



## Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2014 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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### PRESENTATION

#### Annexation – Mike Allen, City Council Member

- Asked at June meeting regarding SNC interest and has been looking into since then.
- Interested in getting better fire station and emergency access for Eagle Ridge (looking for a station on Hatch, currently 13 minute-response time). Currently the city has an agreement with a small, volunteer fire station for the next three years.
- Plan was in works in 2007 and stopped when West Plains annexed, now is a good time with the city/county moratorium on building in place until May 2015
- Area: Up to 67<sup>th</sup> and Palouse in general, exact area to be determined
- Would remove area city of Spokane service area from Fire District 8 (this location would remain in the county)
- Look to what the urban growth area map is now
- If SNC supports, send a letter to Mike to follow through
- All areas are already receiving city sewer and water
- Would need to have discussions and develop agreements with the county, fire districts, airport, and police. (Note: there are inter-local agreements with fire districts and city.)
- Estimated savings with consolidation but numbers not finalized
- Would it add another neighborhood council? Councilman Allen said probably not initially, would likely be part of Southgate.
- What about the county aquatic center?
- M Allen has spoken to about 25 residents and all are interested in lower city water and sewer rates; none voiced opposition

#### Neighborhood Discussion:

- Seems more logical for land use planning; our neighborhood plan is contingent on that area being annexed. 57<sup>th</sup> and Regal is already a district center
- Logical to annex since the residents already get city services
- Request due diligence to inform residents so that any agreements the made previously with the county are reviewed. Example: neighbors on 44<sup>th</sup> stating that county promised them the road would never go through but no official agreements could be found.
- What about including Glenrose area in annexation?
- Motion: Support exploring annexation and reporting back to neighborhood, passed 11 to 1

#### South Hill Coalition Invitation for Southgate to Join:

- The other five south hill neighborhoods (Manito, Rockwood, Comstock, Cliff-Cannon, Lincoln Heights) joined together to develop their neighborhood planning in 2012. Plan is

now completed. They have extended an invitation for SNC to join their group. Goal is to have neighborhoods work together.

- Discussion: Lori has looked at their website and supports their goals. Important to coordinate traffic planning, share challenges and successes for more uniformity. Community Development Block Grant funding is changing and neighborhoods can collaborate to combine limited funds to pay for bigger projects in one neighborhood.
- Motion made and seconded to join South Hill Coalition, passed 11 to 1. Need a representative to attend.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes** – Approved August minutes

Treasurer's Report Approval – \$981.36 and \$3000 in escrow

**Spokane Police Resource Officer**, Capt Dave Richards

- Crime levels quiet
- Caught a suspect in an occupied burglary in Rockwood neighborhood, who may be involved in burglaries in Eagle Ridge
- Comstock neighborhood, 3 unlocked garages burglarized
- FYI: Law enforcement officers go across city/county lines all the time
- Question from neighbor: merits of pepper spray, wasp and hornet spray? Good potential tool but for some people don't respond, have a back up plan.
- Confronting a burglar: Logically, losing property isn't worth getting injured.

**Community Assembly Report** – Shelley O'Rourke not present

In process of developing "Plan of Spokane" and what makes your neighborhood unique. Profile will be developed. Work on at future date to complete for Southgate.

**Waste Management** – Andy Hoyer not present

**Neighborhood Clean Up** – Teresa Kafentzis

- Extra trash pick up is scheduled for Friday, October 17. The city will send a postcard with information.

**Community Development Block Grants** – Teresa Kafentzis

- Have attended training sessions. Southgate doesn't have any areas that meet current requirements for low or middle-income projects. Have \$4,500 for ADA sidewalk ramps plus \$5,000 for projects. (Update: at September 16 CDGB meeting, learned that Southgate can only build ADA ramps but can use all of the \$9,500 designated to SNC).
- Application is due by November 24, 2014.

### **Pedestrian & Trails – Paul Kropp**

State of Washington Transportation Commission produces a plan for transportation. Mechanism to highlight ideas and get citizen reaction to funding ideas. PeTT attended the meeting. Funding recommendation for transportation challenges. Will send out a link for neighbors to comment.

### **Neighborhood Planning Update**

- Upcoming meeting on our appeal
- Council Member, Amber Waldref sent out information on proposed Design Standard changes for Centers and Corridors
- New apartments on 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue, meeting scheduled (Ted will send out info). Land Use Committee has sent in comments regarding transportation issues. Total of 366 units
- Met with city on upgrading Havana during a water main project in 2015. Final design has not been completed.
- Community Plaza at Palouse and Regal to be completed in October, no details from Dave Black
- Temporary Use on dirt storage at Ben Burr and 57<sup>th</sup> expires on September 17. It is the county's discretion to enforce expiration of permit.
- No information on KXLY property
- Zoning changed on zoning map on Harlan Douglass property and Rite Center to CB55 from General Business. SNC received no notice.
- County Comp Plan amendment on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Regal, 2.5 acres. Owner, Mike Craven asking for mixed use designation. Hearing is last week of September at County Planning meeting.

### **Director's and Officer's Insurance Update – Paul Kropp**

Center for Justice has a mechanism whereby the insurance could be obtained. Will have to discuss with Center for Justice and report. Ted will follow up with the Center for Justice.

### **Candidate Open House**

- Southgate is hosting in lieu of our October 8 meeting.
- Will be a inviting all neighbors in the South Hill Coalition

Adjourned at 8:20

Minutes prepared and submitted by Teresa Kafentzis, Secretary

*Teresa Kafentzis*