

Southgate Neighborhood Council
October 12, 2011
ESD 101 Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- South Hill neighborhood councils presenting Candidate's Forum October 13, 2011 at Woman's Club at NE corner of Walnut and 9th Avenue at 6:30 p.m.
- Snow removal surveys available to fill out on-line
- Parks Board has accepted our Parks and Open Spaces Plan, next will go to City Council
- Traffic Calming Dec 8 5:30 to 7pm in Council Chambers – need one key person from neighborhood.
- SNC Transportation Draft Plan was submitted to Mayor's contest (didn't win)
- Oct 29 Land Use Law Neighborhood Seminar at Gonzaga

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- Approval of September minutes
- Treasurer's Report- approved
- Community Assembly Report – don't meet until Oct 15
- PeTT Committee Report –
 - City Council needs to agree to process of how to submit requests for traffic calming funds (red light camera funds)

OLD BUSINESS:

- New officer nominations accepted in November, election in December and new officers will begin in January
- Please consider participating in SNC as an officer
- Within city limits, a member of SNC who has attended 3 meetings in a row and then not missed in 6 months

NEW BUSINESS

- **Conceptual ideas for Hazel's Creek and KXLY Detention Ponds Presentation** – City Waste Water/ Storm Water staff, Bill Peacock and Doug Busko, contractor
 - Have studied movement of storm water and now are in planning phases to determine how to handle storm water on South Hill
 - Capture storm water from county evaporation ponds on 57th to 55th and pipe to ponds proposed on KXLY property (negotiating ownership/lease of land near radio/TV towers with KXLY)
 - Water from KXLY will be piped to Hazel's Creek, water then will go through valves to 37th & Rebecca and on to Carnahan hill station.
 - Ponds at Hazel's Creek should have about the same amount of water as now
 - Goal to reduce area of ponds on 57th to 55th

- Resolve flooding on south hill
- City benefit could be trails on back portion of KXLY property while section of property on Regal could be developed.
- Timeline – 30% of plans ready to go to design team by November 2011
 - Building of facilities will not go forward until actually it is needed
- Trails, interpretive centers, and berm work in Hazel's Creek are out to bid
- Water depth of ponds will be 12-18 inches when ponds are full
- Water runoff allowed will be 1.5 gallons per acre per minute

Q: Who pays for the ponds on KXLY

A: not determined, city is studying funding options

- 44th Street from Regal to Freya – Ray Wright, City traffic engineer
 - Approximately 400 apartments that will front on 44th, developer wanted to work with city and neighborhood to design and build a street that would benefit entire Southgate Neighborhood area.
 - March 2011 Transportation Impact Fees started so that developers pay their proportionate share to build necessary infrastructure
 - Project was identified to make an east/west connection between Freya and Regal somewhere between 42nd and 44th streets
 - Design standards require a 60-foot roadway, concern that a wide street would increase traffic speed.
 - Met with SNC Stakeholders to design a street that is more complete and more neighborhood feeling:
 - 44th Avenue development
 - 11-foot lanes (25-foot wide with curbing) with some curves (but straight enough to access storm and waster water pipelines)
 - some parking on sides which also slows down traffic
 - 10-foot trail on north side
 - Bump-outs on Apollo and Achilles to narrow intersections
 - Discussion on speed bumps – street department concerned about snow removal using graders and felt that traffic calming devises are adequate to slow down traffic
 - Wall will be built along north side of 44th (basalt or concrete)
 - Residents won't be responsible to remove snow on trails (per Bill Peacock the city would be tasked to keep clear with a bobcat with a blower)
 - Road will cut through basalt and be gradual grade to Freya (the grade from Apollo to Freya is about the same)
 - No stoplight, traffic projections that until 2030 a stop sign is adequate (there is a 400-foot visual clearance)
 - Ray Street
 - Intend for connectivity in SNC Draft Transportation Plan to have a trail or roadway to 42nd
 - Plan to combine existing storm water pipes and swales to pipe down Ray to Hazel's Creek

- Pave Ray Street (along side and back yards) with a trail to reduce impact to Apollo and Achilles front yards.
- Discussion
 - Developer needs to get storm water infrastructure in place this fall to prevent spring and winter flooding
 - Developers are paying for a portion of paving 44th
 - Financial details are still being negotiated
 - Will there be a SEPA process? Not sure.
 - Motion made to go ahead with plans as presented tonight?
 - Concern about uncertainty about how 44th comes out to Freya
 - Don't feel that neighbors have any "approval"
 - Will be a major problem if 44th doesn't go through to Freya
 - Have done the best with the problem
 - Yes = 20
 - No = 5
 - City will continue to follow-up as things develop