



## Meeting Agenda

Date: January 14, 2015 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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### NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

#### Approval of Minutes – approved December minutes

- See website for December minutes (<http://southgatespokane.org/meeting-agendas-minutes/neighborhood-council-meeting-minutes/>)

#### Treasurer's Report – Ray Tansy,

No change

#### Spokane Police Resource Officer – Capt. Dave Richards, no report

#### Community Assembly Report – Shelley O'Rourke

- Meet & Greet: Jan 29 at Cassanos at 5 pm, topic is charter school in SPS
- Council person Stratton new CA liason
- Feb 4 open house from 4 to 6 at West Central – update on design guidelines for C&C
- Annual calendar is being printed for 2015, also available on the city website
- Town Hall for the SW neighborhoods at City Hall
- Program Application dates announced – city is staggering deadlines to alleviate pressure on neighborhoods.
  - Traffic Calming Jan 5 to Mar 2
  - Mobile Traffic Signs Jan 5 to Mar 16
  - Clean Up
  - Greening Grants: March 1 to June 30
  - CDBG – July 30
- Traffic Calming Application Training for District 2 at January 29 at 6 pm at a location be determined.
- Clean Up Program – TK recommends curbside pick up like last year. Very popular, used almost all of \$6,000 funds. Dump passes in past less than \$200 participation all year.
- Jan Quintrall - Discussed process for selection for the new Planning Director
  - Panel of 5-6 to work with candidates
  - Finalists will be interviewed by CA, open houses, and city council
  - CA appointed Dave Burnett as their representative
- CA retreat Friday, Feb 20 from 9 to 1 at Finch Arboretun – Jason to work on expanding past workshops on vision development for CA

- Vehicle Storage ordinance passed last year has not been successful. Decided to amend ordinance: to only have 4 vehicles on property plus those parked in “legal driveway.” Vehicles on blocks, jacks or elevated cannot be outside for more 12 hours. Code enforced only if neighbors file a complaint.
  - Motion to support new changes: Motion passed with 14 in favor; 0 against
- CDBG funding changes are in development, asking neighborhoods to attend to help determine use of funds. Teresa willing to go with new volunteer until they are comfortable.
- Short-term rental issue: Questions from Tara Zeigler to neighborhoods about licensing:
  - Over-the counter permit versus a conditional use permit, which is more expensive and takes a long time to obtain:
  - 1-2 bedrooms or up to 4 bedrooms?
  - Does house have to be owner occupied?
  - Should there be a limit to number in neighborhoods
  - Considerations to limit:
    - Limit the number of permits?
    - Number of people per home?
    - Number of non-owner occupied per neighborhood?
    - Should there be a “hardship” clause
  - Short discussion and then have LUC finalize it to submit to CA
  - Individuals should send comments to [tzeigler@spokanecity.org](mailto:tzeigler@spokanecity.org)
  - Comments:
    - up to 4 bedrooms only if owner occupied
    - if there is a contract or lease (someone renting a house) then they are responsible so owner doesn’t need to be there
    - if owner is occupying the place, will maintain the characteristic of the neighborhood
    - concern if not owner occupied, neighborhood becomes more transient and less control
    - what about the number of extra vehicles parking in neighborhoods?
    - Idea is that an owner could rent out a few rooms for extra income
    - Vacation by rental – rent entire homes for a week or two (is a short-term rental and what we are discussing)
    - Can really change the character of neighborhoods of single-family owner occupied homes
    - Restrict to an owner having only one house rather than allowing to own multiple properties
    - Need to notify their neighbors
    - I don’t support this in a neighborhood, it ruins the character
    - Property should be inspected for adequate parking, safety

- One party per house versus number of people so turnover is limited and disruption to neighborhood limited
- Motion – LUC will finalize: Rooms - 4 or less passed 11 to 4; owner-occupied passed 15 to 2;
- other considerations will be left up to individuals to comment to city at [TZeigler@spokanecity.org](mailto:TZeigler@spokanecity.org)

**Waste Management** – Andy Hoye (no report)

**Community Development Block Grants** – Teresa Kafentzis

- Nothing to report at this time. Will attend upcoming meetings on revisions to program.
- Looking for volunteer interested in taking over

**Pedestrian & Trails** – Paul Kropp (no report)

**Neighborhood Planning Update** – Kerry Brooks/Ted Teske

- 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail Update
  - Work done until spring
  - Discussion on lighting on trail
- Palouse Hwy. Crosswalk Update
  - Email conversation with city and Clare House residents
  - Planning a meeting with Clare House residents
  - Can send comments to [INote@spokanecity.org](mailto:INote@spokanecity.org)
  - City will attend SNC meeting in February to discuss design
- Illegal U-Haul Business on Palouse Hwy. Update
  - Moved business to parking lots in front of Ferrantes and some in Shopko parking lot
  - Zoning not for “display” vehicles so city is allowing under “storage” which is for equipment that is stored and not accessible by customers. Not sure how city justified this ruling.
- Illegal Dumping Related to Regal Lumber Grading (C. Vaughn property)
  - Dirt has been moved from former lumber site to sites at 57 & Palouse and Regal on Harlan Douglass property – no permits for either site.
  - City has put a stop-work order on site on Regal and dirt will be removed
  - County has not stopped on former church site, grading permit is pending but work is continuing with permit
- “Temporary” Dirt Piles at 57<sup>th</sup> and Palouse Hwy.
  - Second temporary permit expired in September 2014
  - County is going to grant a permit for dirt to remain for when Ben Burr Road alignment is worked on
  - Is in a critical aquifer area – those standards are being violated

- Per Jamie Hutchinson of NAI Black: grading plan has been completed, will meet with county engineering this month, construction will begin in spring. 90% of dirt will be used in project. Retail space on corner of 57<sup>th</sup> & Palouse will be developed first. Considering convenience store, strip mall. Residential on remainder to be built later, probably multi-family. Reshifting the use of the property since county didn't allow owner to vacate Ben Burr.
- Question: Is there any opportunity for public comment? A: No.
- Question: Have you talked with Moran Prairie School? A: We have a good rapport with them.
- Question: Will there be a SEPA? A: No, will be revising the previous SEPA
- Comment: All four corners at Palouse & 57th are a mess.
- Comment: Temporary use permit given to store dirt; now TUP is expired with no penalties. Per the county, there are no penalties for violating the code unless the county prosecutor files criminal charges.
- Appeal with City of Spokane Update
  - Attorney, Rick Eichstadt is working with city to finalize the interpretation of the code to clarify elements of the development agreement.
  - Administrative action only with the planning department, nothing to address to city council or the mayor
  - Will the filing fee be refunded since the appeal didn't go to the hearing examiner as promised by Scott Chesney?

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Greening Grants** – Alicia Bemis-Powell, ONS

Initiative is to plant trees and other vegetation in city.

- 2015 Greening Grant Application Timeline
  - application will be on-line
  - 3 applications per neighborhood for \$5000 each
  - criteria to get more trees planted
  - March 1 to June 30 to apply; selection and planting in fall
  - Community planting event is required
  - Can work with neighborhoods to determine sites if needed
  - Residential trees – 1000 trees in fall; 1000 in spring; residents can have up to 2 trees; vouchers will be sent to neighborhood
  - Required that there is a water source for anything planted; must commit to water
  - Designated list of tree species on website approved by arborist
- Possibilities along 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail and on paved 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Ted willing to work with volunteers interested in applying
  - VOLUNTEERS: Mike Lemberger and Kyle Weir
- Any other locations for greening grants? Let Ted know

### **Neighborhood Traffic Calming** – Jackie Caro, ONS

- 2014 Mobile Speed Limit Sign Review
  - Neighborhoods get three locations to place signs for two weeks at a time

- Let Ted know potential locations, suggestions:
    - Both directions on 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue
    - Palouse Highway near Target
  - Signs collect data from passing vehicles (only one way)
  - Data is available to use for traffic calming applications, Jackie reviewed data from our one placement last year on 44<sup>th</sup> when street was just opened.
  - Let Jackie know by March where first location should be, can give other locations later as determined.
- 2015 Photo Red/Traffic Calming Application Timeline
    - 2014 application approved was on Palouse Hwy to Clareview Apartments
    - 2015 applications (implemented in mid 2016)
      - What is traffic calming? Treatments to slow traffic, create safe environment for pedestrians and bicyclists.
      - Residential and arterial projects – one application of each per neighborhood
      - Workshop for training: January 29 at Wilson from 6-7:30
      - Applications due March 2
      - Jackie is available for help with questions
      - Let Ted know if
      - SNC is looking for volunteers to take on application, short-term commitment for 1-2 months

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next meeting on February 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm.