defend that moratorium even for 6 months let alone a year and because of that amongst City Council, there was not an appetite to extend it.

- Andy: Heard today, part of the mitigation is to disallow the turn tunnels, yes you can exit, but cannot turn around, is there more information on that? Chris said he remembers reading something about it but doesn't know the details and can follow up.
- Tina: As a resident of the area, I expect that is true because WSDOT will not allow any more traffic on 1-85. That is why 16th Ave is made South bound only and you can't access the freeway now on 16th Ave unless you go to the Thorpe J turns. That means it puts this all on the County, which is harder because it puts it within the City limits but on County roads because now you must go to Assembly and go around.
- Kathy: When there is accident on I-90 they refer them to Thorpe, we are suffering safety wise in our area.
- Stephanie: I think there is an argument about being well thought out, when you look at our subarea plan, we are putting growth in an area that is not planned

for that level of growth. I know they said they will build a Fire station, but that is not done.

- Kris: If memory serves the firefighting budget by the State was cut by 50% in the latest budget. The clock is still ticking of when a fire might occur, but the reality is we don't have the funding, you don't have the funding--it was on the cover of the newspaper today.
- ***Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, first extension. Dan motioned; Mary seconded. Motion passes unopposed.***
- Kris: Legally you could let the current one expire and issue a new one 5 mins later?
- Chris: I think that is possible. In the end, you must have a plan during the moratorium, can't put it in place and then do nothing. That is always the challenge that in the interim, what you put in place is legally defensible. With the Latah Valley this is a problem 45 years in the making, so a 6-month plan is not going to accomplish what you need.
- Kris: We understand the limitation of having a moratorium, but the reality is, if we wanted to, we could plan and put that together quickly.
- Chris: We've drafted ordinance that any changes to Title 18, if you're familiar with Title 18 code, that is where a is where a lot of the provisions are, the

homelessness protections, any ordinance affects that title, or relates to discrimination would have to go through the Human Rights Commission first. Some chatter that the package of ordinances under consideration related homelessness, siting shelters, etc. did not go through that body, even though it did some wholesale changes to Title 18. So, there will probably be an ordinance addressing that coming soon.

- Giacobbe: Touched on the work the CA neighborhood work group is doing with the Council Office trying to build a better relationship and developing a more consistent process. Apologized for a rocky start when folks came to speak at Urban Experience Committee where the moratorium was discussed. The meeting was three hours long, and didn't get to the testimony to the very end, He is talking to Council Members and Chairs of Committees, about moving the testimony to the start of the meeting. Apologized again for the rocky start and hopes you still engage at the Committee level in the future.
- ***Move to extend discussion by 5 minutes, second extension. Debby motioned; Luke seconded. Motion passes unopposed.***

- Following up with you when you submit resolutions, to the Council Offices. We have been trying to respond in writing, Chris mentioned CC Dillon responded by email about the moratorium. We are also going to bring back these issues to CA and bring the appropriate staff member to dialogue with you. That is the proposed feedback loop. Wanted to address the letter about membership on Sustainability board, CC Bingle is proposing an amendment to potentially provide a liaison role as opposed to a full fledge voting membership and wanted me to ask what you'd prefer. Ask that neighborhood workgroup team members can hopefully suss that out and we can work on that at our next meeting in June.
- Paul: CA already requested something very specific, just one line, so that is in the record.
- Giacobbe: Bingle is wanting to know if you want to go back to your original.
- Paul: However, I was there and testified at the meeting and I acknowledged Bingle's interest and mentioned there are two flavors of liaison membership and that I am the Liaison committee guy, and I'm the one that has all of this stuff kind of in my head offered so when I offered to work with Chris Wright on figuring out looking at the options

that would be in order for the council member to understand that there is options beyond the one that is on the table.

- Giacobbe: will have Chris follow up between now and our next meeting.
- Mary: I know that Parking and the Moratorium were both on that day what has now happened on parking?
- Giacobbe: Not quite ready to respond but can commit to getting back to you.
- Mary: Do we know when the next neighborhood work group meeting is?
- Giacobbe: Wednesday, June 25th at 1pm at City Hall.
- Giacobbe: D2 Town Hall on Monday 9th. Trying to refine and hone and everyone who is signed up can speak.
- Tina: Will there be specific topics for this one?
- Giacobbe: Not organizing by topics. We did a survey of the district neighbors for general interest areas and will have Luis Garcia from Code Enforcement, Heather Sweet from 311, Jon Synder from Transportation and Abbey Martin from Neighborhood Connectivity. Want to continue with the dialogue format for residents to ask questions, make a comment and get a response.

7. Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) Update (Heather Hamlin)

- Erin: Mobile Speed Feedback Trailers schedule shared tomorrow. Good news we're able to accommodate top two of everyone who applied. Intro for Heather Hamlin.
- Heather: I see a lot of familiar faces, nice to see everyone. Before this I was a [Women Helping Women Fund](#) a nonprofit grant making organization for the last 7 years and saw significant growth, a change of a business model and really went back to grass roots and realized I love that. Before that I was at [Greater Spokane Incorporated](#), dappled in economic development and brought [Small Business Saturday](#) to Spokane. I've touched on many sectors and industries so I think it will come in handy with this group. I've heard great things about the CA and the NCs and look forward to working with you all.

8. Comprehensive Plan Update (Tirell Black and Kevin Freibott)

- Tirrell: Plan Spokane 2046 Every City and County in state of Washington of a certain growth has to participate under the [Growth Management Act](#). Mandated state periodic update every 10 years, next time will be in 2036. We have a new emphasis on

climate put into state law as well as an emphasis on housing. The City of Spokane is a little bit ahead in the housing, we have done a lot of middle housing, but still need some additional work. When I came in February we hadn't launched our visioning effort, but we completed that in March. Going to be back out in October again to talk about our growth alternatives, so hopefully we can get back on your agenda then.

- Described the process for outreach: meeting in March, meeting in each district and city wide downtown. Over 300 attendees and have on website planspokane.org the full summary of the engagement. During our engagement four themes came out:
 - Nature: trees, access to nature and parks
 - Community: friendly, human-centered
 - Livable: you all know what livable is and probably had different goals for every person
 - Innovation: growth in sectors, changes in jobs etc.
- As part of state law, all committee planning actions are subject to review by [State Environmental Policy Act \(SEPA\)](#) the biggest action, doing the environmental impact statement, we did the vision/scoping in March, and now working with our

consultants on growth alternatives. If you're interested in diving into that it is on the <https://planspokane.org/> website. Be out with the other draft chapters this fall.

- A lot of other parts underway—we did get separate funding for climate planning and folding in in fall with policy work. There is a mapping tool goes down to neighborhood level references vulnerable communities. Forecast new housing prices talking about at planning commission, and racial disparate impacts on planning. The City of Spokane was a redlining community, more about that and where people are at risk of displacement. Please sign up for our newsletter.
- Kevin: From the Planning Dept., I know about ½ of you, and used to facilitate the CA. Wend over quickly about planning commission and chapters. Getting everything up on the Plan Spokane site.
- Chapter review—this is for the non-technical chapters. Looking at minor updates, while working on deep technical issues like climate, etc. Coming later, two goals: streamlining and reducing the text quite a bit. Trying to illuminate single solution policies that don't inform decisions (things we are required by law to do already) we are recommending for removal. Also, terms and verbs in

the Comprehensive Plan, they are difficult we are planning for whole community, not just one age group. Much of plan dates from mid 90s, pre internet, pre cell phones—it's a very different world. Pay homage to existing plan but needs to be updated.

- Looking at policy updates, probably the largest legislative load the last 8 years have seen a lot of laws change and we need to address. We are ahead in the middle housing, but there is work to be done on the Housing Allocation by income band, Climate work etc. to conform to state law.
- Big change you'll see, currently the Comprehensive Plan has a vision and value statement in each chapter, that don't seem connected—we are trying to focus on a singular vision value statement in one place in the document. For a preview of where it is now, go to planspokane.org where it talks about new the vision.
- Subcommittee: is a subset of Planning Commission looking at different chapters, grouped them by function.
 - Community Chapter: looks at neighborhoods, local governance and public health that chapter is completed.

- Environmental Chapter: working on now looks at natural spaces, like parks, should be done in couple weeks.
- Technical chapters coming much later.
- Functional chapters don't get a group number because they happen once it's done, like writing an executive summary.
- Just know it's three groupings of chapters and those reviews will be done before August, and then going over the big topic items with the Planning Commission in August and September.
- Created a package for public review in the ¼ quarter of next year, but Climate is going to take a while, it's a very big topic. Technical chapters will also take a while. This is an iterative process which is constantly moving, so be sure to pay attention to the version date.
- You have the current draft of Neighborhoods chapter, which has a couple tweaks from the subcommittee's input. What we've done is given text plus icons of where things are changed.
Suggestions, questions, comments:
planspokane@spokanecity.org
- Tried to make a clear distinction between "Neighborhood Councils" and "Neighborhoods". One thing we learned is that many folks don't understand

the different, so we are trying to make it very clear: the chapter addresses both: it is the body/community, and it is also where people live. Strengthen connections, between and among the neighborhoods. =

- Were some policies in there that were not about neighborhoods, but they were good policy. If they were about a more general topic like Safe Streets but didn't talk about neighborhoods, we tried to add some language in to make it clear from a neighborhood focus what is the goal? In a few cases we note they will move into another chapter.
- Dan: Mentioned, climate will be significant and there is some funding. Is this State? Federal?
- Tirrell: Yes, State has set aside for the class of 2026, we are asked for our second amount, \$700K. Not federal.
- Mary: Did you send out the version that have the changes made. Kevin: yes—all the language you suggested, yes—that is in there.
- Luke: Wanted to mention those committee meetings are publicly viewable and you can follow online. If you're interested in a section, watch the planning commissions meetings, it is great chance to see how things work.

- Kevin—We absolutely want to hear from you, those meetings don't have public comments, but there will be lots of future chances, but just not at the Planning Commission meetings.
- Tirell: The Planning Commission *will* have a public meeting about these in the future, so be looking out for that.
- Kris: Did the funding for climate in budget that was just signed? General fund, Ecology?
- Tirell: Yes, and we also did get some funding for the for periodic update, 325K. It is a state grant administered by Commerce.
- Andy: Wealthy developer if they buy 900 acres of dirt, do they need to comply with the plan or is that something they can ignore?
- Kevin: If you are talking about one person buying one house, that is a building permit. But if you are a large developer coming in, and want to build 900 homes, you are coming into something like the Land Use approval, a plat, where it is platted out, those processes also involve looking at the comprehensive plan and making sure it is consistent.
- Carol: The Lincoln Heights neighborhood is really going to like it—it's clear exactly how it changed—those icons are wonderful.

- Paul: It is worth mentioning that the rhetoric of the growth management act is that the development regulations that control any development at whatever scale are intended to implement the comprehensive plan. So that's the lawful connection and folks have gone against it. Some regulations in some counties that don't do that. So, it is supposed to be a tight connection and it seems like in the City is. One observation I had is that the staff is really respecting the plan as it is and the neighborhood chapter was just terrific to watch. Thank you.
- Toni: There is the in-between, the wealthy developer—what about in between, like townhomes.
- Kevin: If they must set up the lots for a town home, you have come to us for a plat and that is going to be the connection with the Comp Plan. This is why is it important if we come out and say we are adopting an ordinance for instance that amends this part of the code, it is the most boring thing unless you are a code wonk, but it is important because it is the stage where you can look at that and review if you think it meets that policy. That is the input we are looking for.

9. Budget Committee (Laura Johnson) ROLL CALL VOTE

- Laura: In the past few years and in this year we have had neighborhood ask for “activities” or what I’m going to call “yard games”. We have turned everyone down because of the question of where would they live? So the Budget Committee, instead of saying no we voted on these 7 yard games, and if we could get your approval because one neighborhood couldn’t apply for the CE grant because they didn’t make the mandatory training we are hoping to spend \$450 for these yard games, which would live with the other CE Equipment in the resource closet, so anyone could reserve and use those.
- ROLL CALL VOTE:
- ***Motion to accept the Budget Committee request listed in the packet. Tina moved; Mary seconded. Motion passes 22 yes, 2 abstain.***

10. City Council/Neighborhoods Workgroup (Tina Luerssen) VOTE

- Tina: We talked about last month at Neighborhood Work group. We elevated our prior alternatives into the primary position, and now this month we are bringing it back because we need nomination and volunteers and folks to fill the alternative rep positions. This is the group that meets bi-monthly

with City Council it is on the 4th Wednesday at 1pm in the afternoon hybrid at City Hall and on Zoom. We do have our regular attendees: Laura for D1, Mary for D2 and Kathy Tham for D3. We are looking for volunteers to fill alternate rep position. If we have multiple people wanting to do it for each district, we could do a ballot vote. Volunteers who put stepped up: Angle Troutt D1, Andy Hoyer D2, Rhett Redshaw D3.

- Reminder these are one-year terms, when the primary leaves then the alternative moves forward.
- ***Motion to accept new Workgroup Alternates. Luke moved; Lorna seconded. Motion passes unopposed.***

11. CA Committee Updates (Committee Chairs) *(Agenda amended to accommodate 30 minutes on this section)*

- Building Stronger Neighborhoods:
- Tina: ONS is looking for workshop proposal for the Neighborhood Summit on October 25th. If you have expertise on a topic that you want to share with others, or if you know someone, have them submit a proposal. It can be on a lot of different things, we talked about a CA 101 again, there are a lot of new neighbors who might not understand what this is all about. Also, we are going to label workshops this year as like a level 101, 201, 301, so meeting folks if

they are just staring or if they are more advanced. Call for workshops on ONS website. Amber Groe is putting that all together and the deadline to apply is July 10th.

- Community Assembly/Community Development (CA/CD):
- Andy: I think I gave everybody a document that summarizes what passed through CHHS board regarding the CDBG grant money for Parks, please read it. Goes to City Council this month. Speaking for the committee, we did our best to help any neighborhoods put together their applications, but I can say it was not easy to decide because applications were excellent and meaningful. It hasn't passed through City Council yet.
- Kelly: Park Bond is coming up as well will some of those funds enhance those projects?
- Andy: I can't answer that.
- Carol: Thank you Andy, without your help, we would have never gotten these parks fixed.
- Liaison Committee:
- Paul: Could you bring up page 28? This is completely out of my lane, but I wanted to throw it in as a sort of follow up. This is the page from 2007 comprehensive plan, in a chapter has to do with Governance. The Community Assembly has been

embedded into the comprehensive plan a quarter of it is way down in the index, you might not ever get there, but there it is. No what is an initial page, and it's got an interesting caveat on it, which I'm not going to go into. Maybe sign up to do this at the workshop. However, moving on to the next page, onto the current Comprehensive Plan, there it is, use Neighborhood Councils as one of many forums for citizens to bring issues and problems to the City of Spokane, for debate to express their preferences, for resolution. That is word for word from the original Comprehensive Plan, so the collaboration part has been kind of chopped down. Then if you move to the next page, this is what Kevin was talking about earlier. They have supplemented 3.2 to say: Such as receiving and recommending policies and plans and assisting in identifying the priority needs of improvement for the neighborhoods. So, there you go. Not only that, but considering what he was talking about, they added the community representation for the necessity for broadening participation within neighborhoods as a policy. This is what is going through the process to be added to the Comprehensive Plan. This is a little corner of the Comp Plan that nobody ever goes to, but folks, it has

been there from the beginning. Just wanted you to know, thank you for listening.

- Mary: When I was reviewing the Neighborhood Services chapter, it references neighborhood councils at the beginning but then you don't see the word neighborhood council again but once. I got it inserted a couple times under planning. On the other hand, in the Governance section it is quite clear that we have a role in part of the charter and have specific duties and responsibilities. I don't know if people want to send thing separately or if we want to set up session to make further changes to the newest draft submitted as CA. I would like to see it further strengthen on the section about neighborhood councils. The neighborhood Councils have an active place in the Charter, and they should have an active place in the Neighborhood section of the Comprehensive Plan. It is a little bit better, but I would like to find places to insert the words neighborhood councils more, so look at it, read it over, I think there are some other changes to be made.
- Kelly: So, what I'm hearing you say Mary is maybe a work group?
- Mary: We have until October, so we don't have to do it immediately. They encouraged people to send

individually, but I think a real impact would be to send another version that has the backing of the entire CA.

- Kelly: This body represents the 29 neighborhoods, so the voice from this body goes a longer way.

12. Actionable Items Review

- Luke: We would like some feedback on how meetings go, how this meeting went, please scan that and I think there might be a link as well, to go directly to the form to submit. We review those in the Admin Committee as they come in and it helps inform how much time we give to speakers, etc. Also, a spot on there for neighborhood wins, things to celebrate. We are hoping if folks have things from the last couple months, please submit those as well.
- Tina: Grandview Thorpe had an evacuation drill that we had last month, that was with the City of Spokane Emergency Management team and Police and Fire and lots of volunteers. It was great participation, got a lot of good information about the bottle neck of cars going out one way, and we just got notice the Fire Dept. will be in our neighborhood next week doing Fire training on the bluff, learning these dead-end routes, etc. As much as we are frustrated by lack of the moratorium

continuing, and all the development that is planned in our area, it did but elevate the understanding of the risk and now trainings are happening in our neighborhoods.

- Carol: How long did it take?
- Tina: It was over 30-40 mins. We knew it was coming, lot of good publicity, door to door flyers, so people were aware.
- Mary: I was visiting a friend in the area that it was in wheelchair, but with a real fire, they will not get that warning. They got out alright, but it was with the given advance notice.
- Kathy: Which streets to access?
- Tina: Three points they monitored: 14th and Lindeke, where 300 of the vehicles went, Grandview and Garden Springs, and 2 vehicles when to Thorpe.
- Kathy: When they got to 14th and Lindeke did, they go across the Sunset Highway?
- Tina: Of course. Because otherwise you can only go South on 195
- Kathy: We are boxed in badly in that situation, we want the bridge replaced, that is a big reason it is a very hazardous situation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM. Next meeting will be held Thursday, July 11th.