

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/9/2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: South Hill Branch of Spokane Public Library

Attendees	Guests
Frank Cejka	Officer Prim – Spokane Police Department
Rita Conner	Lina Roncancio – representing Alejandro Barrientos -
Kendall Eminger	running for District 2
Jerry Hopkins	
Paul Kropp	
Kris Neely	
Shelley O'Rourke	
Marek Zaranski	
Sharon Zaranski	

Officer Prim – SPD – Neighborhood Resource Officer

- ❖ Target is a hot spot.
- ❖ Reckless e-scooter behavior has been reported in the 44th Ave area.
This is a grey area. Use the SPD web mail for a traffic complaint.
- ❖ Comment: Traffic on Freya is bad. Speeding, more apartments going in, no light at 37th means no break in traffic.
 - Response: 37th and Freya was wired for a light but we don't know when funding will be available. Perhaps Southgate could partner with Lincoln Heights to lobby the city to move forward with the light. Contact council representatives and ONS to complain.
- ❖ Officer Prim's contact information:
 - Cell: 509.216.1890
 - mprim@spokanepolice.org
- ❖ SPD's monthly report is available at this link:
<https://my.spokanecity.org/police/accountability/psc-briefings/>

Lina Roncancio – representing Alejandro Barrientos – running for District 2

See website [Alejandro Barrientos](#)

Minutes – Minutes for September will be approved next month.

Engagement Grant/Printing Update – Kris

The yard signs and door hangars are in and at Andy's. Kris and Andy will talk about a plan to hang them.

**Community Assembly Report – Kris - October Draft
Minutes Attached**

- ❖ The Spokane Parks Foundation is receiving grant requests for up to \$6,000 for things that augment physical equipment and programs of parks.
- ❖ The city budget will be finalized by the mayor on 10/27 and public testimony will be taken November 3 – 10.
 - The city needs to replace the 911 system which has a cost estimate of \$20 million.
- ❖ ONS is auditing the neighborhoods for baseline activity and growth.
- ❖ Dump passes end 10/31. Rita has them.
- ❖ Crime is down citywide.
- ❖ Garrett Jones, park's director, spoke about the parks and schools ballot initiative.
- ❖ Santiago Rodriguez-Anderson is the new liaison to the Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Board.
- ❖ Urban Forestry will be planting trees. This summer they removed 350 of 400 dead trees.
 - There is an opening on the committee for a commercial representative. See Kris for more information.

- 50 trees are available free to businesses downtown and an arborist service will be available to advise on keeping the trees alive.
- ❖ 30 spots are left for the Neighborhood Summit on 10/25.
- ❖ Nominate good neighbors for a CA award to be given 12/13.

Transportation Committee – Paul

- ❖ The Transportation Committee meeting is next week and our request to move the hawk light on 37th is on the agenda. They will rank projects for funding, but the city council has not decided on the amount of funds.
- ❖ The city is building a roundabout at Palouse and Freya. It is a peanut shape, accommodating 6 entrances. It is funded and will be constructed next year. Perhaps Southgate asks a city representative to present to use?
 - Q: The roundabout on the north side by Costco has art in the middle. Is it possible to have art in a city roundabout?
 - A: ONS partners with Spokane Arts, a 501c3 so maybe. Southgate could ask ONS.

Land Use Committee - Paul

- ❖ The city and the county are updating their comprehensive plans. The county will substantially revise its plan, and Southgate has the county on 2 sides.
 - There is a public input workshop on 10/21 at Moran Prairie Library, 5:30 -7.
 - 57th is a designated center on the city plan but the county is suggesting a busier plan.
 - Glenrose is in the urban growth area, and the county may try to designate it as developable.
 - The plan must be completed in 2026 so maybe we should invite the county to a Southgate meeting.

- The city comprehensive plan update workshop is at Ferris HS on 11/5, 5-6:30.
- ❖ Youth Sports just announced it is not developing a complex at 37th and Glenrose.
- ❖ On 10/22 at 4 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall, the Planning Commission will be discussing the City Capital Improvement Plan.

Other Business

We need a new webmaster. Kris will train.

Next meeting – Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the South Hill Library at 6:30 pm and by zoom.

CA Meeting Notes – October 2, 2025 – taken by Andy Hoyer

COPS NW is doing a fundraising – spokanecops.org. City has not reached an agreement with them.

Parks Foundation (spokaneparksfoundation.org) is open for grants – up to \$6,000.

City of Spokane Budget timeline: October 27, receive budget from Mayor / November 3 = public testimony / November 10 – second hearing / Nov 17 or Nov 24 – adopt budget.

City is still struggling to replace the SREC 911 system. The cost will be around \$20M per year for five years!

ONS is auditing the Neighborhoods for a baseline measure of activity and growth. Mobile feedback trailers are working hard – data to be released in November. Disposal passes end October 31. Crime is down, citywide.

SRTC is a Federally mandated agency that does long-range planning. Fatal and Serious Accidents are rising. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan / Horizon 2050 is in the works. Priorities are 1) Preservation, Maintenance and Operations, 2) Improve Safety and Security, 3) Support Systems Management and Operations, 4) Cost Effective Transportation Solutions, 5) Invest in Public Transit, 6) Multi-modal Options, 7) Regional leadership.

Garrett Jones (Parks Director) spoke: togetherspokane.org is the website for reviewing the ballot initiatives for parks and schools. There is matching funding from the State. Parks maintenance staff will increase by 50%.

Santiago Rodriquez-Anderson was approved as the CA Liaison to the Climate Resiliency and sustainability Board.

The CA/CC workgroup discussed the City Budget. Some CC members are unhappy with the meetings and there were questions as to the need for this group if the former quarterly CA/CC meetings resumed.

The Urban Forestry Department is planting trees with the Tree Equity Grant – need trees downtown and need partnership with business owners there. email contact is urbanforestry@spokanecity.org

There are 30 delegate spots left for the Neighborhood Summit (Saturday, October 25th, 8:00AM – 1:30PM) at the Hemmingson center at Gonzaga. Register at

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/spokane-neighborhood-summit/>

Good Neighbor Awards – sponsored by the Community Assembly

Good Neighbor

A Good Neighbor is a City of Spokane resident or organization who has made significant contributions to their neighborhood in order to make it a better place to live. This may include someone who leads a clean-up event or organizes a neighborhood block party, or an organization that sponsors a community-wide block party or graffiti clean-up event. Limited to 3 per neighborhood.

Spirit of CA

This is an acknowledgement of exceptional service to the Community Assembly and commitment to uphold the Community Assembly's purpose and values.

Jeanette Harras

Jeanette exemplified what a lifelong commitment to community organizing and meaningful community work looks like. As an instrumental member of the earliest days of Community Assembly, in addition to being a part of the Logan Neighborhood Council, she advocated for the needs of the entire Spokane community, was a strategic thinker who inspired projects and cultivated enthusiasm. Nominees of this award should exemplify a commitment to community organizing community involvement, selflessness, and a desire to see meaningful and positive impacts in the broader Spokane community.

Lifetime Achievement

This award is presented to an individual who has devoted an extraordinary period of time to the CA and/or their neighborhood council over many years, marked by consistent high-quality work. It is generally presented at or near the end of the term of service.

Awards Ceremony

CA Award winners will be celebrated at an awards ceremony. This year's CA Awards ceremony will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Invitations will be sent to all neighbors who are nominated for the CA Awards closer to the celebration. RSVPs will be required for the event.