

DATE: January 11, 2012

TIME: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4201 S. Regal

NOTE: Meeting will start with presentation promptly at 7:00 p.m. followed by council business.

7:00 Welcome – Teresa Kafentzis

- New order of events, presentations first and neighborhood business second. Introducing Scott Morris and Ray Wright is presenting on 44th as well.

Scott Morris, Inland Group (Palouse Family Apartments)

- 44th Avenue Update: Goal for 44th remains the same, connect 44th from Freya to Regal. Based on input from neighborhood council and working together over a year. Take traffic off of Apollo and Achilles is a main goal. Inland has put money into design and time in meeting thus far. Met with city attorney and city administrator. Worked with Ray Wright and street department. Still in the design and public works bid process. Hopefully be out for bid within a few weeks from now. Finishing 44th across is not a requirement for Inland's property, but something Inland has committed to and the city wants it as well.
- Palouse Family Apartment Update: Occupancy on Palouse Highway side using the Palouse Hwy exit. Working with neighbors to address concerns about construction. IS willing to give out phone number for people to contact.
- *Questions for Scott Morris from meeting attendees:*
- How many units at the site? 232 apartments, 150 senior units.
- How close to done are you? Hopefully completed around mid-to end of summer 2012
- What kind of utilities are there? Avista put in gas and electric, water is there as well
- What are the hours of construction? Is there a requirement for days off or quiet hours? They can start at 6:00AM per city and county rules. I have tried to get them to delay start till 7:00AM. Crews want to get their work done quickly and its something we need to continually monitor. Please call Scott directly if you have any questions or concerns.
- Any security issues? Not yet.
- There are income restrictions on these apartments, can you talk about those? Are there plans for a neighborhood watch program within the community? *Julie Hope is*

starting a neighborhood watch in Berkley Woods and would encourage the Palouse Family Apartments to start one as well. Inland is owner/operators so they can help build a good community and encourage neighborhood watch. Income restriction is at 60% of county median income (\$36,000 according to Julie)

- What is the average cost of an apartment? \$750
- Would you agree there is a large amount of negativity surrounding this (from Ray Tansy), would you be willing to financially support the neighborhood council? We have incurred costs for road design and other neighborhood wishes.
- How is the road going to be developed, in one piece or as sections between you and the city? Our goal is to do the whole thing as one project; we'd like to be able to do it ourselves.

Ray Wright – City Planning Department, Update on 44th Avenue

- Looking at idea of Inland Group doing the road construction for the full length of project from Shopko to Freya. Initial cost estimate is \$2.1 million. Design is 60% complete. Collecting impact fees since March, \$78K worth right now. Couldn't tell Inland to build the road and we'll reimburse you. We need to go out and bid this as a public works project. \$170K+ in mitigation needed from Inland Group.
- Aside - Doing traffic modeling update, increase of 600 vehicles through light at 44th in the afternoon, patterns are changing due to new light.
- Moving forward: develop bid package, collect solid cost estimates from vendors,. Continuing to use Todd Whipple for engineering and package development. Wants to check with SGNC before package being sent out to bid. Get package and design to 85% and bring it back to SGNC for final thoughts and approval. Still going for a complete street design. Details need coverage: bulb outs at corners, landscaping, etc.
- Claire House was in yesterday with plan for 61 units, originally platted for 28 single-family residences. They need to re-do SEPA, so there is a chance for new public comments. Their funding is all approved, they want to move ahead ASAP. This is a big head's up. Developer wants a 90-day process.
- Mary Verner and Richard Rush were both proponents of 44th, city reserves were going to be used for project and pay back via impact fees. Nothing was cast in stone or a council action. New mayor has 5 major focus areas: public safety, infrastructure, etc. In next 2 weeks infrastructure meeting will happen with new administration. City planners will pursue Mayor Verner's plan at that meeting. Mayor Verner was adamant that those reserves be used on permanent things like infrastructure. Staff is supportive of completing this project.
- *Questions from attendees:*
- When will adjacent neighbors get a chance to review the design before the planning package is finalized? City wants to work with SGNC and Stakeholders Committee.
- What is the timeline? Coming fast
- SGNC Chair suggests an update from Ray at next meeting.

- When you're planning 44th, are you talking with the county about the development at 55th? Developer at 55th contributed \$33K for transportation mitigation fees.
- How many units at 55th? Don't know for sure, upwards of 200.
- Is the design of 44th Avenue the same we saw before except for fine tuning? Yeah, it's remaining pretty consistent. Designs are coming from Todd Whipple
- Is there going to be a stoplight on Freya? 4-Lanes? Sidewalk? There will be a stop sign on the 44th side. Will complete sidewalks on the Westside of Freya North to 42nd. Nothing South of 44th at this time. Lane changes were not addressed.
- How are you going to deal with the basalt outcrop at Freya and 44th? City is drilling to determine best course. If blasting is needed city will do inspections pre and post on adjacent houses.
- What will be the significance if 44th doesn't go in? Traffic will be put back towards Regal and down through the neighborhood.
- Have you looked at using Fiske from 44th to 42nd as an alternative? No we haven't costed it out.

7:20 Introduction of new Officers:

- Teresa Kafentzis, Chair
- Ray Tansy, Vice-Chair
- Ted Teske, Treasurer and Secretary
- Shelly O'Rourke, Community Assembly Representative

Approval of Minutes – please refer to website for posted minutes.

- Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report Approval

- Unanimously approved

Community Assembly Report – Shelly O'Rourke

- Mayor Condon came to the meeting to say hello. He said jobs are important, but his focus is public safety. Mentioned 5 task forces, info can be found at www.condontransition.org. He was asked how can neighborhood lobby for interests. He suggested banding together to have your voice heard. ONS meet and greet this Friday from 5:30-7:30PM in Lidgerwood Neighborhood. Police Ombudsman will be there.

- Jan 31st, 5:30 to 7. Neighborhood Clean-up Training. Mandatory attendance to participate in program (dump passes, neighborhood clean up dumpsters, etc.)
- Tues March 6th, Meet and eat at East Central, city attorney there.
- Wed. Feb 15th, 1:00-3:00PM, in lower level of city hall, workshop on updating and maintaining neighborhood website.
- Traffic calming presentation Jan. 20th on Channel 5, Traffic Issue report form due Feb. 18th.
- ONS has published neighborhood calendar with neighborhood meetings on there. It is online as well www.spokaneneighborhoods.org.
- Police Dept has gone back to policy where officer will come to all neighborhood meetings.
- Reminder to call traffic hotline if there are issues and they go straight to the traffic unit. Phone number: 625-4150. For speeders, accidents, vehicle prowling, abandonment, etc.
- 15-day comment period on Jefferson Elementary issues has started on Jan 2nd. Close on Jan 17th.
- Talk about in-fill hosing and proposed zoning changes. Mike Fagan is the liaison for that.
- Voted on changes to conditional use permits for schools and churches and it was approved by CA.
- Public Facilities District rep came and talked about upcoming request for funding for expansion of the convention center. For more info call www.spokanePFD.org/projects.

PETT Update – Paul Kropp

- City will annually accept applications from neighborhood councils for street segments that communities think require possible street calming mitigation (See Channel 5 broadcast). Money coming from redlight cameras (about 500K annually). City Council determined that it should be split between arterials and neighborhood streets. Application due in March. Pat Hickey will spearhead sub-committee to look at this and volunteer to serve of PETT committee to represent SGNC.

7:30 Neighborhood Planning Update

- **Update on SNC Neighborhood Plan Resolution**
- Planning Commission heard presentation from Nevada Lidgerwood. Nevada

Lidgerwood, 5-mail , and SGNC resolutions are going to the city council on January 30th.

- **Next District Neighborhoods to Plan**

- SGNC will shepherd the other District 2 neighborhoods through the process. “South Hill Planning Coalition” with members from Cliff/Canyon, Manito, and Comstock Neighborhood Councils.
- Could dovetail nicely with Mayor Condon’s suggestion
- Public hearing on Jan. 26th. 700 acres on Brown’s Mountain is up for consideration for inclusion in the Urban Growth Area. Plan commission voted 10-0 against it. City Council voted and County Commissioners need to vote next. 09:00AM at public works building.
- **Charles Rowe: 44th and Helena, Adult Family Homes Invading SGN**
- Had one last year, will have 4 concentrated on 44th and Helena by end of 2012. Aren’t opposed to be concept, just clustering of these projects. Judge Richard found that clustering is detrimental neighborhood experience and culture. State licenses these projects, but has little capability to oversee them. St. Paul, MN went to court to get a .25 mile buffer between these projects so residents could have the benefit of “normal” neighborhood surroundings and benefits. St. Paul case went clear up to the 8th Circuit Court. Other circuit courts have ignored this buffer ruling. 2001 Comp Plan said facilities should be spaced equitably between neighborhoods.
- Design of these converted homes has changed: large additions, multiple air conditioners. Parking is an issue at times. This does not break any zoning based on Fair Housing Act from the 1970s. It explicitly says adult homes are exempt from zoning rules. Home owner does not live on premise. There is a website to view the location of these adult family homes in Spokane.
- **Kerry Brooks Update on Clearwater Property**
- Project architect wants to come preset to SGNC per district center developer’s agreement. They were interested in meeting with Land Use or Stakeholder committee prior to February meeting. SHNC gets to designate one member to participate in the district center design review committee.
- Kerry and Teresa suggest that we re-instate the SGNC Land Use Committee. Sent around sign-up sheet for participation in the Land Use Committee.
- Will invite developer’s architect, Rod Butler to February 8, SGNC meeting.

8:00 Announcements -- none

8:30 Adjourn

Eligible Voters must meet by-law criteria of:

- Residing in, owning property in, or owning a business within the SNC boundaries
- Have attended two consecutive meetings prior to this one
 - Voting membership lapses on the sixth successive unexcused absence

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

- Ray Wright – 44th Street Update
- Rod Butler – Architect for Clearwater Property development