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East Central Neighborhood Steering Committee/Council

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.*

April 19, 2015, Tues. 6:30 p.m. at East Central Community Center, 500 S. Stone

MEMBERS PRESENT: (Quorum 25% of voting members 7): see sign-in sheet

Guests: Brandon Betie-Rapez, Carl Otterstrom, Larry Larson, Darrel McCallum

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Minutes: Changes and additions needed for February, March unavailable for review

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Safety Report:** NSO Mason-crime report data. Chief of Police position will be posted 4/20/2016 with a decision by mid-June. "Coffee with a Cop" at Wake-Up Call on 5th Ave. on 4/20/2016
2. **STA-Brandon and Carl-** The STA high performance plan began in 2010 and will create a better network of transportation, frequency of service and increase services at high volume stops (examples: shelters, lighting, security, branding, real-time information, ticket kiosks, benches, bike racks and lockers). High performance vehicles will have multiple doors to board and have fair inspectors that work throughout the system to spot check tickets and provide security, thereby reducing delays at each stop. STA is required to use objective criteria for new development to assure that there is equity of services in all areas. (racial and socio-economic status). They are also using CPTED concepts (crime prevention through environmental design). Sprague line #90 has 77,000+ riders per year. New development that is being coordinated with the City's investment will include bulb-outs that allow busses to maintain lane of traffic. (see attached information sheet for pros and cons) STA seeking feedback about changes to stops-either keep Pittsburgh or keep Helena and Napa. Extensive conversation regarding need for 2 stops in that area. Motion for ECNC to provide official letter of support.
(More information regarding the upcoming projects can be found at: <https://www.spokanetransit.com/projects-plans>)
3. **DOT-Freya off-ramp reconfiguration** project will reduce traffic queuing and eliminate the dual light at 2nd and Freya. Anticipated to be completed by summer 2016
Darrel McCallum- North/South Corridor-due to ground contamination in the Hillyard area, DOT is considering a resequencing of the project and starting at the I-90 section to move north. That decision will likely be made by the end of the year. Within 6-9 months the determination of access points and where pedestrian bridges across I-90 will be located. DOT is currently using a build/design model rather than fulling prior to beginning projects. Residents expressed concern that DOT has been meeting frequently with certain business interests in lieu of the ECNC and requested consistent reports and conversations at the ECNC meetings. Some of the concerns expressed are that the neighborhood and especially those most impacted should be able to provide feedback at critical decision points, not after. Some concerns include access to and from the highway from the neighborhood, keeping pedestrian bridges, barrier and mitigation plans and continued engagement with the residents. Anyone may contact Darrel or access the DOT website (<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/US395/NorthSpokaneCorridor/>) with

questions. Deb Conklin will liaison with DOT on a monthly basis and report back to Board, helping us determine when our next meeting should be.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. OPO Commission (Deb Conklin)- still waiting for visa approval for chosen candidate. If it is not approved, Commission will begin search process again. Current interim Ombudsmen can apply for permanent position.
2. Ad Hoc committee developed to review bylaw changes and report back to ECNC at May meeting. (Alicia Ayars, Valena Arguello, Doug Schroeder and Max Bunting)

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:

1. ESBA-City Council unanimously approved the BID.

Full written reports to be submitted to Chair.

MEETING MOTIONS:

1. Motion to write a letter of support to STA and the City of Spokane to maintain the two stops on Sprague at Helena and Napa. Motion by Heather Wallace, 2nd Karen Sutula. Passed 15, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.
2. Motion to adopt the working by-laws of 2009 as current and develop an ad hoc committee to review all proposed changes and bring them to the Council for review and vote at May meeting. Motion by Heather Wallace, 2nd multiple members. Passed 15, no opposition, no abstentions.

Minutes prepared by Heather Wallace, Vice Chair.

Next general meeting: Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 @ 6:00—500 SOUTH STONE/ECCC

Next Executive Planning Meeting: noon Tuesday, May 3, 2015 @ noon-tbd