

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting

Minutes

Date: 06/11/2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Attendees	Guests
Frank Cejka	Officer Prim – Spokane Police Department
Rita Conner	
Kendall Eminger	Kate Telis – City Council Member
Andy Hoyer	
Paul Kropp	
Shelley O'Rourke	

Officer Prim – SPD – Neighborhood Resource Officer

- ❖ A gun crime unit has been started.
- ❖ The “hot team” (worked to handle 311 calls) has been disbanded.
The neighborhood officer will no handle 311 calls. Officer Prim tries to take some service providers with him on these calls to facilitate finding shelter space and connect with mental health services.
- ❖ Council member Telis is requesting 10 new police officers for downtown and making this a priority in the budget.
- ❖ 2 officers are trained for towing RV's and trailers. If the tabs have been expired more than 45 days, then Officer Prim can tow it. This work is generally complaint driven.
- ❖ 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/>

Kate Telis – City Council Member 2nd District

- ❖ Council meeting times are changing as of mid-July.
- ❖ Council is trying to get public input before the ordinance is formed.
- ❖ The speed racing ordinance passed.
- ❖ A vote is upcoming on a moratorium on data centers, but it will only be in effect within the city limits. The goal is to protect the aquifer. Grant county water use changed significantly with their data center.
- ❖ County Commissioner French wants the legislature to forgive sales tax on data center installation. Kate does not agree.
- ❖ Right to cooling ordinance gets its first reading next week. Wording changed to adequate cooling rather than 80 degrees over concerns that landlords will exit the affordable housing program.
- ❖ Council Chair Wilkerson has penned a “no off-street parking required” letter. The state requires 4 parking spaces. The city can require fewer, but Kate thinks we should go back to the state requirement.
- ❖ Q: Paul is concerned that the planning commission is leaning towards less community engagement.
 - A: Kate thinks there may be a need for different requirements for different zones, Latah Creek vs downtown for example.
- ❖ Q: There is concern about who gets notice for comprehensive plan changes and development in the neighborhood. The only requirement now is to give neighborhood leaders notice.
 - A: Kate comments that city council does not get the notice that the neighborhoods get. Andy asked if the notice that the neighborhoods= council gets is sufficient and timely and Paul replied “yes”.

Minutes – Minutes for May approved.

Treasurer – Andy Hoyer

Checking - \$668.62

Escrow - \$3,000.26

Community Assembly Report – Andy –June 4,

Andy covered the highlights. His notes will be attached.

Community Engagement Grant – Andy

- ❖ Shelley moved that we apply for reimbursement of Southgate's Zoom Pro membership and request \$200 for food and display supplies for the August 4 neighborhood event sponsored by Hamblen Presbyterian Church. Rita was the second. **Passed.**
- ❖ Andy will reserve a tent for shade from the CA supply and organize pick up
- ❖ Andy will send in the grant application.

Other Business

❖ Mobile Speed Feedback Signs

- In July a sign will be set up at 53rd and Regal on city property.
- Andy is working to find a neighbor near 48th and Crestline for another sign but has no commitment yet.

❖ Suggestions for increasing attendance at our meeting

- Amber suggested quarterly meetings focused around business that might be of interest to neighbors.
- Kendall suggests asking neighbors about their concerns so we can plan meetings around addressing those.
- Perhaps we can work with Lincoln Heights on joint concerns.
- Consider a joint meeting with other south hill neighborhoods in the fall.

❖ Update to the Comprehensive Plan - Paul

- Paul suggests asking a City Council Member to our September meeting.
- The maps will be ready by the end of July.
- 29th and Regal will get some substantial attention.
- Paul handed out maps of the Growth Alternative selected as the preferred alternative by city council.
- He suggests getting the word out that there is an increase in density planned along Regal.

Next meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the South Hill Library at 6:30 pm and by zoom.