



## Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 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

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

Approved

### Treasurer's Report – Ray Tansy

- \$3,000 in escrow; \$981.36 in checking
- Should get appeal fee refund of \$250 if settle with city (according to Scott Chesney) Check has not been cashed.
- State non-profit license is up for renewal for \$10

**Spokane Police Resource Officer** – Capt. Dave Richards – not present

### Community Assembly Report – Teresa Kafentzis for Shelley O'Rourke

- START requesting input on its policies regarding bus benches by Feb 24
- City Council is accepting input on proposed changes to Centers and Corridors
- Rental Inspection Program – Questionnaire on whether neighborhoods support continuing studying the inspection program. The landlord tenant act doesn't guarantee that compliance is met. One landlord in SNC supports. Discussion; cost will be transferred to renter; want to assure that renters are safe; landlords should be held responsible for proving compliance. In general could help with neighborhood conditions.
  - Motion to continue and keep neighborhoods informed. Passed 10 to 0.
- CDBG funds being requested from street department
- Planning Commission hearing on Short Term Rental proposals on Feb 11. SNC will send comments to Tara Zeigler at ONS and request proposed recommendations from Tara.
- ONS
  - Neighborhood Cleanup on Feb 18 from 6 to 7 in the city council briefing room
  - CA Retreat at Finch Arboretum on Feb. 20 from 9 to 1
  - Feb 25 West Central Community Center 5:30 to 7 – Joint CA/CC meeting
  - Vote for best neighborhood Greening Project

### Waste Management – Andy Hoyer

- Solid waste plan is being ratified.
- Plastic grocery bags being considered to be banned.

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

- Alicia Powell contacted Ted Teske to pay for 4-yard dumpster to haul away weeds. If we turn it into a neighborhood “clean green” project and bring their green waste to site. Discussion: this is a wastewater treatment area and utility department should fund this. We used the curbside pick up.
- Hazel Creek Clean-up April 11<sup>th</sup>
- Extra Curbside Pickups
  - Neighbors prefer pick ups in late May and late October

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

- Meeting on Feb 3 to determine
  - Who participates?
  - How the funds are allocated?
  - How are projects selected?
- Determinations not made so a second meeting scheduled
- Discussion on not allowing “non-legacy” neighborhoods to receive funds (seems outside of the HUD intent)
- Teresa requests that SNC should contact South Hill Coalition to set up a meeting to bring forward concerns from south hill. Don’t want to lose opportunity to pool funds and give to one neighborhood. Ted will contact South Hill Coalition to set up meeting.
- Next CDGB meeting is Feb. 24 at 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Northeast Community Center.

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

#### **Pedestrian Plan and Master Bike Plan**

- Update of pedestrian plan that hasn’t been updated for 7 years
- Jon Snyder presented in January at PeTT
- Resolution to CA to support updates; adopted by CA approved to add to Comp Plan
- Attempting to tie in trails with the county
- First step is to add bike transportation to transportation Comp Plan update
- Innovation of revision of master bike plan will show routes that people can actually use rather than just on arterials. Eventually update on Comp Plan

#### **Spokane Transit Authority:**

- Next PeTT meeting in Feb 24
- Spokane Transit is asking how to improve benches and shelters at bus stops
  - proposing increase in sales tax by voters
  - will include busses and bus stops and routes
  - encouraging public participation to upgrade standards and what is offered
  - Hearing following on Feb 25 at Plan Commission

#### **“New” bus stop at Palouse & Regal**

- Design Review board showed covered bus shelter
- Last week a sign was posted, no shelter

### **Traffic Calming Project Nominations – Ted Teske**

- 2015 Photo Red Applications
  - Due in March, discussed at February meeting
  - One residential and one arterial project application can be submitted
  - No one contacted Ted since then
  - Will need volunteers to knock on doors to get permission from neighbors
  - Other suggestions:
    - Clare House cross walk doesn't stop traffic
    - Request Hawk Light needed so elderly and blind residents can cross street safely (audible)
    - Cross walk at Thurston and Regal for Ferris HS students
    - Street light at Julia Court where 44<sup>th</sup> avenue trail crosses, considerations that neighbors directly support. Request shorter light to prevent glare.
- Speed sign locations
  - Crestline about 50<sup>th</sup> & 53rd
  - 44<sup>th</sup> going both directions

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

- 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail Update
  - Designs will be done in March, hope to have at next SNC meeting
  - Construction from Julia to Myrtle in March, will send out to neighbors
  - 10-foot wide asphalt trail with 2-feet of gravel on each side
  - Trail will be slightly curving from Freya to Myrtle
- Greening Grants Update
  - Kerry Brooks participated in walk around with Alicia Powell and neighbor Kyle Weir on 44<sup>th</sup> trail
  - Bigger trees are \$350 each (we'd get about 14 trees for the entire trail)
  - Talk with arborist who said that bigger ponderosa trees wouldn't get enough light
  - City engineers don't have a planting plan for the corridor.
  - Will supply 200 seedlings to replace the trees that were accidentally cut down. The city won't plant the seedlings, neighborhood will have to do. (this shouldn't have to come out of SNC greening grant funds). Concern from arborist that seedlings won't grow due to inadequate light.
  - Need to get together with Alicia, city engineer, arborist
  - Kyle will talk to neighbors who live along the trail about preferences and support.
- Palouse Hwy. Crosswalk Update
  - Plans are being completed by Inga Note
  - Will meet with neighbors at Clare View, city of Spokane, (include Jon Snyder and Mike Allen)

- Illegal Dumping Related to Regal Lumber Grading
  - 600 cubic yards on Douglass property on Regal was to be removed by Dec 31 but haven't.
  - Cyrus Vaughn has applied for permit to move soil moved to 57<sup>th</sup> & Palouse Hwy and 44<sup>th</sup> & Regal. Now to be removed to undisclosed site 23,000 cubic yards. Grading permit is in process for 44<sup>th</sup> & Regal. Stop order placed on 44<sup>th</sup> & Regal.
  - City and county don't enforce because code is complaint driven and then they look for permit and can place a stop work order. County prosecutor must bring criminal action, which has never been done in the county.
  - City and county both refused to handle complaints when contacted.
- SEPA Amendment for Regal Lumber Grading
  - Comment period ends February 20
- SEPA for Grading Permit for Black Property at 57<sup>th</sup> and Ben Burr Road
  - Comment permit ends on February 17
- Appeal Update
  - Last 8 months have been working with city because they don't want to go to the hearing examiner. Document in final stages to assure implementation of integrated site plan on how it will be interpreted on future development at District Center. Required to give SNC notice before permits are issued. Cannot use Target development as a precedent for future development.

**ACTIONS:**

- Watch for "undisclosed" dumping sites, let Ted know if you see any dump trucks.
- Consider asking Shelley O'Quinn to our meeting to explain why the regulations are not enforced.
- SNC LUC will send in comments, send any thoughts to Ted and Kerry.
- Consider public meeting with city and county officials, public and media to discuss issues, however, it is difficult to distill talking points for media to understand. Find other neighborhoods that are having similar issues such as Glenrose and Five Mile.

**Liability Insurance:**

- First step, is to get 501 3c status so that donations to SNC are tax deductible.
- Motion made, "Paul Kropp is willing to work on the process with the support of the secretary and have SNC pay the filing fee to obtain 501 3c status.
- Motion passed with 5 supporting, 4 not voting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm

Submitted by:

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