



Southgate Neighborhood Council

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Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2014

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

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4201 S. Regal

7:00 PRESENTATION

- Spokane Firefighters Union
- Lands Council – Environmental River Hazards on the Spokane River (CANCELLED)

7:30 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

- **Approval of Minutes** – please refer to website above for posted minutes.
- **Treasurer's Report Approval** – Ray Tansy
 - \$3,000 in savings and \$981.36 in checking
- **Spokane Police Resource Officer** – Capt. Dave Richards
 - Handed out flier on South precinct includes email: Spokanepolice.org.
 - Still looking for a home for South Precinct
 - Crime rate looking good, Browne's Addition, Cannon hill hot spots
 - For the year, violent crime down 23 percent, property crime down 8 percent
 - Police force was at 255 officers last year, now 289. In process of bringing more officers online
 - Part of training will be downtown and all new officers will be bicycle trained and certified
 - Two Wheel Transit gave police two bikes for patrolling
- **Community Assembly Report** – Shelly O'Rourke
 - Joint community assembly/city council meeting on May 28
 - Talked about the blight ordinance, criteria for declaring that a neighborhood needs help with redevelopment
 - **Neighborhood Council Officer Liability an Harassment**
 - Shelley said she brought up Southgate issue about harassing emails from developer. She said she felt city was partly responsible for that because city wasn't following through with its part of the agreement
 - Concern expressed that none of volunteers covered by city liability insurance. All assumed would be covered by city. Marcy asked for language to protect neighborhood volunteers.

- **Council member Mike Allen**, said neighborhood councils autonomous groups to work collaboratively with city. Neighborhood officers not tied to city. Neighborhood Councils are on their own.
- Paul Kropp said expectation of protection from liability while performing their duties is legitimate. Best thing for city to do is explain that councils not covered.
- He said the councils could become 501c3 or 501c4 which would put neighborhood council in position to buy liability insurance. Still an 18-month process. Another alternative would be to form coalition to buy insurance for all neighborhood councils.
- Mike Allen said he would help support coming up with some sort of insurance policy for elected leaders of neighborhood councils
- Discussed putting together subcommittee to look at liability insurance. Shelley offered to bring it up at next community assembly meeting.

- **Crosswalk Ordinance**
- Shelley said crosswalk ordinance was supported by community assembly
- Logan Neighborhood proposed letter laying out its feelings admonishing City Council members who didn't support neighborhood's plan. Allen said he didn't support because it would take second highest traveled arterial and reduce it to two lanes and turn lane. He said that is unrealistic until North-South freeway built

- Community Assembly sent out proposed core values. Shelley said she will vote in favor.

- Andy Hoye volunteered to serve on city committee discussing short-term rentals. Mike Allen there were complaints about short-term rentals, so organized committee. What came out of first meeting is that there is a long way to go to come up with policy. Fire department said facilities need sprinklers to meet fire code.

- Shelley said new unit lot subdivisions rules proposed. Would affect townhouses and condos.

- Mike Allen said there is a proposal for November ballot to have road improvements as levy instead of bond for the same amount and would generate \$25 million a year. Street bonds would be refinanced at lower rate.

- Riverfront park revamping. Biggest attraction in region. Creates a 20-year bond to put \$61 million into park, Allen said.

- Vote on park land swap for KXLY property access in Southgate won't be rolled into the Riverfront Park issue, Mike Allen said.

- **Waste Management – Andy Hoye**

- Spokane Valley going to Sunshine,
- City will manage incinerator itself. County to out-source its transfer stations
- City will have to shut down one boiler because will handle less
- Spokane Valley has to come up with own recycling and education
- Hope to add Cheney to city incinerator for disposal

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

- Paul Kropp said Southgate should get presentation on road refinance plan
- Two big issues are crosswalks and sidewalks, road plan doesn't address this
- Plan commission would likely have oversight according to city, Kropp said.

- **ONS Clean Up Orientation Report** – Teresa Kafentzis
 - Extra trash pickup will be July 14th

- **Neighborhood Planning Update** – Land Use Committee, Kerry Brooks
 - Two more apartment complexes planned on 55th Avenue, The land use committee's main comment to county is try to respect neighborhood and city planning since it is on the city limits. Respect connectivity and completing street grid.

 - Marcy skywalks should be included in crosswalk plans.

8:30 ADJOURN

Minutes by John Kafentzis for Teresa Kafentzis

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- 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