

ISP IMPLEMENTATION MEMORANDUM

Date: _____, 2015

To: Southgate Integrated Site Plan file

From: City of Spokane, Planning and Development Services

Regarding: Spokane Planning & Development interpretations for the Integrated Site Plan

Copy: G. Bernardo, BWA; T. Teske, Southgate Neighborhood Council

This memorandum to the file is intended, in part, to resolve a pending appeal filed by the Southgate Neighborhood Council (SNC) on or about April 14, 2014 and pending before the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner as the Regal Plaza Appeal, Hearing Examiner File #P1304658-AP (the "Appeal").

This memorandum to the file will guide evaluation of subsequent site plans and development projects for the area defined by the **Southgate Integrated Site Plan (ISP)**, for the duration of the Development Agreements that required the ISP (Ordinance Nos. C-34467, C-34468, and C-34469). This memorandum is not intended to amend or modify the terms of applicable development agreements approved by the City pursuant to chapter 36.70B RCW, and nor is it intended to provide a basis for exceeding the permissible scope of project review as set forth in chapter 36.70B RCW and other state and local regulations.

General procedures for project review throughout PDS Prior to Permit Issuance

We will notify and consult with the SNC on all development proposals and applications that involve new construction, including building permits, requests for variances, and other administrative determinations within the area defined by the **ISP** at the earliest possible date and prior to any decisions. All documents relevant to these matters will be promptly available to the public per applicable requirements of Washington's Public Records Act and notice provisions of the Spokane Municipal Code. The City will facilitate discussions between the applicants and SNC over use of retail tenant branding as justification for deviation from common design. Subject to chapter 36.70B RCW, SNC will have a reasonable time for evaluation and may make comments to the identified project manager or the director of Spokane Planning & Development.

No approvals in the development of the Target site shall serve as precedents for any future development within the area defined by the ISP.

Urban District

Spokane PDS will evaluate each development proposal and building permit as to its success in representing urban form as well as accommodation for future urban development intensity. This will include urban design that promotes pedestrian and vehicular circulation, without conflict, via a system of streets and pathways, identified ISP elements, applicable Center and Corridor Design Guidelines, the Spokane Municipal Code, and applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan in cases where approval criteria for the development proposal and/or building permit include consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Whenever possible, driveways shall be aligned across Regal and Palouse to allow driveways to transition to future urban-style intersections and shall be located appropriately to provide urban-scale blocks.

Spokane PDS will recommend that the City Council memorialize these principles in The Comprehensive Plan as it considers the Southgate Neighborhood.

Public Plaza, Public Realm, and Streets

Spokane PDS will encourage and evaluate whether additional public plazas are consistent with the ISP, and those concepts from the neighborhood connectivity plan that were incorporated into the ISP, and The Comprehensive Plan.

Spokane PDS will require that all development and city-implemented improvements within the area defined by the ISP incorporate traffic calming measures, such as treed medians, as are set forth in the ISP, and relevant provisions of Center and Corridor Design Guidelines, the Spokane Municipal Code, and applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Plan in cases where approval criteria for the development proposal and/or building permit include consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. Spokane PDS will enforce the pedestrian lighting requirements of SMC 17C.122.060 (Attachment A at 6).

All development will be reviewed for consistency with the requirement that it will facilitate integration of the area defined by the ISP into an urban district with a unified character. The ISP “kit-of-parts” for streetscape furniture, fixtures, and equipment is shown in the May ISP final document. Any proposed deviation from these standards must demonstrate conformance to the design theme as a whole and consistency of urban design character.

The ISP and applicable Development Agreements call for urban form for development. With the exception of the square footage requirements of the large format stores allowed by the Development Agreements, Spokane PDS will evaluate all site plans and new construction to ensure conformance with urban design and development principles for public spaces – sidewalks, building access, transit, “build-to” lines for construction, and urban streetscape amenities.

Spokane PDS will also evaluate future uses (redevelopment) for conformance to an urban design system. Spokane PDS will evaluate all development and traffic impacts to determine where on-street parking can be accommodated.

The City agrees to develop planted medians along Regal Street and Palouse Highway as outlined in the Integrated Site Plan, including elements that originated in the Southgate Connectively Plan, and to create frictional traffic calming, as funding for such improvements becomes available to the City.

Subject to such approvals as may be required by the Spokane City Council, the City will lower speed limits on streets in the Southgate District Center to 30 MPH. The City also agrees to conduct engineering and traffic studies on a periodic basis to determine whether further reductions in the speed limit or other measures are necessary to create the pedestrian emphasized character called for by the Center and Corridor zoning. If determined to be necessary, the City agrees to take steps to reduce the speed and/or develop other measures in an expeditious manner.

Dismissal of the Appeal

The City and SNC shall jointly file a stipulated motion for dismissal with the City of Spokane Hearing Examiner for dismissal of the Appeal, with prejudice and without costs to either party. The appeal fee submitted by SNC will be refunded to SNC within 30 days of the execution of this appeal settlement.

Louis Meuler, Acting Director
Planning and Development

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Southgate Neighborhood Council

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