

Southgate Neighborhood Council  
Minutes  
September 9, 2010

**Community Assembly – Shelley O’Rourke**

- Meeting Sept 10
- Community meeting on budget Wed. 4-6 at city hall

**Officer Nominations**

- Elections in December to get back on track.
- New officers will take over in January.
- Nominations at October and November meetings

**Treasurer’s Report**

\$541.61 – no change

**PeTT Committee – Paul Kropp**

- next meeting next week
- Monies generated by red-light cameras:
  - \$2,000 toward street trees in Southgate
  - Movable speed radar signs
- Committee looking to revise requirements for neighborhoods for next year’s funds
- Looking at Complete Streets and Safe Routes to Schools
  - Plan for SNC to work with Hamblen Elementary in future

**Stakeholder’s Planning Committee - Kerry**

- Report to Neighborhood Action Committee from workshop in Oct 2008
  - City has requested that SNC expands narrative, submit illustrations, photos, and submit a PowerPoint presentation
  - Will post on website after edits completed
- Parks and Open Spaces Plan approved by SNC submitted in March to city. SNC expected that City would edit report. Nikole Coleman from City told Kerry that it was ready and was to come to Stakeholders in August. Then called to say that the Parks needed to comment.
- Transportation Plan – will put on website. Ready to bring to October SNC meeting if consultant is able to complete edits and new maps. Have obtained feedback from Ray Wright from city.

**Joe Shogun, City Council President**

- \$12 million dollar budget deficit for 2011.
- Doubtful that will be able to avoid layoffs
- Goal is for balanced budget

**Mike Taylor, City of Spokane – Hazel’s Creek Update**

- 4 studies completed to determine storm water capacity. Conclusion is that it is AT CAPACITY now due to downstream components that limit flow-through.
- Instructions for future development are that future development will not be able to access Hazel’s Creek. Probably will require evaporation ponds on development sites.

- Installing monitors on downstream discharge pipes to take measurements for at least one year.
- Pinch-points that restrict water flow:
  - 37 & Freya
  - Chase Middle School
  - 8<sup>th</sup> & Carnahan
- Hopeful that a well underground can move water through pinch-points to gain additional through-put capacity to eventually remove retention ponds at 57<sup>th</sup>.
- Passive recreational use: Dale Arnold lead walk-through looking at potential for limited trails or observation points were. Dept of Ecology isn't enthusiastic about passive interaction between humans and wildlife. Hope to develop compromise.
- Financial restraints for Waste Water surrounding phosphates and other pollutants in Spokane River will compete with funding on projects like Hazel's Creek.
- Suggests that SNC actively promote, testify and give input.
- Vandalism on barn: consider removing barn and replacing it with a building that is defensible against vandalism.
- Operation of project will require collaboration between parties involved: City, Spokane Public Schools, SNC, etc.
- Artist's rendition of Hazel's Creek not being done at this time because final plans undetermined. Waiting for capital plan before updating.
- What about the KXLY property for retention ponds? Per Mike Taylor, all of those plans are still feasible to keep the water on the KXLY property. Limit of 4-foot dirt berms. KXLY was invited to meet with Dale Arnold from Waste Water.
- Any discussions on the city purchasing additional properties for waste water managements?

### **Mike Taylor – Straw Poll**

How can we help our community through this recession? What can we do for our local work force?

Remainder of \$46 million left to use of 2004 Street bond which covered repair 1/3 of streets. 27 prime contractors over last 2 years (24 from region); 107 sub-contractors (101 local)

Straw poll: Would you support renewing bond, about \$5 per household? \$160-170 Mil

Comments:

- Want people who drive pay for it not homeowners
- Want sidewalks and bike lanes and people who don't drive wouldn't contribute
- Add complete streets elements
- Legal department says that "curb-to-curb" means just that, no other amenities. However, it hasn't been changed legally.
- Outcome about 50% would support

### **Audience Comments**

- Shelly O'Rourke – several stolen automobiles in her neighborhood, vehicle prowling. Don't leave valuables in cars, call police to report.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.