

Southgate Neighborhood Council  
DRAFT Minutes  
May 11, 2011 -- Regular Monthly Meeting

ESD 101  
4202 S. Regal Street  
Spokane, WA

Call to Order

- 7:10 PM
- Introductions -- Ginger Patano, Chair
- Visitors
  - Jon Snyder, City Council Member District 2
  - Sergeant Rex Olson, Spokane Police Department

Council Business

- Announcements
  - **The Southgate Neighborhood Planning All-Neighborhood Open House presenting the Parks and Open Space and Connectivity Plans will be held at the June regular meeting (Wednesday, June 8th, 7 PM, at ESD 101)**
  - Apologies to Supt. Stowell of Spokane Public Schools. She was given an incorrect date for the SNC April meeting so she was absent then through no fault of her own.
- Minutes of SNC April 13, 2011 regular monthly meeting approved as drafted
- Treasurer's Report: \$541.61 shown on monthly bank statement
- Community Assembly Reports (CA) -- Shelly O'Rourke, CA rep, and Paul Kropp, CA Pedestrian, Transportation and Traffic Committee rep (PeTT)
  - The PeTT's draft traffic calming policy for residential streets was sent by the CA for review by all neighborhood councils last Friday. The document was distributed to the SNC e-mail list over the weekend. The CA wishes to survey neighborhood council support for the draft and receive specific comments at its June 3 meeting.
  - Paul Kropp reviewed the new policy's objectives and key components with a set of talking points (attached) and moderated the discussion.
  - **M/S/C: That SNC supports the PeTT traffic calming draft in general and forwards the following comments to the CA:**
    - The language of the document should be modified to explicitly identify that the policy pertains only to **existing** residential streets and not new streets.
    - This policy document should make clear that the process it outlines for evaluating a need for traffic calming measures on existing neighborhood streets does not prohibit or speak to similar appropriate measures being considered by the city for collector arterials.
    - "Residential streets" should be defined earlier in the document for clarity of understanding.

- Shelly O'Rourke reported on two further items the CA is also asking for "input" from the neighborhood councils about:
  - Whether to support a project to draft a [junk vehicle ordinance?]. The support for this was evenly split among the members in attendance.
  - Response to a revised neighborhood planning process outline that would apply to the next round of neighborhoods. The stakeholder group will consider this after the SNC planning effort is completed. One observation on the outline is that it does not specify the specific manner or means by which any completed -- and city council accepted -- neighborhood planning products will affect or influence future city activities.

#### Old Business

- The chair asked for suggestions for the next location of the portable radar speed display when it rotates back to SNC August 22 to September 5. The consensus is that it should be placed on Regal St. immediately south of the soccer complex facing the southbound lane of traffic.
- Julie Hope reported there was little to update on the two senior apartment complexes that affect 44th Avenue and are in the permitting process with the city except that construction is planned to start from the Palouse Highway end.

#### New Business

- The chair asked the members about how to treat city candidates for election in the fall. Should they be allowed time on regular meeting agendas, or should they be welcome to attend but not be given time? An alternative is that SNC sponsor an evening candidate forum not on a regular meeting day sometime between the middle of September and the middle of October. This would be subject to the willingness of some folks to organize such an event. The sense of the meeting was that the separate night was preferred and candidates would not get time on regular monthly meeting agendas.
- Sergeant Rex Olson provided an overview report on police department objectives and activities for 2011:
  - Reduce burglary by 10%
  - Reduce vehicle theft by 10%
  - The SPD Regional Firearms and Tactical Training Center and the Firearms Range have undergone extensive renovation and provide a resource for the jurisdictions in the entire region.
  - The Property and Evidence Facility will move out of its antiquated building into a new, modern building by the fall.
  - Because of budget constraints and the inability to replace retirements, there will no longer be available resources to investigate most property crimes.
  - Reduce vehicle prowling by 10%
  - Indict 15 major drug suppliers

#### Adjourn

- 8:45 PM

Thank you! ESD 101

## Traffic Calming Policy Proposal - Big Picture Objectives

*Continue the institution of policy guidance that implements Comprehensive Plan policy TR 5.4 Traffic Calming Measures and TR 5.6 Neighborhood Traffic Speed, and the traffic calming provision of the Spokane Municipal Code at SMC 17H.010.160 Traffic Calming*

*Propose a more compact document overall and restructure the document for better “flow” and ease of understanding*

*Identify a definite, appropriate and positive role for neighborhood councils in the process*

*Provide a method for initiating a traffic calming investigation by affected residents (two forms with a minimum participation requirement and a traffic calming orientation requirement via ONS)*

*Provide a means for organizing a sponsor group with a relationship with their neighborhood council and city departments (ONS and Streets)*

*Provide a set of criteria for the evaluation of a street for potential traffic calming issues (a priority points table)*

*Provide a reasonable way for involving the wider neighborhood in order to inform everyone of possible options for a traffic calming remedy if such is warranted (a large sign, a notice requirement for adjacent properties, a written comment period and a neighborhood council meeting to receive public comment)*

*Provide a reasonable method for affected parties to agree to a set of definite traffic calming street modifications (a petition with a minimum participation requirement)*