



## Meeting Minutes

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

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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### SNC Officer Elections

- Chair – Ted Teske
- Vice Chair – Teresa Kafentzis
- Secretary – Teresa Kafentzis
- Treasurer – Ray Tansy
- CA Rep – Shelley O'Rourke
- CA Alternate -- open

Motion made to continue with current officers if willing. Seconded.

- 14 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained.

Directors' and Operators' Insurance for SNC Officers:

- Jon Snyder – Response from city legal department that there are problems covering neighborhood councils, since not city volunteers or employees.
- SNC is Washington state non-profit, covered by state laws that state we have the right to execute our duties and not be liable.
- However, frivolous, slap lawsuits can be filed by anyone and must be defended by individuals sued.
- Neighborhood councils exist because they are chartered by the city.
- Maybe there is a way to develop a work-around and join all neighborhoods together and pool money to get a better rate.
- Currently cost is about \$1000 annually.
- Determine if any other NC have D&O insurance
- Contact CA Administrative Committee to put on CA meeting agenda in January.

Comment: Why should we have officers when we they are threatened for doing what their offices require?

Research federal 5013c status.

Paul Kropp: If SNC wants to work with Center for Justice there may be a way to obtain D&O insurance by means of a grant. Neighborhood Alliance would possibly pay the grant.

Motion made to pursue obtaining insurance through Center for Justice, seconded. 13 in favor, 1 oppose, 0 abstained.

Federal law volunteer protection act of 1977 –

Washington state has excellent standards to protect volunteers, however still need to hire lawyers and defend legal action.

### **Shaping Spokane – Ted Teske**

Overview of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan update process

- Portion of updating Comp Plan
  - technical, policy driven section driven by city staff
  - public input – shaping Spokane

Neighbor input requested via a survey and interactive map – DEADLINE: End of December 2014

- Interactive Map – select points of interest
- Short Survey – individual neighbors please submit
- My Neighborhood Story (Long Survey) – weekly drawings to encourage participants

SNC LUC will input Neighborhood Council's input to submit "long form" input that incorporates neighborhood goals.

Profiles will be drafted in Q 1&2 and sent to neighborhoods for more input.

Ray will send out drafts that have been completed for examples to look at.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes for September and November** – 13 approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Ray Tansy

- \$250 in limbo for appeal, Scott Chesney said that if appeal was settled the fee would be returned.
- No change in accounts

**Spokane Police Resource Officer** – Capt. Dave Richards

- Uptick in commercial burglaries, smash & grab,
- Things looking good across the city
- Several arrests made for residential burglaries, identity theft,
- Making a difference with local precinct due to quicker response time

**Community Assembly Report** – Ted Teske

- ONS: New leadership for CHHS for Community Block Grant management; asking for input from neighborhoods regarding type of skills required
- new staffer in capital programs group to design and scope CDBG projects
- Council person Stratton will be new liaison to CA from CC
- \$2 million surplus left in SeaSac fund, send comments to Hal Ellis (put on agenda for SNC January meeting)
- CDGB update: 4 neighborhoods gave money away; 5 neighborhoods used \$9500 on small projects

- Looking for citizen liaison for Urban Forestry committee – contact Shelley if interested
- Looking for member on liaison committee

### **Waste Management – Andy Hoyer**

Discussion on going:

- considering single-stream with garbage and recycling together in one bin
- no plastic bags in county-wide

### **Neighborhood Clean Up – Teresa Kafentzis**

### **Community Development Block Grants – Teresa Kafentzis**

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

### **Neighborhood Planning Update**

- 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail/Havana Street Water Project Updates
  - Digging trench to put pipe in
  - Engineer plan not completed
  - Stop and look at project
  - Considerations:
    - Topography very rolling, will probably build retaining walls
    - Safe pedestrian crossing on Freya
    - Must be paved to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act
    - Width not determined
    - Replant vegetation; work with Urban Forestry; apply for greening grant in 2015
- Havana Street / Water project
  - Project Open House with presentation by city staff – Thursday, December 11 at 6:00 pm at Chase Middle School
- Palouse Hwy Crosswalk funded by Photo Red monies from 2014 application to be build during 2015 construction season
  - Part of SNC appeal was to lower speed zones to 25 mph to
  - City engineer, Inga Note (?) shared preliminary design
  - City has completed pedestrian counts, majority of pedestrians are crossing from Copper Hill apartments
  - SNC requested pedestrian signals like one on Hamilton Street
  - Need street lights
  - 4-foot drop off at edge of sidewalk, blind neighbor fell down
  - Share feedback with city engineer regarding number of residents using wheelchairs, walkers attempting to cross Palouse
  - LUC will set up a meeting with Clare House, Copper Hill and city engineers
- Councilwoman Amber Waldref updates to Center and Corridor Zoning Revisions
  - Addressing updates to ordinances to move “should” to “shall”
  - Presented to plan commission in January

- Will go to city council later
- Illegal U-Hal Business on Palouse Hwy
  - Single-family residential zoning
  - ONS – all trucks must be moved by December 21 or owners must apply for conditional use permit
  - Goodwill truck will also be removed
  - Legacy zoning from county for radio station
- Appeal Update
  - Waiting for city's reponse on requests for:
    - lower speed limit
    - allow neighborhood council comment before permit has been granted
    - medians
    - crosswalks and signage
- Regal Lumber property Grading on Regal
  - No permits before the grading was started
  - SNC contacted county and permit was granted
  - Clearing 8 acres
  - Move cell phone tower to next to 53<sup>rd</sup>
  - Storing 45,000 cubic yards of dirt on site
  - 13-foot cliff will be left between properties (no plans for retaining walls)
  - No permits submitted for building plans
- Ezell's Famous Fried Chicken coming to Regal Plaza
- Numerica Credit Union

**Jon Snyder:**

- Usage of surplus of street bonds – build missing handicap access ramps
- City Council has authority to approve use of surplus street
- Update master bike plan annually
  - Suggestion from Candace Mumm, considering inclusion all approved Neighborhood Plans
  - 44<sup>th</sup> trail added
  - Right of way on Havanna north of 37<sup>th</sup>, consider a trail to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Fish Lake Trail –
  - Talk of adding to park bond
  - Need two bridges estimated at \$4 million
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- Ped/Bike bridge from U-district to E. Sprague
  - engineering being completed
  - \$8 million cost
  - working on land acquisition

District 81 representative requesting time at January meeting – motion made and seconded to not have them present. Discussion: There will be many more opportunities in the community to learn about the bond if people are interested.  
Passed: 13 in favor

*Minutes Prepared by: Teresa Kafentzis, SNC Secretary*