

Southgate Neighborhood Council  
ESD 101 Conference, 4202 Regal  
MINUTES  
August 9, 2011

21 neighbors in attendance

**Southgate Neighborhood Council Business:**

- City of Spokane Building permit info is on its web page for the public
- SNC entered our Transportation Draft plan in the Mayor's Design contest
- Minutes for July approved
- Treasurer's report
  - \$485.36 – 9.58 =
- Community Assembly – Shelley O'Rourke
  - Aug 20 training on Conditional Use process at East Central Community Center from 9-11 am
  - Open House on Conditional Use process on Sept 8
  - Aug 31 from 6-8 pm Photography class by Jay Cousins RSVP to Sandy at ONS
  - Looking for submissions for neighborhood calendar
  - Sept 24 9-1 Neighborhood training at East Central Community Center
  - Neighborhood 101 training on Oct 22 from 9am—1pm at East Central Community Center
  - Dec 3 Meet the Newly elected leaders – training session.
  - Meet and Eat Organizers request topic ideas – call ONS
  - CA involved in the interviews of new Planning Director for city which began on August 9.
  - In fill planning work completed – look at Spokane Planning website
  - Opening for Urban Forestry Subcommittee of the Park Board for a citizen member – application on line at ONS
  - Snow surveys are online, please take time to complete
  - Pedestrian survey online at Planning website

**Old Business:** None scheduled

**New Business:**

- **City 2012 Budget Presentations & Questions – Mayor Mary Verner**
  - Slide presentation is available on Office of Neighborhood Services section of City website
  - Goal is to continue to provide services, reduce expenditures, prioritize how money is spent
  - Draft budget to City Council in September

- **Water Rate Restructure & Questions – City Councilman Richard Rush**
  - Review of new water rates based on individual usage volumes
  - City is providing calculators to determine water usage and sprinkler usage
  - More information on city website and at [www.richardrush.org](http://www.richardrush.org) Will try to post slides on website.
  - What is city doing about conserving water on city property? Working to update equipment and processes. If you see something that looks wasteful, please call the city. Note: Parks Dept does have to pay for water so they are working to conserve.
  
- **Sustainable Works & Questions – Luke Tolley**
  - Energy conservation non-profit organization, stimulus funds
  - Focusing on South Hill in 2011
  - Mission
    - Reducing energy bills by increasing efficiency
    - Creating jobs for people
  - Pre-Audit – Fill out application for audit
  - Energy Audit -- \$95
  - Consultation –
  - Retrofit Work – work done by local, trained, vetted workers

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.