



Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1, 2017 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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April Ballot Measures – Ballots will be sent out on April 5, due on April 25

Presentation: Spokane Public Library Levy Renewal – Presentation by Library Executive Director Andrew Chanse

Continue the current Spokane Public Library Levy passed in 2013. Presented overview of the levy request and answered questions. With the 2013 levy, the library was able to expand hours, increase books, eBooks and other resources. For example, Linda.com online training is available free with your library card. Library usage has increased. Requesting the current existing levy at the current rate for seven years. 50% + 1 of vote needed to pass.

Review: Spokane County Prop 1 Ballot Measure -- Representative didn't show up.

Proposition for renewal of the Emergency Communication and Facilities Tax to renew expiring 1/10 of 1% of sales tax of emergency for 10 years. (\$8 million per year)

Discussion: The original tax was for upgrading and replacing the infrastructure which has been done. Question why this much money is being requested, no specific explanations for use of that scale of money.

Will invite representatives to April 5 meeting to answer questions.

2017 NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS

Discussed arterial and residential traffic calming projects we are going to pursue for 2017.

Kerry and Teresa reviewed discussions with the South Hill Coalition members and City staff on combining project funds. Inga Note, traffic engineer discouraged collaboration, other south hill neighborhoods are more interested in their own projects rather than joining together. Each neighborhood council will submit their own proposals.

The City has reached out to SNC to suggest two projects:

- 20 MPH flashing School Zone lights along 37th near Ferris HS
 - Comments:
 - City and school should work together when completing 37th Avenue

- and use monies collected from cameras speeding in school zones
 - Why not on Regal as well?
- 4-way Stop at Thurston and Crestline near Hamblen School
 - use monies collected from cameras speeding in school zones
- Neighborhood suggestions – If you suggest something, you are expected to work on gather necessary signatures and complete application:
 - Trimming bushes along Crestline to improve visibility
 - **Pedestrian crossing at Freya and 44th** to improve sight lines and perhaps lowering speed limit to 30 MPH *sight guidelines?*) *Volunteers: Jean Wells and Summer Beers.*
 - **Regal & Thurston crosswalk** (does the fence at condos comply with and Summer Beers will assist. *Volunteers: Ted Teske and Shelley O'Rourke*)
 - Mid-block crossing south of light at Regal & Palouse Hwy – is in the integrated site plan. Consider a pedestrian island and hawk light.
- After discussion, we decided to follow up on two projects highlighted above. Ted will find out which addresses we will need to gather signatures from.
- Applications are due April 4.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes -- approved as submitted (13 to 0)

Treasurer's Report - Andy Hoye

- \$22.36 in checking account
- paid insurance premium for year for officers and council.
- Remember donations to SNC are tax deductible
- CA Budget of \$500 available for promoting neighborhood council. Need a volunteer to take on this project. Andy will help.

Spokane Police Department Report - Captain Richards

- Most of thefts related to unlocked doors and cars
- Coffee with a Cop at Forza Coffee on 29th on March 2 from 9—11
- Report of man exposing self to students at Logan. Black pick up, full size, tinted back window, white male.

CA Meeting Notes – February 2, 2017 – Andy Hoye

- 19 Neighborhoods present
- DRB report will have changes in maps which may make Hamilton a Level 2 Truck Route.
- I announced that we would be sending a letter supporting the STA grant for the City Center Line and encouraged other neighborhoods and the CA – Paul Kropp will alert us as to the timing and recipient of the letter.
- Chief Garry Park has a neighborhood toolkit – contact Colleen Gardner for information.
- The City Council will prepare an internal calendar to be sure someone from the Council is at the CA meetings, at least at the beginning. Multi-

- family tax exemptions are a current topic at the CC. The Human Rights ordinance is being consolidated – it will be available for comment soon.
- Kathy Lang gave the DRB report on the KXLY development we saw at our last meeting.
 - Lisa Key gave a history of the Centers and Corridors designation and the current thinking regarding Northtown and Five-mile. 47 potential “Centers and Corridors” were identified – Planning is actually trying to define more and more of these, including 14th and Grand. There is a “neighborhood sub-area” designation that narrows the size. There will be lots of neighborhood outreach. This is an interesting, and perhaps favorable development from her office. It will be interesting if it spills over into the draft of the Revision of the Comprehensive Plan. The final Draft of the Plan will be available on February 21. It will go to a Hearing on March 8. It is 500 pages long. All interested parties are encouraged to review it. The CA has already asked that earlier wording be retained to preserve neighborhood focus.
 - The possibility of Design Review Boards at the neighborhood level was discussed; this will be managed by the CA Land Use Committee. There will be a survey of the top three issues with developers sent to neighborhoods, hopefully resulting in a toolkit for dealing with developers. There will also be a workshop with the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board.
 - The Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee has asked for some CA money for city-wide advertising in various media including television and radio....it will be refined and present again. BSN will become an outreach arm of the CA to Neighborhoods.
 - The CA Budget Committee has a new set of Guidelines and a new Application which can be sent in after the Training on February 13 at the Southside Community Center at 6:30.
 - The Urban Forestry Council spoke briefly and mentioned that there is one (of two) seat available for a member of the CA. – speak to Paul if you are interested. It meets quarterly.
 - Heather Trautman spoke again on the District-based Project Model for delivering services and special initiatives. This appears to be helping the City coordinate among the various departmental silos that have emerged, as well as an effort to loop in neighborhoods and other stakeholder groups, with the District being the essential focus. Need a volunteer from each neighborhood. Meets quarterly.

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoyer

- New efficiency in place --- won't decrease fees to taxpayers

Community Development Block Grants – Teresa Kafentzis

- Reminder that SNC is donating \$1800 to demolition of MLK Jr Center.

Pedestrian, Trails, & Transportation Committee – Paul Kropp

- Councilperson Beggs is starting a project to look at sidewalks through PeTT
- Looking at 20 mph in certain residential areas and getting the city to make changes
- Need a SNC representative to PeTT

Urban Forest Committee – Paul Kropp

- Opening for two openings for CA representative

GU Law Student – Paul Kropp

- By-laws still a work in progress

Land Use Committee Update – Kerry Brooks/Ted Teske

- Spokane Comprehensive Plan Update Open Houses
 - Transportation Chapter Focus – very important chapter relating to roads, pedestrians, multi-modal transportation, etc.
 - March 2 at 4:30 to 7:00 West Central
 - March 7 at 5:30 7:30 at South Hill Library
- KXLY SEPA and Traffic Study
 - Environmental impacts including traffic
 - Mitigation money will go to the “south side service area” (not necessarily directly next to property paying mitigation)
 - Neighborhood can comment during the agency comment period
 - SNC LUC will review SEPA and make comments
- KXLY District Center Design Review
 - Next meeting is March 22 (traffic not addressed at this meeting) where developer responds to comments from DRB from first meeting.
- 37th Avenue Redesign
 - Haven’t heard back from city about projects
- Vaughn Property on Regal
 - No updates since October
 - Appeal was dismissed by developer

Impact Fee Change Proposals – Kerry Brooks, LUC Chair

- Projects on the list are the ones where impact fees can be spent:
 - City has update the list without consulting SNC, for example, putting the Ray Street to Freya crossover back on the list.
 - SNC plan that was adopted by the city was to drop the crossover and improve the intersections at Ray and 37th and Freya and 37th
 - Regal trips would be dropped from 20,000 to 16,000
 - Capacity has been reached on Regal
 - Improvements unknown beyond 42nd Avenue to Palouse Hwy where traffic would dump onto Freya and where the road narrows.
- Kerry has requested that Inga Note, traffic engineer, run traffic models on our SNC plan and the crossover.
- SNC neighborhood plan conflicts with this proposal.
- Comment period is open until March 15 after March 8 Plan Commission

Hearing.

- City Council hearing will be in May and has final say.
- Regal is designated as a minor arterial; Freya has right of way to be a major arterial even though it hasn't been built.

Next meeting on April 5, 2017

Minutes submitted by

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