

Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 12, 2013
TIME: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4201 S. Regal

7:00 Call to Order and Welcome

High School Stadium Options

Representatives from Spokane Public School District 81, Spokane Sports Commission and ALSC Architects made presentation on stadium options for school district. Took comments from audience, distributed and collected written survey. They said:

Joe Albi Stadium

- 20,000-plus seating.
- Spokane Public Schools leases from city. Lease expires in 2016.
- Field Turf will be worn out in 2016. City runs stadium at \$390,000 deficit a year.
- Stadium needs major upgrades, not marketable for events besides football.
- Too large for most events held there. Parking lot not paved and poorly lighted.
- Buildings need repair

The five high schools in district have fields but would need upgrades to be used for games.

- Grass fields wouldn't hold up to practice and games.
- No lights at any of the fields. Day games would have to be on weekends, they said
- Not enough seats, stadiums range from 1,000-1,700 seats
- Parking 300-650

Options for district's stadium needs:

- Acquire Joe Albi Stadium
- Acquire other property and build new stadium
- Upgrade all five high schools with more seating, turf, parking

Joe Albi upgrade

- Modify to 6,000 seats, relocate and upgrade buildings. Cost of upgrade would be \$18 million without land acquisition.
- Site compatible with current use
- Neutral location
- Reduced Maintenance and operation by using one facility
- Maintains tradition of high school games at facility
- Travel distance from some schools longer than others

New stadium

- Eastern or northeastern part of district
- Fairgrounds, Hillyard, near Mead is where land is available for stadium
- Cost about \$24 million plus cost of land

Upgrading existing high school stadiums

- Cost \$23 million, no land cost
- Stadiums, 1,500 for NC, LC and Rogers, 3,500 for Ferris and Shadle
- Add, Field Turf, lights, new locker rooms
- New impacts to neighborhoods, lights, noise, parking traffic
- M&O costs more with multiple fields
- Scheduling challenges because of different stadium sizes

Other considerations

- County offering fairground site for nothing
- School district negotiating with City for Albi site. No price determined yet.
- Anticipate lots of neighborhood opposition to stadiums on high school sites regarding lights for night games, limited parking and traffic,

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Community Assembly Shelly O'Rourke reported:

- Joint City Council community assembly at end of May
- Photo red being reviewed whether to continue
- Changes proposed to make graffiti a civil infraction to allow fines
- Considering drone ordinance to prevent use by state and feds but police could get permission to use
- Considering three options for fire department:
 - 1. fire district with elected officials to oversee
 2. leave fire departments as it is
 3. fire area with appointed officials to oversee
- Meetings on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at fire station No. 1
- Outdoor storage ordinance working through system
- Comp plan amendments probably go before City Council in August,
- City budget meetings, budget on city website
- Food vendor trucks license changes to allow in centers and corridors, commercial, downtown
- June 19 short course in planning 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Treasurers report:

- Separate escrow needs to be set up to handle account for \$3,000 for community plaza as part of agreement with change in developer's agreement with Summer Walking property.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

- Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to:

Establish Escrow account exclusively dedicated to the community plaza at district center and those expenditures will be determined by a majority vote of Southgate Neighborhood Council members eligible to vote. President and Treasurer can sign for funds.

Land use committee – Kerry Brooks

- Final draft of integrated site plan (ISP) included language that was not in original developers agreements. Never able to review integrated site plan. Requested that SNC see final site plans before permits granted. Have not received ISP plan so far.
- SNC LUC determined to not appeal SEPA for Black/Target property
- 44th Avenue open, neighbors like finished road, have questions about:
 - removal of “dead end” sign on west end
 - “no motor vehicles” sign for trail in confusing location on east end of road, add “on trail”
 - speed limit posted
- Ben Burr Road, reroute.
 - Plan to move portion of road 150 feet east to enlarge frontage on Palouse Highway.
 - Invite Dave Black and county commissioner to talk about at July meeting.

Police report:

- Neighborhood crime down, last week, month and year to date.

Meeting adjourned 8:43 p.m.

Eligible Voters must meet by-law criteria of:

- Residing in, owning property in, or owning a business within the SNC boundaries
- Have attended two consecutive meetings prior to this one
- Voting membership lapses on the sixth successive unexcused absence

2013 Officers:

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

Facebook Pages: Lots of information regarding the following subjects:

- www.facebook.com/SouthHillTarget
- www.facebook.com/SouthgateNeighborhoodCouncil
- www.facebook.com/SouthgateDistrictCenter