

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 9, 2012

TIME: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4201 S. Regal

7:00 PRESENTATION

Spokane Police Resource Officer Report – Lt. Rex Olson

- Week of April 22-28 SPD responded to 103 Domestic Violence calls citywide.
- Calls for service for April were up 25% over 5-year average. Staffing level is at 1983 level. Officers are doing the best they can and prioritizing. Even with this level of service being stretched, please call property crimes promptly, SPD will respond.
- Lt. Olson suggests keeping lists of serial numbers for high price items in two places. Also take photos of jewelry to better describe the items.
- Home on Diane Ct. was burglarized April 13th. Perpetrators came in through a basement egress window left through the back door. Small items were taken, new computer was taken and prescription medicine taken. No heavy items.
- Week of May 2nd in SGN: 2 garage burglaries, 1 residential (vacant home) last week.

7:30 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes – please refer to website for posted minutes.

- Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report Approval

- Ray paid himself back for our non-profit fee

Community Assembly Report – Shelly O'Rourke

- May 31st – Meet and Eat @ Manito/Cannon Hill home. RSVP: 499-9892
- Planning Commission approved 6-year street plan. Very specific items. City Council will discuss in June. In-fill Housing Ordinance will have a public hearing at 6/13. Emergency Comp Plan Hearing on 44th Arterial designation happened today. 44th Arterial change approved by Planning Commission will have public testimony at City Council meeting on Monday.
- Land Use – Talking about In-fill Housing. Pocket Residential Zones discussed. Hearing on June 13th
- Multi-family tax exemption. Multi-family units within 400 yards of a district center are eligible to not pay property tax for 10 years. City Council wants feedback on extending the tax exemption. Hearing is on June 13th.
- Open Forum- Marsha Tunik discussed adult family homes. Kelly Cruz from West Central and Comstock neighborhood are meeting with Marsha to discuss.

Pedestrian & Trails (PeTT Committee) – Paul Kropp

- Nothing to report

Neighborhood Planning Update

- Summer Walking Developer's Agreement (Clare House Apartments)
 - Finally signed amended developers agreement yesterday (May 8th).

- 44th Avenue Update
 - Planning Commission met today to consider changing the designation of 44th from residential street to an arterial by emergency comp plan amendment.
 - SNC residents that attended were people that lived along 44th. Plan Commission voted 7-1 to approve the emergency comp plan change to change the designation. The Plan Commissions decision will now be passed to the City Council on Monday, May 14th. Language was added to explicitly state the plan will incorporate the traffic calming measures approved by the neighborhoods.
 - Jerry Boyd asked if they talked about the intersection at 44th and Freya. Answer: yes it was addressed. By changing the designation to arterial it allows for the addition of a 3-way stop or traffic signal in the future.

Donation for Center for Justice

- They have done 100 hours of time donated to issues for SNC.
- Motion to donate \$100 of SGNC funds to Center for Justice. Motion approved. Ray will send a check.

Announcements

- Future Meeting Topics
 - Police Ombudsman – Will re-invite
- Political Candidates
 - Roskelley and others declared have sent inquiries to come speak at SNC.
 - Members prefer not to have meeting time spent on political candidates but are willing to participate in a District 2 candidate forum after the primary.
- Coal Trains
 - Opponent of coal trains passing through Spokane has asked to present at our meeting. Members chose not to have him present.
- Discussion on Multi-family Tax Exemption
 - Attendees believed it should sunset. Or perhaps be amended to be restricted to the downtown area. The apartment development along 44th near the SG district center is an unintended consequence of this tax exemption.
 - Motion to support the termination of this tax exemption.
 - Motion to amend to support the extension of the exemption, but limit the exemption to the downtown area (University District, etc.). Amendment to the motion passed with two in dissent.
 - Original motion with amendment passed with one dissenting vote. Teresa will pass a note along to our city council members informing them of our decision. She will also represent SNC at the Land Use Committee of CA.

8:30 Dump Passes & Adjourn

2012 Officers:

- ∞ Teresa Kafentzis, Chair
- ∞ Ted Teske, Vice Chair and Secretary
- ∞ Ray Tansy, Treasurer
- ∞ Shelly O'Rourke, Community Assembly Representative