

## **Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes Feb 13, 2008**

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**Present:** Brian Sheldon, Vice President, Teresa Kafentzis, Secretary; Ray Tansy, Treasurer; Ginger Patano, Membership Chair

**Absent:** Patrick Moore, President; Pat Hickey, Community Assembly Representative

**Brian Sheldon** presided over meeting due to absence of president.

**Previous Minutes:** Moved and seconded to approve minutes – approved

No meetings held since November because of the land use hearings at City Hall in December and January on same nights as SNC meetings.

### **Treasurers Report – Ray Tansy**

- \$406
- Ray researching 501 3 (c) allows to receive tax deductible status; application in process (\$30 for application and \$10 annually to maintain status)

### **Community Assembly Report – Brian Sheldon** attended for Pat Hickey

- very important to attend, informative, because they have a lot of pull with the city and a lot of work gets done at those meetings. We must have representation at those meetings so that issues get to people that they need to get to. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month at City Hall. Many subcommittees to serve on that report to CA
- Lots of discussion on whether Bicycle Advisory Board is getting input from Neighborhood Councils: Al French said City Council will make final decision on bike trails and paths
- Urban Forest –for more information looking for volunteers to start Citizens Advisory Committee to the Urban Forest Committee—if interested in volunteering, see Brian for details

**Local Business Owners – Ray Tansy** contacted local business owners to attend SNC Appreciate business owners and managers attending meetings and encourage members to support our local businesses.

- Jim – Ace (donated tape measurers for everyone)
- Brian Ellsworth – Waverly Coffee/Bean Me Up
- Steve 44<sup>th</sup> & Regal Bean Me Up (donated coffee for the meeting and coupons)
  - Wants to participate in community, help with fundraisers
  - Will post sign in front of store to advertise SNC meetings
- Wheat Montana donated baked goods for meeting and coupons (Jennifer James, manager was unable to attend)

### **Neighborhood Feedback Survey**

SNC started out with Walmart issues, then other land use issues, want to work on other issues while remaining involved in land use issues through Planning Committee

- Please fill out surveys to indicate what is important to you to work on in the future and where you are willing to commit time

### **Land Use Committee Report – Teresa Kafentzis (for Kerry Brooks)**

- **SEPA Appeal on “Home Depot”** comprehensive plan was denied by Greg Smith, Hearing Examiner – contact Teresa for a complete copy of the ruling.
- **Home Depot & Dave Black** comprehensive plan amendment proposals (Z2005-113 & 114; Z2006-083) were deliberated on Feb 13, 2008 by the Plan Commission.
  - Plan Commission voted 5 to 3 to recommend all three be denied by City Council
  - The Plan Commission is an advisory body only so the City Council vote can have a different outcome
  - Issues are far from resolved
- **Extencicare – Gary Marks**
  - Extencicare applied for a conditional use permit for 120 bed nursing home on Freya between 44<sup>th</sup> & 46<sup>th</sup>
  - Zoned for single-family residential --
  - Concerns include:
    - increased traffic from food trucks, employees, visitors
    - lights on all night
    - stormwater drainage
    - property values will decrease
    - grading to level property
  - Letters were due to Planning Services on Feb 11

### **Neighborhood Planning Stakeholders – Ginger Patano (for Pat Hickey)**

- Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday nights at 7:00-8:30 p.m. at ESD 101
- Initial Stakeholders meeting in January
  - 15 attendees
- Most members attended citywide Neighborhood Planning workshop on Feb 5
  - Leroy Eadie has outlined an abbreviated “planning light” to use \$500,000 allocated in city budget for neighborhood planning
  - Concern that proposal doesn’t follow Neighborhood Planning Guidebook and seems to focus on projects without developing a neighborhood vision with input from wide diverse groups of neighbors
  - Next step is meeting with our Council Representatives (Richard Rush and Mike Allen) and representatives from all of the NC in District 2
  - Neighborhood Action Committee Chaired by ONS outlined:
    - Membership would be city staff from various departments
    - Receive reports and recommendations to delegate responsibilities for follow-up to appropriate department

- Stakeholders list is 20 people long as recommended by PS and guidebook
  - Starting a waiting list
  - If people are really excited about the process, can attend as observers/visitors
  - stakeholders are from all over the SNC and represent multiple interests
  - Need representation from schools and religious institutions
  - Two students from Ferris High School AP Environmental Science students
  - Delivered in memorandum of understanding to Planning Services on Feb 6 that indicates SNC commitment and understanding of process
  - Important that we get off to a good start on this, people who are interested and commit the time and do the legwork, we don't want to have to keep bringing new people up to speed. Get committed now and attend all meetings.
  - Consider meeting with other NC to establish a formal process to share information regularly because traffic and growth doesn't pay attention to NC lines and
  - Need to gather information about what we want and don't want, get excited and get your neighbors interested, ideas to meet neighbors' needs,
    - Send out queries to print out and take to neighbors and share
    - Send an email announcing meetings when gathering specific information
    - Talk to stakeholders at our SNC meetings
    - Email stakeholders

**Neighborhood Alliance, Paul Kropp** – board member of neighborhood alliance. SNC joined Neighborhood Alliance in December 2007. One thing that Paul does is observe at Plan Commission meetings. Reality is that the administration and members of District 2, Richard Rush and Mike Allen are looking for methods for putting attention on planning on SNC. Leroy Eadie says that they would have to find funds and find a neutral facilitator. Paul prepared and distributed a document outlining Plan Commission hearing 2-13-08 deliberations on proposed comprehensive plan amendments in SNC.

**Nomination for New Officers:**

- If interested in officer position, fill out a nomination form
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Membership Chair
  - Community Assembly Representation
- At March meeting, nominees will present their backgrounds, goals for SNC
- Vote for new officers at the April meeting, tally and announce
- New officers start at May meeting

### **City-County Joint Planning Areas – Mike Allen, City Council**

- There are discussions regarding that in various areas of the city between city and county.

### **SNC Website**

- Not kept up to date – a former member donated fees to set up a website – the cost to maintain is \$55 per month for one update of unlimited information. Additional updates are billed at \$35 per hour so it is important to gather all information and submit it once a month.
- Are minutes posted on the website? (not at this time)
- Can we sell advertising? (we should be able to ask for donations in exchange for support)
- **Brian Sheldon** will research whether we can with non-profit status and ad charges or donations
- **Marsha Todd** will follow-up with businesses if we can sell ads

### **Announcements & Questions**

- **Marsha Todd – Safety.** Notification of sex offenders living in neighborhood. On the 1700 block of Thurston a convicted child rapist has moved in. The information is posted on familywatchdog.us Show the pictures of the man to your children. Can look up by your neighborhood to locate other sex offenders.
- **Gail Johnson – fundraising**
  - Company Security Plus (wholesale) safety and security catalog
  - 40% of profit from sales will be returned to SNC
  - not door to door sales but could encourage
  - look into non-profit issues and follow-up at next meeting (Brian Sheldon)
- **Larry Myers**
  - SNC should be more to improve the neighborhood
  - Meetings still run consistently on a month-to-month basis and notice needs to be given if meetings will not be held
  - **Brian Sheldon** commented that this was an unusual circumstance with all of the comprehensive plan amendment proposals that needed immediate attention and doesn't think this will be an issue in the future
- **Amy McAfree** – writing an article for Spokane CdA Living magazine

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. followed by 20 minutes coffee time.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.