

Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2011

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Announcements:

- Sign Up Sheets for SNC signs: if you have a meeting sign at home, please sign up so we can remind you to post your signs.
- Attendance Sheets for June 2011 meeting (there were special sign-up sheets for the open house). Make sure that you sign in if you were here last month.
- Anti-Gang Website developed that allows citizens to leave information about gang activity at www.stopspokanegangs.org
- Treasurer's Report – Ray Tansy
- Minutes for June meeting – no minutes because meeting was for the Open House on neighborhood planning drafts. Review of the meeting was sent to everyone attending and everyone on the mailing list.
- Community Assembly Report (see attached Community Assembly Talking Points) – Shelley O'Rourke
 - Snow removal survey will be available online through SNC website.
- PeTT Committee Report – no report

OLD BUSINESS

Ray Wright, Traffic Engineer from City, provided a short review of consultant's traffic study results on east/west through-street somewhere between 42nd and 53rd Avenues from Regal to Freya. Report received today. Previously modeled based on current streets. Needed a study to determine how much traffic could be expected HDR Consulting Engineers. White paper memorandum: 2,700 per day when road opened. For comparison a typical walmart store generates 7,500 vehicles/day; 1250-1300 is typical on urban street. Adding Traditions and Palouse Family Housing would add 40-50 at peak hours for total of 300 vehicles in both directions at peak times. Looked at current land use, commercial use, residential use.

Stop sign only at 44th and Freya would be no problem according to the study. Wouldn't need a collector/arterial. Developer of Palouse Family Apt and Traditions is undergoing permitting process and showing plans with traffic circles at Achilles and Apollo. Ray not involved in developers plans. Still thinks that connecting 44th from Regal to Freya is the best idea for east/west connectivity.

Originally considering development of a collector road with high volumes and high speeds. Report supports that a neighborhood street would be adequate. Consider a neighborhood sign to identify it as an area to slow down. Add amenities with green space, pedestrian and non-motorized options.

Comments: Two neighbors expressed their feelings that they were not being represented by SNC and suggested alternate route of 42nd to Fisk to 44th. Stakeholders and others reminded them that the planning was for the entire SNC area of 7,500 households and that connectivity has been discussed for the past four years at SNC meetings. Open invitations have been sent to every address in SNC by Office of Neighborhood Services once or twice a year to become involved since 2005.

PRESENTATION:

Hazel's Creek Regional Drainage and Conservation Area Review

Pdf will be made available on SNC website.

Marsha Davis - Engineer

Dale Arnold – Waste Water Mgmt Director (625-7901)

Comments and Questions:

Will moving this water to this area affect the neighboring houses by increasing the water table? 10 monitoring wells and plan to limit amount of water flowing into Hazel's Creek. If water too high, will pipe to 37th & Rebecca.

Where will pipe to 37th & Rebecca be routed? Don't know at this time.

Are you considering the runoff from Ferris across their big parking lot? Will it run into Hazel's Creek? Monitoring wells go almost to Chase Middle School on 37th. The amount of runoff from Ferris should not be more than previously. Will work with Ferris, they are to manage their storm water on site.

Corner of 37th & Ray storm drain backs up onto the street down 37th toward Freya, what will be done to mitigate that? City aware of problem and with increased capacity from piping water out of Hazel's Creek to Rebecca project. That project is currently being designed. Can use a large sewer line to discharge to in an emergency situation. Currently water percolates very slowly out of Hazel's Creek.

How would a citizen learn when the Rebecca pipe route is completed? There is a natural channel overland through Birkdale and Crown Point. Water level is being monitored. Can look on the city website to see -- Planning Dept, Environmental section and then look for drainage maps.

What will 37th & Rebecca development look like? Should look about the same without te piles of dirt.

Have you figured out how you will “let go” the water that is “overflow” from Hazel’s Creek. Developing a new valve system that will manage the water in the direction where you want it to go. \$3 million being spent city-wide to keep storm water out of the river. Pipeline in already in place, hope to use gravity system rather than installing a pump system.

As we developed this process in the neighborhood since 2005, there were plans for greenways from 57th ponds to KXLY ponds to connect to Hazel’s Creek. It appears that the greenway has been put aside. KXLY has a vested interest in this. What is happening? Developers were to handle water management on their property. Hazel’s Creek as always been the slow point for infiltration. Could get rid of the evaporative ponds using gravity to KXLY and have that water move by gravity and move to Hazel’s Creek or down Regal from 57th. Within a few weeks Dale will be presenting the alternative since Hazel’s Creek has a finite amount of water it can handle.

Question the sense of developing 37th & Rebecca when water could be handled on KXLY property? Not enough capacity to put more water into the ground in those areas without increasing the water table. Need to get beyond 37th to handle the water. Anywhere above Hazel’s Creek, the water cannot be handled above the volume that the property currently receives.

Are you developing a conservation program with Adams and Ferris? Yes, we have worked with science teachers at Ferris.

Have you ironed out the ingress and egress with Ferris? We are looking at placing gates to prevent holes being cut in the fences.

Who is the final authority on the master plan for the storm water? Has this already been approved by city council? Yes.

Is this a final plan? Yes, this is what the grant with the dept of ecology was based on for Hazel’s Creek. We’ve realized that there is a real problem if additional water is added to the site. This is one piece of the overall waste water management.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.