



Meeting Minutes

Date: April 4, 2018 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

www.southgatespokane.org

PRESENTATION

Lessons at the Library: Spokane Public Library's Music Lesson Program - Andy Rumsey, Spokane Public Library Music Education Specialist.

- Lessons at the Library is a new program being offered by Spokane Public Library at the main library.
- The program provides free guitar, bass, and drum lessons for people over 10 years of age. Now 30-minute individual classes, planning to add group lessons.
- Can sign up on the library website. SpokaneLibrary.org/musiclessons
- Can check out music equipment. May have an instrument drive for donated instruments and equipment.
- Contact Info: 509-444-5408
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NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Approved
- Treasurer's Report - Andy Hoye
 - \$224.36 in checking
 - \$3,000 in escrow department
- Spokane Police Department Report - Officer Mason via email:
 - Crime statistics are good for the south hill neighborhoods
- Community Assembly Report - Andy Hoye
 - Next meeting is April 5, 2018
 - Notes will be attached to the SNC April minutes
- Waste Management Report – Andy Hoye

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee Not a good market for any recyclable materials including paper, glass. Still a market for metals.
- Pedestrian, Transportation, and Traffic Committee – Paul Kropp. Not present.

LAND USE COMMITTEE UPDATES – Andy Hoye

- 4-way Stop at Crestline and Thurston
 - School district and City wants to make this intersection a 4-way stop
 - Increased traffic on Crestline from development to the south has warranted the change based on a new study by the City
 - School district will have crossing guards to patrol before/after school
- Regal Commons (former Regal Lumber Site)
 - Building permit applications all expired on Thursday, March 29th.
 - In contact with the City to see what this means for the development and changes to vested land uses.
- Fieldstone Memory Care (44th and Freya)
 - Building permit application was submitted on 3/22/18 for the main building, site grading, and all frontage improvements.
- Moran South Estates (47th and Freya)
 - Final plat design submitted on 3/5/18, under review by the City now.

Sonneland Property Development

- Discuss new development based on information handed out last month.

Comments on Sonneland development:

- Andreas Fisher - SNC
 - Seeing a lot of high-density building. Not seeing improvements on Regal. Want the city to bring in things that will increase our property values and not bring in new people.
 - We have arterials that aren't maintained. The arterials are congested. I'd like to see the city fix the arterials.
 - I paid a premium to live on the south hill in a community in a single family area. My opposition is that I want to stay in a neighborhood that is primarily single family with churches and grocery stores.
- Jim Gallagher -- SNC
 - Grew up on the SH. Grand is a thoroughfare. Regal and Freya are disasters. We are letting people build these apartments. Crime has gone up. Want to punch Crestline through, people drive 40 not 25. SH

was meant for home owners, city wants to make it more diversified. They are stupid. It's ruining the quality of life up here.

- Kelly Puzio -- LH
 - From Lincoln Heights, live near where the Sonneland property that is being developed. Concern about density. Now have single family homes. The new homes will be peering down into the single family homes. Punching Crestline through, Lincoln Hts says they didn't have it on their plan. Jim Frank doesn't want to punch Crestline through. We know a lot of people will drive fast.
 - New arterial that will bisect a neighborhood and that's against the code. Inga Note from the city, said that the SNC asked for more methods to get down town. This is not going to take traffic off Regal.
 - The planner at the city working on this project is Tami Palmquist.
- Ron and Brenda Cord -- LH
 - Lincoln Hts. The apartments would be looking right into our house. The property was plotted single family. Very familiar with the property. Want it to stay single family homes. Sonneland family said that it would stay a green space behind my house. We want the city to make it a park, talk to the park department. Or put it into a reserve and the Sonnelands could be compensated from some funds that we don't know about.
- Rick Van Orden -- LH
 - Lincoln Hts. Given the size and scope of this project we need a stop light at Crestline and Thurston. We need to scale things properly. It will take more than a 4-way stop
- Rita Ketzka -- LH
 - Concerned about the student population at Hamblen School.
- Karen Cannon -- LH
 - Concerned about Lincoln Hts where my mom lives in a duplex. Ten years ago, there were deer. Now we have to wait for traffic to get across the street. My mom is moving because of the traffic. Put a pause on the development. The area is beautiful with natural ponds. Once they are destroyed, that's it.
- Kelly Estes -- SNC
 - I'm a member of SNC and member of Hamblen PTG Parents board. We are very concerned about Hamblen Elementary. It is filled to capacity. They are putting in all these units. We are concerned about traffic. It's crazy in the morning and afternoon. Most students live within one mile so there is no bus. Concerned about students walking. Traffic congestion and overcrowding at Hamblen is our concerns.
- Dave Anderson -- SNC
 - 4102 South Stone. I'm in favor of this development. I think it's good for the neighborhood and the South Hill. My children met great friends that live in apartments. They would never have met them if we decided "we don't want apartment kids at our school." That's not an attitude

that's fair to people who live in apartments. We need to think of people who live in apartments are part of our neighborhoods. We are thinking of traffic, if it's not on Crestline, it's going down another street.

- If you aren't interested in Crestline being an arterial, where would you like it to be? If you are driving down the south hill almost anywhere, you will be driving on an arterial. If you don't think that people shouldn't be driving by elementary schools, you need to find another route.
- Hank Reimann -- LH
 - Lincoln Ht. Lived here 35 years. Our kids could play and we never had to worry about it. We've talked to the Sonnelands about building senior housing and it didn't bring enough money. We talked to them about building on larger lots but it didn't bring in enough money. Kendall Yards is overcrowded. We can work with Greenstone and Sonnelands to develop something that is sensible and don't shove it down our throats. How did Crestline get pushed through
- Richard Sola --LH
 - The nature of the neighborhood is changing. I understand that. I agree that this neighborhood is now a mature neighborhood and is undergoing a change with newer families moving. They are investing in property in a single family existing neighborhood. You don't come into a neighborhood and take a place rather than build a new house.
- Marilyn Reimann -- LH
 - Apartment dwellers or home owners all add to density. Unless the schools and thoroughfares are built on all the arterials. Why did the zoning get changed? Did someone in the zoning department just make the change.? Can a developer just build what they want? Another meeting said that it will add 500-1000 new car trips. I'm not against progress. We want Sonnelands to keep the wetlands, paths. Infill with purpose. They should build a school south. They don't keep up our streets as it.
- Curtis Miller (LH)
 - Moved here from Chicago 40 years because it was so crowded. I wanted my kids to have a great place to live. Going down Freya, it used to be that I could drive down and get on the freeway. Now it is backed up 4 blocks. The school system is now overcrowded, Hamblen, Sac, Ferris, LC. I'm a realtor. There is no inventory up here because every lot is sold. I'd like to see a 1000 houses up here that I could sell, but not up here. I'd like to keep the south hill a nice mixture but I don't want to see it overcrowded. If they want to build another school, the taxes will go up.
- Elizabeth Banco (LH)
 - I live on Crestline. My biggest concern besides the density is the city punching Crestline through. The developers say that they are interested in roundabouts (god forbid) and stop signs. People will go through Crestline at 45 mph. I don't want to see it developed they way

they are planning because it's a beautiful, wild area. Please plan for it properly. The developers say that they will do what the city says they have to.

- We were told that this meeting was to be held before the vote was taken.
- Kirby – SNC
 - What is the number of people that need to show up to make a difference? Saying that it's not in SNC is not a valid issue, Crestline is in both neighborhoods.
- Jerry Boyd -- SNC
 - We have a lot of people at this meeting tonight. I'm guessing that a lot of you didn't attend any of the neighborhood meetings when these plans were developed.
 - I'm concerned about all the traffic on one street. We need to spread it out. For example, there is a stoplight at 44th and Regal but it doesn't go east. We need to work with our city council. I disagree that we need more apartments. I think that we have enough apartments right now because we don't have the infrastructure. I oppose the apartments.
- Shelly O'Rourke -- SNC
 - We spend a lot of time pushing developers to honor the commitments that they are supposed to be doing. It is an ongoing battle. I encourage everyone to continue attending neighborhood meetings if this goes through to hold the developer and city accountable. They will take the low road every time if allowed.
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 - I think that if they punched 31st to SE Blvd it would give us our quiet street. The people in the new area could go out on 31st and 29th and keep traffic off Crestline.

Melissa Wittstruck – ONS City of Spokane

- This proposal is only conceptual at this point. Emphasize that there is not an application at the city right now. There is a lot of open land around here and it's important to stay informed and involved. You can take your questions back to city hall. Notice of application will be sent to those living within 400 feet. Individual citizens can sign up to be notified on city website who are outside the 400-foot range.
- Neighborhood plans are "visions" that are adopted by resolution that means that it is not a requirement. The city looks at these plans for guidelines.
- When notices are sent out, they will list comment periods, future meetings, plan commission hearings. Can ask questions of the Planning Department now. You can request notes from pre-planning conferences. Take those opportunities to comment because that will give you standing to testify at future hearings.

Summary of Next Steps for SNC on Sonneland Proposal -- Andy Hoye --

- No vote will be taken tonight. SNC won't be advocating for any one stance, it wouldn't be fair with so much variance. It's not the job for a neighborhood council unless it is very unanimous in one way. This information will be sent forward. If this were in SNC, we might have another meeting but this is in LH. Typically, SNC usually points out what the code is and how it should be followed.

Other Information:

- SNC will post information on our website regarding PUDs and the comment process.
- Tami Palmquist is the planner on the Sonneland project.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting on May 2, 2018

Minutes draft submitted by Teresa Kafentzis