



## Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2015 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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## PRESENTATION

**Palouse Highway Crosswalk Design Update** – Jackie Caro, ONS and Inga Note,  
Met with Clareview Apt residents earlier in March

Developed crosswalk design

- Proposed pedestrian refuge island to cross single lane at a time, traffic calming
- Cost not determined at this time
- Only 2 inches of pavement on shoulder so it will need to be torn up and repaved at at least 6 inches deep
- Concern from neighbors about no street light (\$3,200 cost).
- Crosswalk will meet up with sidewalk on Target side of road
- Include signage to mark crosswalk
- Speed study planned to determine if justified in reducing speed limit
- 5,000 cars per day (before Target opened)
- Question about flashing lights – city not recommending because volume not high enough. Flashing lights currently only on larger streets with higher traffic volume. Lights don't require drivers to stop.
- Question about crossing between two driveways – it is where the pathway ends, right-of-way issues. Not completely finalized at this point, may move a small amount
- Plan to build some time in the summer
- Will update SNC as plans are finalized
- Any comments, please send to Jackie Caro

## NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

### Approval of Minutes

- See website for February minutes (<http://southgatespokane.org/meeting-agendas-minutes/neighborhood-council-meeting-minutes/>)
- Approved as posted

### SNC Mail List/Website Merge – Ted Teske

- We have ability to merge our email list to get updates when website is posted. Goal is to eliminate multiple emails. Members can opt out of updates and just get agenda.
- Motion to merge email list with website with option to opt out. Seconded.
  - Discussion, opt out option notice will be in email, simple to use.

- Passed 10 to 0

#### **Treasurer's Report – Ray Tansy**

- No report, should be unchanged

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

- Garage burglaries:
  - Doors left open and/or unlocked (car, garage and door to home)
  - Garage openers left in cars outside
  - Flyer on prevention, will post on website
- Postings on NextDoor page regarding stolen bicycles,
- Technology available to put a device on garage door receptacle to automatically close door if left open (Strong Solutions on Sprague has information)

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#### **Community Assembly Report – Ted Teske, CA Alternate Representative**

- Southeast Neighborhood Town Hall on March 23 at East Central CC at 6pm
- Short-term rental open house on proposed regulations on April 1 at 6 pm
- Green grant applications due on June 30 (SNC submitting 44<sup>th</sup> trail plantings)
- Locations of speed signs due to city (locations on Crestline, 44<sup>th</sup> Avenues)
- Rental inspection program – discussion: Concern that costs will be passed on to renters; feedback questioned if there was another solution with another mechanism available; safety inspection can be requested by renters from code enforcement. CA will review options available before moving forward on an ordinance.
- Comp Plan Amendments for upcoming year.
  - No big amendments proposed; none in SNC;
  - Closest is in South Perry to expand neighborhood center designation for another block to the east between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Question is how much can a small neighborhood center be expanded without losing the character of the neighborhood center.

#### **Waste Management – Andy Hoye**

- Be aware that there is not always a market for items being recycled, such as glass.

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

- Majority of funds will go to original “legacy” neighborhoods
- Several neighborhoods will get no funds
- SNC will receive about \$1,200
- Concern that many neighborhoods are left out of funding or that funding isn't pooled for larger projects with long-term outcomes. (similar to pooling monies for Sprague Avenue projects)
- Suggestion that South Hill Coalition to revisit process and write a letter to CDGB committee regarding process.
- Motion to send a letter from SNC to CA, City Council and CHHS outlining suggestions and concerns about current process of allocating funds.

- Motion passed
- Ted and Teresa will draft letter and share with South Hill Coalition

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

- Extra curbside pickups will be scheduled for late May and late October depending on city schedule.

**Pedestrian & Trails** – Paul Kropp

- Reviewing the decision matrix that the plan commission is reviewing to make recommendations to city council on how to use the new funds voted in 2014 as they pertain to pedestrians; PeTT has a rep on the group; categories are derived from the comprehensive plan

**Spokane Master Bicycle Plan** - Ted Teske

- Changes for SNC, new additions
  - Havana street, marked bike lanes
  - 44<sup>th</sup> Street trail
  - Myrtle Street connection of Ben Burr trail to 44<sup>th</sup> Street trail
  - 37<sup>th</sup> toward Grand now on the ground; will add bike lanes east to city boundary

**Southgate Trail Day, Saturday, March 28 (2 to 4 pm)** – Paul Kropp/Ted Teske

- Kick off at Kendall Yards, booths set up by various neighborhoods
  - SNC: table at Kendall Yards
  - Organize hike or bike ride in SNC (Hazel’s Creek, Ben Burr Trail, 44<sup>th</sup> Trail)
- Volunteers needed, contact Ted
  - Andy Hoyer on bike ride, set up time in morning
  - Table at Kendall Yards next door to Central Food (John & Teresa Kafentzis)
  - Hike around Hazel’s Creek (Ted Teske)

**STA Moving Forward Proposition** – Ted Teske

- Special election April 28, 2015 to increase sales tax .03 cents
- Two requests to present to SNC on issue (one supporting, one against). Decided to not have them attend but to share websites for members to review:
  - Washington Policy Center: [www.WashingtonPolicy.org](http://www.WashingtonPolicy.org)
  - Spokane Transit: [STAMovingForward.com](http://STAMovingForward.com)

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

- 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail Update
  - Trail lighting:
    - A Julia Court neighbor requested street light at dead end, city SNC asked to query adjacent neighbors about interest. Mixed answers; some support, some opposed
    - Suggest pedestrian oriented low lights

- City hasn't committed to any type of light at this time
- Greening Grant application:
  - Looking for neighbors to irrigate plantings
  - City engineers took down trees by accident and will provide 200 seedlings that someone (not them) has to plant
  - City arborist says no trees should be replanted
- Final Plan
  - Follow up to be involved in the plan regarding finished grading, layout, lighting, etc.
  - SNC Land Use Committee will contact city to have a meeting to be included in development of plan, trees cut down "accidentally". Include city council representatives.
- Other comments:
  - Dirt and rocks are piled up against gates and fences left over from placing pipe in fall.

#### **Appeal Update**

(note that appeal was to the city – not developers --)

- City is now sending the agreement to the developers for their input
- Settlement is an administrative action that must be followed according to James Richman, city attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting on April 8 at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by:

*Teresa Kafentzis*

Teresa Kafentzis, Secretary