



Meeting Minutes

Date: October 4, 2017 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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PRESENTATION

Office of Neighborhood Services Update - Melissa Wittstruck, SNC Liaison

Snow Plan:

- Melissa reviewed the city's 2017-2018 Snow Planning effort. Many departments, including ONS/Code/Parking Enforcement have been working with stakeholders and city council to prepare for the winter months. Received 1600 responses to survey sent out to citizens.
- Themes from survey:
 - Complete full-city plow more quickly, starting at a lower threshold
 - Clearer communication
 - Snow to be moved away from driveways and sidewalks
 - Priority given to school routes (buses and walking), STA stops and routes and medical facilities
- Changes to snow plan:
 - Season based (November 15 to March 15)
 - Seasonal parking:
 - Outside downtown area, parking will always be on the odd side of the street (snow will be plowed to the even side of the street)
 - No on-street parking in downtown from midnight to 6 am when snow present, tow-away area
 - Coordinated Systems
 - Accountability and Collaboration
 - Phased Plan
 - When it snows, the city will plow
 - Mitigate Impacts of plowing
 - Messaging early and often
 - Sidewalks:
 - Prioritized areas: schools, bus stops, hospital districts
 - ONS will send out courtesy notices to homeowners when they receive complaints about uncleared sidewalks
 - Mitigate Impacts
 - Pre-registration options for elderly and disabled with Community Minded Enterprises and Catholic Charities
 - Neighbors should make a plan for the winter
- Under discussion – Amend SMC 12.01 Improvement, Maintenance of Public Ways:

- Clarify minimum walking area of 36" pedestrian pathway
- Time snow is to be removed by 9 am of following day
- Provides for City removal for priority walking routes & for blocking of the public right of way in a priority area
- Authorize removal of snow and the cost for this to be put on the property's utility bill

Code Enforcement:

- Left pamphlets about Code Enforcement. Reminder that Code Enforcement responds to citizen complaints, they don't look for violations.

Breann Beggs – City Councilperson

- Budget in good shape
- More funds for homeless population
- Considering adding more police
- Resource Officers are now able to check on Next Door
- Traffic calming – approved double the previous spending due to additional funds collected in the two schools with radar speed cameras; two-year cycle from submission to approval to design and then to building
- One-year strategic plan with mayor and city council has been completed; graphic is available on the city website

South Hill Coalition Overview – Deb Barnes

- Overview of history
 - Formed in 2012; spent 2 years completing neighborhood plan.
 - 20-year plan (visionary and concept)
 - 10- minute zone (everything you need within 10 minutes from home)
 - Projects were prioritized, strategies and programs developed
- Next steps
 - SHC is a “gate keeper” to the plans to make sure that the plans are consulted when projects are proposed
 - Join Southgate to South Hill Coalition documents
 - Ongoing mission is to include Southgate's information on the map
 - Economic strategies
- South Hill Coalition:
 - Not a “super” council
 - Not a “mini” community assembly
 - Discussion and requests come from the neighborhood councils to the SHC
 - SHC doesn't dictate to neighborhoods
 - Neighborhood councils can always request that SHC can bring subjects out to all of the other neighbors
 - Can provide neighborhood-wide education forums outside regularly scheduled

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- September minutes approved

Treasurer's Report - Andy Hoye

- \$3,0000 in escrow account
- \$97.36 in checking account
- Received a \$50 donations from Rita Connor and Jean Wells
- SHC is a 501-c3 so your donations are tax deductible

Spokane Police Department Report - Dion Mason, SPD

- Reviewed crime statistics, decreasing
- Don't leave your vehicle running and unattended
- Hot Spots in South neighborhoods
 - Brown's Addition
 - Cannon Hill

Community Assembly Report - Andy Hoye

- See notes at end of the minutes for September 7 and October 5 minutes

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoye

- No report

Neighborhood Clean Up – Teresa Kafentzis

- Curbside pick up postcards should be sent out soon
- Thursday, October 26

Pedestrian, Transportation, and Traffic Committee – Paul Kropp

- Rita Connor has agreed to help on the PeTT Committee

Miscellaneous Topics – Paul Kropp

- Urban Forestry Committee – connected with the Parks Department
 - 2 CA positions on the committee
 - Discussion to develop a “tree ordinance”
 - Consider having a presentation at SNC
- Capital Planning
 - City has a integrated capital template

CA Neighborhood Grant Money – Andy Hoye

- \$500 from CA for promoting the neighborhood council
- SNC decided to use funds for rack cards and magnets
- Designs are due ASAP to the printing office
- Ted is designing the cards and magnets
- Distribute to area businesses and neighborhoods

Land Use Committee Update – Ted Teske

Links to all documents are available on SNC website

- Regal Commons SEPA (all comments from SNC were ignored by the city)
 - Mitigation Determination of Non Significance, mitigations
 - Building a new road behind the post office
 - Block intersection at post office
 - Traffic light at 53rd and Regal

- Fieldstone Memory Care Conditional Use Permit
 - 44th & Freya
 - 60-bed facility
 - Agency comment period closes on October 5
 - Send comments to SBishop@spokanecity.org (Stephanie Bishop)

- Apartments on Palouse Hwy near Hilby Station (called Hilby Station 2)
 - 64 units, 2 four-story buildings
 - access from existing apartments, second access on Palouse
 - next to Hilby Station on Palouse
 - already zoned high density multiple family
 - market rate apartments (not subsidized)
 - send comments to ddompier@spokanecounty.org

Election of Officers

- Nominations are in November for elections in December
- Vice President opening; moved, seconded and voted to wait to replace Kerry Brooks at that time

New Business

- Daniel Pringle, librarian from South Library will be attending SNC meetings to see if there is anything the library can help with.

Next meeting on November 1, 2017

Community Assembly notes from September 7, 2017 and October 5, 2017 on following page.

CA Meeting Notes – September 7, 2017

18 Neighborhoods present.

Sept 14 = Block Party in Logan Neighborhood

An advertisement for the Spokane Neighborhood Council System appeared in the Inlander “Annual Manual” last week

The “Docketing Process” for changes to the Comprehensive Plan passed the City Council and we witnessed part of that new procedure when Todd Whipple spoke to our NC at the last meeting.

SNAP has \$ for home repairs for low income homeowners.

Brean Beggs spoke about the “ban the box” ordinance planned to be enacted for all of Spokane, requiring business to not ask about criminal records until the interview. This is currently the Federal law for organizations over 15 employees.

The CA will request that the City Council add the Neighborhood Plans as a part of the Comprehensive Plan, and become binding.

Quite a few neighborhoods have been granted some traffic calming money, including us.

“Cleaning from the Corridor” for Bemiss neighborhood will be October 7. Look up the VolunteerSpokane website.

City Hall Security will be tightening, allowing only City Staff access to the 7th floor as the first phase. Second phase will include moving ONS staff to First and Third Floors and then allowing public access only to First and Third Floors.

There is a big Google document in use by all District 1 neighborhoods including all their By-Laws, activities, Meeting minutes etc. Contact Colleen Gardner for a link.

CA Meeting Notes – October 5, 2017 – Andy Hoyer

15 Neighborhoods present

Latah-Handman Trail – seven miles from People’s Park to Hatch Road – an organization has formed to develop it as a trail – meeting October 28, 1-3PM at St. John ’s Lutheran church, 5810 S Meadow Lane Road.

CHHS / CDBG Committees will focus on previously ineligible neighborhoods next year

Joint Mayor / City Council 6-Year Strategic Plan formed – multi-phased with many goals, contact ONS

STA still planning on Central City Line, but only \$18.57M is funded – asking for \$54M from Feds. Planning of stops is ongoing – feedback requested at spokanetransit.com

Snow Plan Update – just like the presentation at our SNC meeting

Sex Offenders Forum – October 17, 2017 6-8 PM at West Central Community Center

Facebook Page is coming for the CA

CA will work on accountability, repair and replacement of broken or worn-out tables and canopies used for Neighborhood events.

The CA retreat is planned for Saturday, November 4, details to follow.