



Mission Statement: To protect and preserve the East Central Neighborhood and its quality of life through planning, visionary leadership, accountability, and neighborhood volunteers working with City of Spokane departments, agencies, and neighbors for the benefit of current and future residents with the aid and assistance of Community Development Grants and other funding sources.

## **2011 Neighborhood Report**

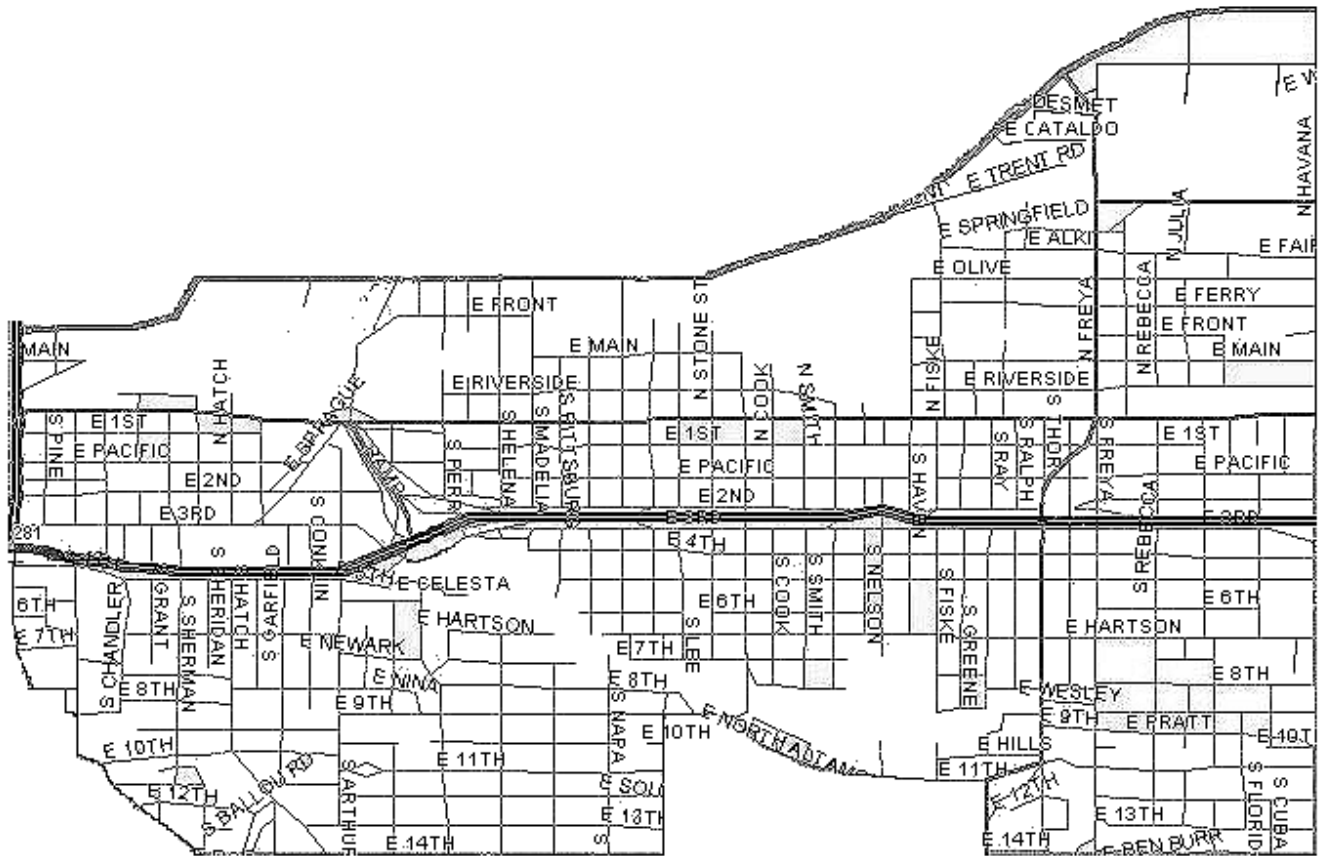
**East Central Neighborhood  
December 2010**

TO: City of Spokane Community Development Board

FROM: Joy Hart, Steering Committee Chair  
Jim Hanley, Steering Committee Vice Chair  
Doug Schroeder, Treasurer  
Lois Irwin; Secretary  
Nyasha M. GuramatunhuCooper, CDNC

SUBJECT: East Central Neighborhood Steering Committee recommendations for the expenditure of Community Development Funds.

Boundaries: North: Trent and River      East: Havana  
South: 10th - 14<sup>th</sup>      West: Division



### **East Central 2010-2011**

The purpose of this report is to summarize the East Central Steering Committee's accomplishments in 2010 and articulate its allocations for 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Since 1975, the East Central Neighborhood has been a Community Development Neighborhood. Through the CDBG program, the Steering Committee has recommended allocations that have benefited the neighborhood and its low to moderate-income residents. This effort will be continue in 2011.

### **The Steering Committee**

The East Central Steering Committee met eleven times throughout 2010, the third Tuesday of every month except August. November 2009 use of U.S. mail was reduced with the bulk of the notices, including agendas and minutes, sent by e-mail.

This year planning and implementation of the Neighborhood Ben Bur Trail was completed. We also worked with East Spokane Business Association, Spokane International District, South Perry Neighborhood and Business Association, ECCO, SNAP, City Parks Department, City Water Department, Business & Development Services Department, District Councilmen, and Impact Capital to collaborate on the needs in the neighborhood. This resident, business, and City involvement guided the expenditure and allocation of CDBG funds and search for other funds through miscellaneous grants.

## **Action Plan for 2011**

### **TOP PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Support business development including underutilized properties throughout the neighborhood.
- Support mixed-used development throughout the neighborhood and in the commercial areas.
- Support the planning for a bicycle/pedestrian route in the development of the Playfair site.
- Continue revitalization and development of Spokane International District, South Perry, Thor/Freya, and Playfair business districts in East Central by fostering traffic planning, streetscapes, and façade improvements.
- Extend 5th Ave, the major East West arterial south of the freeway, to the City limits.
- Continue to promote construction of a bike and pedestrian bridge over the rail road tracks to connect the University District with East Sprague.

### **SECOND PRIORITY: HUMAN SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Help link ECCO housing survey results with potential investors in both public and private sectors including churches.
- Continue support of funding for East Central Programs:
  - a. COP Shop and Blockwatch programs.
  - b. Neighborhood Cleanup.

- c. Neighborhood Sidewalk program
- d. Youth programs i.e. ECCO, Boy/Girl Club, Bethel AME.
- e. Support development of Community Gardens in East Central Neighborhood.

### **THIRD PRIORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

- Link Ben Burr Trail, Underhill and Liberty Parks.
- Partner with the Parks Department to showcase the Liberty Ruins.
- Promote pedestrian and bicycle routes, with emphasis on traffic signs and street painting for turning lanes and pedestrian crosswalks at key locations by parks, schools, and in business corridors to include Playfair.
- Protect and enhance neighborhood parks, urban forest, and natural habitat.
- Continue monitoring of I-90 expansion so that adjacent residential and business areas are enhanced.
- Encourage community green buildings, conservation of water, and recycling.

### **2010 Accomplishments**

The neighborhood used its 2010 CDBG allocations for several projects:

- Sidewalk improvements
- Clean green, furniture and appliance pickup through collaboration with city departments on neighborhood cleanup.
- Housing rehabilitation
- Banners in the Spokane International District
- Bike racks in the Spokane International District
- Service programs
- Ralph and Hartson Community Garden

Through the Spokane Health District, Neighborhood Matters is working in and with East Central to improve maternal and childhood health. So far, great participation has been noted and there are continuing efforts to identify problems and solutions. Physical activity, nutrition, neighborhood safety, and maternal/child health will also be explored.

East Spokane Business Association is working with Impact Capital, SNAP and the City of Spokane Business and Development Services to implement a Vibrant Communities Program in the newly created Spokane International District which includes a portion of the East Sprague Commercial Corridor and surrounding neighborhood. The Vibrant Communities program will be working towards designing sustainable projects in the areas of real estate, business development, urban design, public cleanliness and safety policies. Plans include East Sprague Business Association becoming a “Main Street” type entity, assistance with organizing a Business Improvement District (BID), the formulation of an Alcohol Impact Area. The program officially began April 1, 2009, and has dedicated staff resources as well as an AmeriCorps Vista who will coordinate the storefront improvement project. We appreciate the support and guidance offered to us by city staffing for the Spokane International District and East Sprague Corridor planning and the establishment of the Ralph and Hartson Community Garden.

## 2011 Allocations:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Final Allocation</b>
Clean Up- EC Neighborhood	\$4,536
E.C. Neighborhood Wellness Association	\$1,000
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Fulcrum Institute DRC	\$1,000
MLK Family Outreach	\$1,000
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Project Joy Senior Entertainers	\$1,000
Second Harvest	\$1,000
SNAP	\$1,000
Spear Ministries Inc.	\$1,000
Spokane C.O.P.S	\$1,500
Volunteers of America	\$1,000
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YWCA	\$1,000
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$20, 036</b>
Total Maximum \$20, 036	
<b>Capital Exp/physical Improvements</b>	
Single Family Housing Rehab	\$41,902
Sidewalk Repairs/Wheel Chair Ramps	\$20,000
ECCO	\$10,000
East Sprague Projects	\$40,000
<b>Capital Projects Subtotal</b>	<b>\$111,902</b>
<b>Administrative/Planning</b>	
CDNC Supplemental Salary	\$1,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,570</b>

\*Also see attached spreadsheet

## East Central Neighborhood Steering Committee/Council

Meeting Place: East Central Community Center, 500 S. Stone

Meeting Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (no August meeting)

Meeting Time: 6:45 p.m.

### Officers 2010

Chair – Joy Hart

Vice Chair – Jim Hanley

Secretary – Lois Irwin

Treasurer – Doug Schroeder

CDNC – Brenda Armstrong

Community Assembly Rep – Jim Hanley      CA Alternate – Lois D'Ewart

**Officers 2011**

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**East Central Neighborhood  
Current Voting Members (\*) & Non -Voting**

\*Al Bibbins

\*Toni Butler

\*Judith Campbell

\*Dave Clack

\*Deb Conklin

\*Lois D'Ewart

\*Jennifer Hansen

\*Joy Hart

\*Jim Hanley

\*Claudia Holtz

\*Maxine Howard

\*Nyasha Guramatunhu-  
Cooper

\*Lois Irwin

\*Holly Martin

\*Bob Mauk

\*Ron Myers

\*Bev Numbers

\*Jerry Numbers

\*Jan Raschko

\*Keith Raschko

\*Doug Schroeder

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