

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2008

7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

ESD 101

Officers Present: Patrick Moore; Patrick Hickey; Ginger Patano; Teresa Kafentzis

Approve Minutes from February 13, 2008 : Minutes were mailed out and were also available at meeting. Moved and seconded to approve minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Given by Brad Petek (Ferris HS School member) for Ray Tansy. Approved.

Businesses acknowledged -- Patrick Moore

For donations last meeting and this meeting from Ace, Bean Me Up, Wheat Montana. Please remember to support our local businesses.

Community Assembly Report – Pat Hickey

- Presentation by People for Transit starting campaign for re-approving transit tax that needs approval again. Want to avoid sunset clause.
- Planning Services – proposals to CC in April
 - Continuing shoreline master program
 - Continuing impact fees study
 - Downtown master plan
 - Update sign code – ordinance late this spring
 - Homeless camping ordinance
 - Plan Commission has two vacancies
 - Plan Commission by-laws are being revised
 - Cottage housing permits – neighborhood appealed development proposed
 - CA-NPAC review of NP to date
 - Plan Commission liaison – Kaye Strait – update on Hazel's Creek
- Graffiti Task proposal to add to burglary and auto theft ordinance to allow questioning
- PETT – Traffic awareness April 26-May 4. Have signs available for purchase if interested.
- Snow removal – city developing snow removal evaluation committee – goal to complete plans before fall 2009
- ONS – moving to fire training center behind SCC until HVAC work complete at city hall
- NUSA – National conference in Spokane in May 2009.
- Impact Fees update with Jim Bakke – experienced short notice for important meeting without any information to review work that sub-committee had been working on. Planning Services wants to look at alternatives to proposals
- Al French sent out survey form regarding neighborhoods needs for leadership training looking for topics for workshops.
- Urban Forestry Committee is looking for members. Pat has applications.

Website –

- Our website has been designed at no cost to SNC. Now there is a \$55 per month charge for a monthly update and an additional \$35 per hour for other updates in a month.
- Need volunteer to approach businesses. Pat Hickey suggests considering student volunteers. Ray Tansy has contacted all local businesses, perhaps he could follow up.
- 501-3-c status allows donations to be tax-deductible

Southgate Interest Survey distributed in February

Top 7 items regarding land use so SNC seems to be on track.

1. Development of Neighborhood and Land Use Planning
2. Zoning
3. Traffic signal at 44th and Regal
4. Traffic
5. Wetlands, storm water, and watersheds
6. Traffic signal light at Palouse and Regal
7. Crosswalks
8. Graffiti and trash
9. Unpaved roads
10. Cop Shop

SNC Neighborhood Land Use – Pat Hickey

- Emergency Meeting on Feb 29 called by Richard Rush, Mike Allen, Mayor Verner with SNC Land Use Committee and developers.
- Second meeting will planned by Leroy Eadie to educate SNC about options.
- Options:
 - Sub-area master plan –
 - Agreed in principle to continue the dialogue before the city council hearing
 - City to have a representatives at the stakeholders meeting to show an overview
- Paul Kropp – attended today’s Plan Commission meeting. Leroy Eadie reported to the PC that there is no “frame.” Said that he was optimistic about the posture of people and that something could be worked out.
- Tom Best – opportunity to compromise, fight and if lose and get whatever the developers decide to put in. Need to determine what limitations will be in place, how is rest of SNC affected.
- Anyone can attend stakeholders meeting as an observer. Reality is that neighborhood planning is actually a “dream” that has never been accomplished in Spokane. This is a forum for compromise between SNC, the stakeholders and developers to negotiate amenities and infrastructure related to developments.
- Comprehensive land use amendment results in zoning change.
- Sub-area master-plan is intended to make connections and relate uses and could give many options in negotiation.
- The stakeholders are following the Spokane Neighborhood Guidebook, we’ve sent in a letter of intent, memorandum of understanding.
- SNC stance has always been that can’t support any comp plan changes until neighborhood planning is completed. Now we find we are running out of time.

Nominations for Officer Elections in April:

- Ray Tansy for Treasurer by Patrick Moore
- Ginger Patano for Vice Chair
- Brian Sheldon for Chair
- Gail Johnson for Secretary by John Kafentzis

- Teresa Kafentzis for Chair by Ginger Patano
- Marsha Todd for Membership Chair by Ginger Patano
- Brad Petek for Treasurer by Pat Hickey

Teresa and Ginger and Gail Johnson gave overviews of their experience and support of SNC. Nominees turn in their Information Sheets to Teresa to put together and email out to members with next meeting notice.

Washington Public Campaigns. Ginger Kelsh and Rebecca Lamb, Spokane chapter chair.
 –Movement for public funding of elections in Washington State. 41 states are engaged. Local Option bill passed in WA state legislature last week. Going to governor for signature. System in Spokane is yet to be determined.

Local funding for local campaigns for local offices. Works by people getting support from community members and nominal amount of money that those people will contribute (typically \$3-4 per person). Positive because public funding takes corporate and special interest funding out of elections; individuals that would never consider running for office because of the costs will get matching funds; diversity in candidates; politicians not spending their time raising money so have time to work on their jobs; traditional funding from private sources and special interest groups still an option. Local jurisdiction determines funding (For example, Portland takes money out of general funds.) Where the money comes from in Washington is still up in the air. The program will be overseen and monitored by local commission.

Handed out petitions and brochures to get involved. Non-partisan issue. Website information with 9-minute video by Bill Moyers. [www. Washclean.org](http://www.Washclean.org)

Announcements:

- **Paul Kropp – Impact fee ordinance** set PC hearing for April 9, important to have representation from SNC.
- **Paul Kropp – Campaign for Active Transportation potential grant.** Talking to leadership about SRTC and Health District partnering to put Spokane forward for federal funds in the reappointment of the national transportation act. First submission due by the end of June.
- **Ezra Eckhardt and Gary Marks – Extendicare.** Conditional Use permit hearing for Extendicare 120-bed nursing home lasted 2.5 hours. Greg Smith heard the comments from both sides. First time information shown; city recommended leaving some trees; plans call for clearcutting because there is no law that makes them follow city recommendations. Inappropriate to locate in the middle of single family homes – rather than on Palouse. Applicants said that land was cheaper than other land in area that would already be zoned appropriately.
 - Gail Johnson – here to support our neighborhood, need help to stop conditional use permit Extendicare
- Gary Silvers – new comp plan land use proposal. 37th & Regal, multiple-family 3400 SE Blvd with access on Cook Street. 2.51 acres; no plan submitted; SEPA comment ends March 20; Plan Commission hearing on April 9 at 4:00 p.m. This is in Lincoln Heights Neighborhood but will affect traffic in Southgate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.