Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/08/2026
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: South Hill Branch of Spokane Public Library and by Zoom

Attendees	Guests
Deborah Blake	Officer Prim – Spokane Police Department
Rita Conner	
Chris Duryee	Cory Ulrich – Representing candidate Nick Ulrich
Kristin Duryee	
Kendall Eminger	
Andy Hoye	
Paul Kropp	
Deb Lathrop	
Shelley O'Rourke	
Lisa Pincus	

Officer Prim – SPD – Neighborhood Resource Officer

- Citizens will now call 311 to report non-emergency crimes. 311 operators can transfer to the correct jurisdiction.
  - Q: How will SPD get their nuisance data?
    - A: 311 information collected goes through as a call for service. Police will have access to that information. Police officers do need to review the calls to see which ones are nuisance reports.
  - Q: What to do about kids on e-bikes riding irresponsibly?
    - A: If there are no pedals on the bike, a person must be 16 or older to operate it on the road. Police can't pursue bikes or motorbikes due to safety issues. Note that a child younger than 12 is considered to not know that they have committed a crime. E.g. Damaging a park
  - Q: Vacant unattended homes are a problem for neighbors.
    - A: Call code enforcement. Weeds taller than 3 feet are not allowed.

- 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/

Nicholas Ulrich – Candidate for District Court Judge, Position 4

Cory Ulrich, Nicholas' sister, spoke on behalf of Nicholas, reviewing his background and qualifications for the position.

Problems at Hazel's Creek and Hamblen Park

- At our September meeting, several people complained about Hazel's Creek saying that it was unkempt and signs about leashing dogs and cleaning up after them were down. Councilman Paul Dillon is seeking to have Hazel's Creek reassigned from Waste Management to Parks with the intent that it will be better maintained as a park.
- Neighbors are concerned that Hamblen Park is a fire hazard. The fire department looked at it and said it was not a fire hazard. Andy walked the park and did not see dog waste nor other garbage although there were downed trees. The city has agreed to work to clear the downed logs.
- A comment was made that the grass was too tall between Myrtle and Freya on 44th. Andy will go and look at this.

Minutes – September minutes to be approved next month.

Treasurer – Andy Hoye

Checking - $458.34
Escrow - $3,000.26
Southgate Zoom account was renewed for ½ price at $79 because we are a 501 (c)(3). We have applied to be reimbursed by the Engagement Grant Funds for the Zoom account and $30 of food purchased for September's joint meeting with Council.

Community Assembly Report – Andy –October 1
Andy covered the highlights. His notes will be attached below.

Other Business
- ❖ Andy has disposal passes that neighbors can request.
- ❖ Neighbors are concerned about nursing homes in the neighborhood. Paul thinks it might require a change of use but is not sure. It was suggested to call the Planning and Development Department of the city.
- ❖ West Hills Neighborhood has requested support of their request for the rehabilitation of the Sunset Bridge. Spokane Regional Transportation Council has the bridge on its list for rehabilitation. The city and the county are doing what they can to request federal funding for this project.
  - ➢ Kendall moved with Rita as second, that Southgate support the West Hills appeal to get federal funding for rehabilitation of the Sunset Bridge. **Passed**.
  - ➢ Andy will talk with Paul and West Hills neighborhood and determine how to go about that.

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

CA Meeting notes – October 1, 2026

23 Neighborhoods attending

Sunset Bridge needs to be reworked – expensive. I will post a recommendation letter on the website. Neighborhoods, especially West Hills are asking for Federal support.

Solid waste rates are going up @ 3.5% per year in 2027 and in 2028.

Spokane Parks Foundation grants may be applied for until 11/20 – up to $6,000 per project. Hazel's Creek is not owned or managed by City Parks and would not qualify.

Public Safety Funding will add 0.1% to the sales tax and also enable the purchase of Rock Pointe and provide more services for mental health. The CC Comp plan Hearing is scheduled for November 2 – might move to Nov 9.

The Critical Areas Ordinance will be updated in 2027.

The Neighborhood Summit is November 7. There is a CSO tour on 10/29 – contact Heather Hamlin.

Cycle 15 Traffic Calming projects are in review. Asked for is $26 million. Available is $3.5 M. Handout is here on these.

There was a brief discussion a pause for recognition of Cliff Winger who passed suddenly.

Tim Thomson of Planning spoke about revisions to title 17 – the zoning code. There will be hearings and activity throughout 2027. Mixed use districts will be clarified. There will be updates to the Planned Unit Development regulations. Per state regulations, middle housing is mandated. No decisions on data centers yet.

Link is https://engagespokane.gov/build-spokane

Ariel Anderson spoke about changes at HHS department. A multi-jurisdictional RFP is going out to provide homeless services on November 2. 2- year funding projects. Due January 8. There will be no point-in-time census this year.

There is a new BSN CA Handbook coming out.

Letter Supporting West Hills NC and Rehabilitation of Sunset Bridge

This was sent to Murray, Cantwell and Baumgartner today. Noland is the West Hills NC contact. Copy also sent to Paul Kropp.

Dear Senator Murray:

On behalf of the residents of the Southgate Neighborhood Council, I write in support of the federal funding request submitted by the West Hills neighborhood for rehabilitation of the Sunset Bridge. We concur with the concerns outlined in the West Hills letter regarding the

bridge's deteriorating condition, its importance to public safety, and its critical role in Spokane's transportation and emergency response network. The Sunset Bridge serves residents across Spokane and is an essential link for travel, commerce, and wildfire evacuation.

We respectfully urge you to support and prioritize federal funding for this important infrastructure project. Investing in the Sunset Bridge will improve public safety, strengthen emergency preparedness, and preserve a vital community asset for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued service to the people of Washington State.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hoye, Co-Chair, Southgate Neighborhood Council

Spokane, Washington