

**Southgate Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2013**

**7:00 PRESENTATION – Rick Romero, Director of Utilities Division City of Spokane
2014 Budget**

- Marlene Feist presenting for Rick Romero
- Presentation Title – “Building the City of Choice”
- Property Tax provides 23% of city General Fund revenues, Retail Sales tax used to be the top until the recent recession
- Sales taxes are currently back up to 2006 (pre-recession) levels.
- Top expenditure in the city is Police (32.3%) Fire (21.3%), Parks have a guaranteed 8%, Streets (7.4%), Engineering (4.8%).
- 2013 Adopted budget was about \$776.9M. 38% Enterprise (Utilities) Funds, 21% General Fund
- Strategic Priorities:
 - Drive Down Crime
 - 25 New Officers coming into service in 2014
 - Improve Street Conditions
 - Investing 2.5M into repair and maintenance (mostly storm water system)
 - Get to a cleaner river faster
 - Separate sewer and storm systems to meet Federal Clean Water Act requirements
 - Reduce amount of storm water entering the system by creating filtration systems close to where the water is generated (swales, rain gardens, etc.)
 - Create multiple impacts (integrated projects lie Crestline)
- 2.9% Utility rate growth (same as projected speed of inflation) for 2014
- www.MySpokaneBudget.org has the full budget for our review.
- Q&A
- Q: “Are people jailed reimbursing the city at all?” A: The city does not see much in the way of reimbursement from people. They are looking at other cost saving mechanisms and opportunities in criminal justice.

7:45 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

- Approval of Minutes – please refer to website above for posted minutes.
 - Amend September minutes to say Shelley O’Quinn spoke with Glenrose Neighborhood for 90 minutes.
 - Passed as amended.
- **Treasurer’s Report Approval**
 - Same as last month
- **Spokane Police Resource Officer – Lt. Dave Richards**
 - Crime is going down in the city overall.
 - 6% below what we were a year ago for Southgate.
 - Hiring is being fast tracked through the end of the year.

- Moving toward a precinct-policing model (South, North, and Downtown Precincts).
- Moving police leadership out of HQ and physically into the neighborhoods (like the chief's previous departments). Will work out of COPS shops initially, but want dedicated facilities eventually.
- **Community Assembly Report – Shelley O'Rourke**
 - Wed Oct 31st – Joint Community Assembly/City Council (CA/CC) meeting will be from 3:30p-5:00p at downtown library
 - Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) proposing neighborhood council (NC) outreach program. Goal is for ONS staff to met quarterly or more often if needed with each NC. Will do feedback at 3, 6, and 12 months. Jackie Caro is assigned to SNC. Start was Oct. 4th. Teresa asked for a heads up when they will be at our meetings so we can incorporate them into the agenda.
 - Community Development Health and Services Committee has two openings on their boards, many board and commission openings available right now
 - Next Meet and Eat is on November 7th with Library Services director. 5:00p-6:30p at Cassano's (Mission and Napa)
 - Marcia Tunik said she called ONS on code violation for blowing landscaping debris into the street. There is a regulation, but getting it enforced might be hard.
 - Neighborhood Brochure – overview of CA and NC program. Something for us to hand out at events. Might see if there is an electronic version for us to use.
 - Training available Oct 21st at Corbin Senior Center (821 W. Cleveland) on gaining 501c3 status for your organization. 6-7:30 pm
 - Public Safety Committee update – storage ordinance passed (after 3 years or so). Raises standards on what people can store in their yards in sight of their neighbors. Upcoming is a vehicle storage ordinance.
 - Parks Update – Park staffer gave a presentation on the proposed Riverfront Park Master Plan. There are short videos and surveys for people to take. Public participation is encouraged. Visit www.riverfrontparkmasterplan.org to learn more and give feedback
 - Marlene Feist gave presentation on sewer overflow management plans.
 - Transit Plan Horizon 2040 presentation. Asking for citizen input right now.
 - All these plans (Riverfront, transit, sewer) can be found under the Hot Topics link of www.spokaneneighborhoods.org
 - CA retreat is this Saturday. 9a-2:30p at Youth for Christ Center. 4603 N. Market
- **Waste Management – Andy Hoye**
 - Lead story in the business section of the Oct. 9th Spokesman Review.
 - Solution arrived at by city and county are a good one. To be reviewed in 3 years.

- **Pedestrian & Trails (PeTT Committee)** – Paul Kropp
 - Spokane County transit planning. Metropolitan Transportation Plan focuses on funneling state money provided by the feds.
 - I-90 viaduct through city is almost at the end of its engineering life. So that is one major need. Bridge deficiency is another (Green Street, Latah Creek, etc.).
 - Plan proposes the same kind of device used by Spokane City. Ex: focus our resources where there is growth and allows the most people to do what they want (work, shop, play).
 - Full document coming out for public review tomorrow (October 10th).
 - In this plan there is no support to address remote or decentralized commercial zones.
 - High performance transit corridor (S. Regal to 5 Mile) is in the plan.
 - Comment mechanism is not too clear.
 - SRTC Open House on Plan October 10th at Riverpoint (in EWU building) from 4:30-6:30pm. City will also be showing updates to Transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 4).
- **Neighborhood Planning Update – Land Use Committee**
 - Ted and Kerry presented on the status of the ISP and the permits granted to the Target developers. Design adherence to CC1 zoning us still not meeting neighborhood expectations, but no resolution seems to be available to Southgate.
 - Ted and Kerry are going to draft a summary of the remaining issues related to the Target development and ISP and share them with neighbors and our city council representatives.
 - Ted will attend the Twisted Willows tech review meeting on Thurs. 10/10 and send an update to neighbors via the email list.
 - Crews were on the Covenant Church property the week of 10/7 removing trees and beginning grading. SNC will reach out to the owners to discuss bike/ped facilities along their frontage on Freya.
 - The hearing on the zoning change on the property at 53rd and Regal St. is set for Oct. 23rd. at 9am in Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Spokane County Public Works Building.

8:00 Announcements – none

8:30 Adjourn

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