

Southgate Neighborhood Council  
September 14, 2011  
ESD 101 Classroom

**NEED: Report from Jonathon**

Announcements:

- November meeting we will complete the Storm Water Survey

**Council Business**

- August minutes approved
- Treasurer's report
- Community Assembly Report - Shelley O'Rourke
  - Oct 6: 6-7:30 – City Hall , lower level. training about traffic calming ideas for neighborhood
  - Snow survey on line, accepting comments until mid-October
  - Comm Assembly accepted the revised Neighborhood Guidelines
  - Parks Dept:
    - Oct 13, Board Budget meeting
    - Asking for people to be observant vandalism in parks
- PeTT Committee Report –
  - Tom's of Maine contest for reforesting Spokane by planting 1,000 Ponderosa Pines, Spokane in first place
  - Spent last year studying traffic calming for residential streets in city resulting in training listed above
  - Goals:
    - Traffic calming for arterial streets
    - Guidelines to govern how residents can ask for parking adjustments
- Political Candidate Forum
  - To be organized by 5 neighborhoods on South Hill, with each paying a share of expenses
  - Motion made for SNC to pay up to \$35 for up to three candidate forums – motion approved
- Myer's Property update – 60 two-bedroom apts for seniors at 80% of poverty level
  - Land Use Committee met with attorney from city, attorney for developer and attorney for SNC regarding exemption of developers agreement. Developer's attorney contends that they are exempt because it is a multi-family project vs. a commercial project. City attorney contends that the developer must follow developers agreement. Developer's attorney is requesting a Memorandum of Understanding.
  - Land Use Council met and discussed options:
    - Memorandum of Understanding – don't feel that is good representation of neighborhood desires regarding developers' agreements.

- Formal request from developer to city council for an exemption – this was option supported
  - Recommendation forwarded to SNC attorney to forward to developer's attorney
- 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Plans – Ray Wright (deferred)
  - scheduling confusion – not available
  - Jonathon Mallahan will sent out a written report to send out to the attendees in the meeting regarding complete streets project to use to apply for stimulus
- Palouse Family Apartments and Senior Apartments – Scott Morris, Inland Group
  - Questions:
    - How high is the grade going to be on the property>
    - Will there be a buffer of trees?
      - Landscaping is planned
    - Will the pond remain?
      - Depends on if water can be moved to Hazel's Creek
      - It may be smaller or may be able to remove all together
    - Are you looking to add additional exits other than those on 44<sup>th</sup>
      - Three exits
      - Preference of city and developer is to connect 44<sup>th</sup> to Freya to reduce traffic on Apollo and Achilles
    - Dust and noise start at 6:00 am even on Saturday,
      - Noise - regulations allow starting at 6:00 am and for the last 3 weeks we have been starting at 6:00 am for concrete pours, there are two more foundations that need to be poured
      - Dust – try to water every two hours, can't get everywhere every two hours. Have given out phone numbers and respond immediately when calls received about dust.
    - Concerned about pine trees because of water being diverted
      - Believe that water is not being diverted
    - Basement sump pumps running 90% of time in the driest time of the year.
      - City cured problem by working on storm drains on 42<sup>nd</sup> street into Hazel's Creek
      - Development should improve storm water by adding storm water handling
    - How much water will you be diverting into Hazel's Creek?
      - Don't know the exact amount, but it is below what the city allows
    - Have there been any discussions with other construction groups working at Ferris, Clearwater, etc because there is a lot of water standing around on Hazel's Creek.
      - Our conversations have been with the city
      - Jonathon M – requests time at the October meeting to discuss updates to Hazel's Creek.

- Have had two presentations from the city and they said previously that the site could only handle existing water on the site
    - Jon Snyder – city council has been briefed that there have been changes on the Hazel’s Creek project
- Isn’t all water supposed to be kept on site?
  - The site is planned to keep water on site, that could change if there are changes in city storm water management plan
- Don’t you have an agreement with the city to complete 44<sup>th</sup> to Freya before you get a Certificate of Occupancy?
  - No, but we would like to have 44<sup>th</sup> go through
- City and County need to get the intersections at Freya and Palouse corrected. Jonathon will relay concerns to city engineers
- Before the city put up the barrier, we had traffic speeding through from Freya and Regal, there is going to be a tremendous amount of traffic.
- Putting 44<sup>th</sup> through will provide us with options to improve moving traffic east to west.
  - Ray Wright has planned a winding, meandering road that forces cars to slow, with a trail buffer on n side with swales, on south side a sidewalk with a swale.
  - The city is trying to follow complete streets model
- How will we get on to Freya?
  - Will ask to have that addressed in written report.
- What is the time line to complete 44<sup>th</sup>?
  - Inland Group would like it completed now, city hasn’t given approval to work on 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. The buildings closest to 44t won’t be occupied until the end of next summer
  - First building open next to Palouse in December and then one building a month
- When is the exit on
  - Once receive approval will start working on 44th from Achilles west to Regal
  - Waiting for city to respond on 44<sup>th</sup> east to Freya
- Consider having the city present both Hazel’s Creek and 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the engineers working on projects
- How will the county plow my road?
  - Anticipate the road will be open by winter so plows have access
- Three exits, road that comes in on 50<sup>th</sup> almost to your development, has that been explored as another exit?
  - Don’t believe that is a viable option

Meeting adjourned at 8:45