

# Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/15/2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: South Hill Branch of Spokane Public Library and by Zoom

Attendees	Guests
Rita Conner	Officer Prim – Spokane Police Department
Andy Hoyer	
Shelley O'Rourke	
Christa Seger	

## Officer Prim – SPD – Neighborhood Resource Officer

- ❖ One resource officer was added to the downtown precinct (Riverside, Peaceful Valley Brown's Addition).
- ❖ He asks that neighbors report specific traffic concerns by one of these methods:
  - [spdwebmail@spokanepolice.org](mailto:spdwebmail@spokanepolice.org) and it will go to a traffic officer.
  - Email Officer Prim at address below.
- ❖ Officer Prim's contact information:
  - Cell: 509.216.1890
  - [mprim@spokanepolice.org](mailto:mprim@spokanepolice.org)
- ❖ SPD's monthly report is available at this link:  
<https://my.spokanecity.org/police/accountability/psc-briefings/>

Q: How do I access collision data?

A: WSP controls all collision data in the state so go to the WSP web site for information.

**Minutes** – Minutes for September, October and November approved.

## **Treasurer – Andy Hoyer**

Checking - \$588.62

Escrow - \$3,000.01

Note that the Engagement Grant has reimbursed us for printing and the zoom license and the money has been returned to the Escrow account.

## **Community Assembly Report – Andy – January 2026 and December 2025 meeting notes attached**

- ❖ By consensus, Southgate gives our CA representative the power to approve revisions to CA policies and procedures. **Approved.**
- ❖ There have been 82 neighborhood events city wide since the start of the Engagement Grant Program and there is a storage unit with items that can be borrowed by the neighborhoods.
- ❖ The CA meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Shadle Park Library.

## **Land Use Committee**

- ❖ There is dirt being pushed around behind the carwash on Regal but there is not an excavation permit.
  - There is a permit for demolition of a tower.
  - Rumor is for a Chick-fil-A to be built.
- ❖ Andy will look into the following projects: behind the carwash, across from Target, Freya at Palouse and another one north of that on the other side.

## **Other Business**

- ❖ **Meeting dates** – our dates are available at the library for the rest of the year except for March. Friday the March 13<sup>th</sup> is available and we decided to book that along with regular dates for the other months.
- ❖ **Apartment residents** – when Amer next comes to our meeting, we'll put reaching out to apartment residents on the agenda. Andy will send an email reminder to Amber.

❖ **Clean-up** – Training will be Friday, 2/20 at 6 pm at Shadle Park Library. Rita will attend for Southgate.

**Next meeting** – Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the South Hill Library at 6:30 pm and by zoom.

## **Community Assembly Meeting Notes**

### **January 8, 2026**

Linda Carroll has read the Environmental Impact Statement part of the draft of the Comp Plan - - she is working on comments, but much is not transparent.

Betsy W: Free trees on private property are available from the Parks department – contact the Conservation District ([spokanecd.org](http://spokanecd.org)) – also from Parks Dep't, I believe. Next WSDOT meeting on the NS Corridor is January 22 at 4:30PM at Francis Scott Elementary at 3737 E 5<sup>th</sup>.

RFP going out to evaluate city staffing. A youth summit is planned – 911 will continue as is for two years – CA/CC Workgroup meetings will continue with minor changes

Heather Hamlin: The meeting for Cleanup Coordinators will be Feb 20 at 6PM at the Shadle Park Library. Disposal passes will still be available. There will be 12 mobile speed feedback trailers going out this year.

Several changes to Standing Committee Policies and Procedures were recommended. I ask for your approval to accept them. I have hard copies of the changes – 9 pages.

Abbey Martin and Jon Snyder spoke about Safe Streets: There will be 27 miles of improved bike paths and pedestrian infrastructure largely funded by photo red cameras. There will be a review of the planned projects. For new projects, the Neighborhood should compile a list and send it in as a formal Neighborhood

recommendation, not piecemeal – list new safety concerns. The Transportation Commission will look at consultant list, new requests and also “network projects” that affect the whole city. Final date for public input is October 13. You can also contact 311.

There are four projects from neighborhoods going forward for CDBG money.

78% of calls to Fire Stations are for EMTs. A security consultant has been hired for Riverfront Park. There will be a new Neighborhood Resource officer for downtown. Spokane does a good job at solving major crimes (94% vs. 55% nationally).

## **December 4, 2025**

STA still working on routes near Peaceful Valley.

The Sunset Bridge is being planned for replacement – it might take four years!

Urban Forestry planted 3,023 trees and removed 482 dead or dying. The City is applying for “Tree City” status – must commit \$2 per capita.

Betsy Wilkerson: \$13M in budget gap was filled with some layoffs and position downgrades. 0.5% increase in utility tax = \$100 per year per average household. Parking Lot tax was approved, effective April 1. Kate Telis elected for District 2, Sarah Dixit for District 1, Zack Zappone for D3. Town Hall format changing, sort of deregulating – trying to be responsive to Neighborhoods and Councils.

Heather Hamlin - ONS update: 28/29 neighborhoods are active. ONS will attend more than half of the NC meetings. But not January for us...Amber sent some notices.

STA: Planning \$166M upgrade to bus service on N Division (only partly funded) – link is here:

<https://www.spokanetransit.com/division-street-brt/>

## Division St. BRT Overview

- Route is 10-miles long
- 43 uniquely branded stations
- 15-minute or better service
- Zero emission 60-foot buses
- Business access and transit (BAT) lanes (Division/Ruby)
- Transit signal priority (TSP)



NS Corridor will open in 2030 / new transit station planned for Mead / new pedestrian pathway along Ruby

Safety Committee: Elizabeth Goldsmith (Comstock) will chair going forward / Speeding and reckless driving were mentioned as very important / Fire prevention also mentioned / kids walking to school are a concern / park safety / don't leave your phone on a charger – fire hazard for some. Youth member for Safety Committee wanted.

Liaison Committee: Paul Kropp: Linda Carroll of Emerson Garfield is recommended as the liaison for the Plan Commission – passed. Liaison Committee will put out a notice for two positions on the Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee soon.

Admin Comm – Luke Tolley: Luke will Chair, Lorna Walsh will be Vice-Chair, Krista will be Secretary

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: Awards ceremony was Dec 13: Shelley and Summer received Good Neighbor Awards and Paul received the “Spirit of the CA” award. New cups were the awards this year.

PeTT Committee: Carol Tomsic (Lincoln Heights) – keep an eye out for street vacations – can affect neighborhood connectivity.

The draft of the new Comprehensive Plan does not seem to emphasize neighborhoods, and does not really recognize neighborhood councils. New Liaison to Plan Commission will be Linda Carroll, pending final approval by CC. We will rely on her for updates.