



Southgate Neighborhood Council

<http://www.southgatespokane.org>

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2014

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4201 S. Regal

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes** – please refer to website above for posted minutes.
 - Not posted, defer to next month

- **Treasurer's Report Approval**
 - No changes
 - Donation of \$100 sent to Center for Justice
 - Received notice \$3,000 on escrow account

- **Spokane Police Resource Officer** – Capt. Dave Richards
 - Uptick in people prowling in Lincoln Hts area, one arrest made
 - Directed patrol in area, focusing resources where problems have occurred in previous week
 - South side now has an assigned captain, detective, NCOs currently located at St. Anne's church.
 - COP Shops will remain in same locations
 - Firearms comment: if you have a firearm, be mindful to prevent a tragedy
 - Question: Any concerns about school resource officers armed in schools? Answer: Support armed, trained resource officers to prevent a tragedy during a shooting. Confident that officers will be adequately trained to situations.

- **Community Assembly Report** – Shelly O'Rourke
 - Meeting moved to January 10 -- no report this month

- **GMA-required Public Participation – Resolution to Community Assembly** – Paul Kropp
 - Public participation is a keystone part of the Growth Management Act in the state of Washington
 - Spokane City is aiming to update the Comprehensive Plan
 - City Land Use Committee requesting that City Council and Mayor need to address how public will be kept informed and a time table

- of when the public participation program will be made effective
- Taking comments from neighborhoods and vote on either on January 10 or at February meeting
- Moved to support 13 in favor; 2 not voting; 0 against

- **Waste Management** – Andy Hoye

- Interlocal agreement needs to be rewritten by end of 2014 and is nearly completed.
- Liaison committee of elected officials will be dissolve
- Revising membership of committee
- Waste to Energy plant is totally operated by the City of Spokane

- **Lower Ben Burr Trail Update** – Andy Hoye

- \$1.7 million is also to connect to the Centennial Trail from the southside, the trail in east central must also be upgraded.
- Comments support project but try to protect as much as possible (i.e. large trees, trail widths)

- **Pedestrian & Trails (PeTT Committee)** – Paul Kropp

- No meeting to report

- **Neighborhood Planning Update** – Land Use Committee

- Target going full steam ahead
 - Comment about large, blank walls. Design elements exempted
- All (four) building pads have been permitted
- PetSmart is one tenant (no restaurant allowed in same building per PetSmart agreement)
- Kit of parts (design elements) requirements are being met so far
- Comment: in spite of the guidelines, regulations and developer agreements, Target was allowed multiple exemptions that resulted in a large big box store
- Comment: SNC was never against Target, just wanted Target to conform to the district center guidelines and developer agreements.
- Big Picture going forward – want to be proactive on what is built on the remaining 30 acres of the district center
- COMMENTS:
 - Center and corridor guidelines from 2002 were just a first draft, and were never taken to the next level. They are permissive guidelines, difficult for practical application.
 - Streetscape and character, SNC has asked repeatedly about the on-street parking requirements since April. Currently the city has no plans to add on-street parking.
 - All requirements that were to make the district center more attractive have been exempted for Target
 - Concern that we will end up with a large, suburban

- shopping mall in the middle of a residential neighborhood.
 - Corporations (Target and PetSmart) dictated what they would allow instead of following the CC1 guidelines.
 - Any major retailer will have the same types of rules that Target and PetSmart have.
 - SNC needs to remain vigilant to push compliance with the developer agreements on the remaining undeveloped land in the district center.
 - Need to develop a Vision for the entire district center.
 - Scott Chesney stated to the SNC land use committee that SNC would be notified any time a permit is opened, but we weren't notified on any of the four pads on the Black property.
 - How can we engage the developers of the other properties?
 - Is there the political will in the city council to stand up and support the developers' agreements and requirements for district centers?
 - What is going to happen on Regal Street? Current guidelines for on-street parking don't appear realistic.
 - Should SNC draft a resolution to be approved by the city council given that allowances that were given to Target were noncompliant with the developers' agreement that the city council require that the other developers follow the developers' agreements.
- Council Member Mike Allen – Comments:
 - Surprised that Target was exempted from glazing requirements;
 - Is trying to see if there is a way to widen road and allow on-street parking, bike lanes. Difficult because apartments on Regal are build right up to the property lines.
 - Parks Dept has signed a memo to research moving soccer fields to KXLY property.
 - Keep Jon Snyder and Mike Allen informed.
 - Question, what authority did Scott Chesney cite to SNC for his ability to give allowances to Target?

PRESENTATION – Ted Teske, SNC 2014 Goals

- Traffic Calming
 - Applications are due on March 10
 - One residential and one arterial project per neighborhood
 - Three-step process
 - Get signatures of 50% of neighbors in immediate area
 - Traffic study
 - Complete application
 - 2013 Application was stop sign or yield sign at Sumac Drive & Myrtle, can reactivate if desired
 - If there are any other areas that people are interested in and

follow up at February meeting.

- Increase Membership and Participation including:
 - Apartment Residents –
 - 500 new apartments
 - closest neighbors to district center, should be interested in what happens in DC
 - Neighborhood Businesses
 - How can we promote businesses in our neighborhood?
 - Can we partner with them to create a better neighborhood?
 - Concern that local stores will go out of business with new chains being brought to the DC
- District Center Vision
 - Pull neighborhood together to strengthen district center vision
 - What pressure will a large district center put on our downtown?
- Other (Survey?)
 - Are we heading in the right direction for SNC?
 - What other businesses do people want in SNC?
 - Defer to next month
- New website - one stop to find out everything about SNC
<http://www.southgatespokane.org>

8:30 Adjourn

2014 Officers:

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Shelley O'Rourke, Community Assembly Representative

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