

## **Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 11, 2008**

### **Officers present:**

Teresa Kafentzis, Chair; Ginger Patano, Vice Chair; Ray Tansy, Treasurer; Patrick Hickey, Community Assembly Representative

### Neighborhood Policing

Lt Toombs told us that copies of the press releases are available. He introduced Sgt. Dave Swingley, who is an assistant. Officer Swingley (?) works 9 p.m. to 8 a.m., the swing shift.

- A vehicle theft task force is organized to look at car thefts on the South Hill.
- Asked about the graffiti issue, Lt Toombs said that the police and court system is extremely busy with offenses of higher priority due to personal and property damages, and that graffiti doesn't always make the priority list.

### Free Dump Passes

A sign up sheet to request dump passes was passed around. These passes can be used June 14 to June 30.

Treasurer's report: Ray state that the treasury balance is \$67.06, with a \$50 outstanding debt. A hat was passed for donations to the treasury. The council voted in favor of a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

### Community Assembly Report

Patrick reported that the meeting was largely devoted to discussion of the workshop. The assembly voted to approve the Planning Light paper. NUSA (?) committee has a conference coming up. The Spokane Elder Health Service provides transportation to help elderly and other needy people to get to health appointments.

### Urban Design Workshop report - Susan Brudnicki

Susan reported on the format and substance of the Workshop held on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7. Reports were completed by the consulting firm, but no copies were made available to the SNC.

Mayor Verner addressed the workshop participants, telling them that their goal is to help the neighborhood and developers achieve common ground. City Planning Director, LeRoy Eadie, gave some planning background. All those in attendance worked together to define visions, goals, and directions. A tour of the three potential development sites provided a better understanding of the size of the land and potential assets and problem areas, especially those of stormwater

drainage and traffic volume.

Design features that the neighborhood representatives agreed upon were:

No district center, but a neighborhood center.

Mixed uses

Amenities for pedestrian/bicycle use of the area at a "people" scale

No larger than 40,000 square feet footprint for buildings.

Unified and connected look and feel to the entire area

Maintain healthy native trees

Major problem issues were:

Impact of traffic on air quality

Safety for all traffic including bicycle and pedestrian

The impact of traffic "downstream" - on existing streets outside this neighborhood where the increased traffic will have to travel

### **Report on City Council meeting June 9 and 10**

Kerry Brooks said that the City Council said that the record of the meeting would be left open for written comments on the application until June 23 at 5 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for verbal comments at that meeting. Those wishing to send comments by internet will find email addresses on the city web site. The council directed the applicants and the neighborhood delegates to have another meeting to attempt to close the gap in design standards and building sizes on June 18 or 19.

Comments about all the issues and stances by the audience followed, until the vote was called to adjourn the meeting. The next stakeholders meeting will be June 18 at the fire station at 60th and Palouse.

Next Southgate Neighborhood Council meeting is July 9 at 7:30 at ESD 101.