

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.

**INTRODUCTIONS** & **ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE SIGN-IN SHEET FOR ATTENDEES)**

1. **NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS:**
2. **NRO: Officer Dion Mason**
* Dept is conducting a staffing study to present to incoming chief
* Current EC hotspots:
	+ 400 S Fiske
	+ 3rd & 9th/Stone & Freya
	+ 29th S& Thor
* Crime stats increased a lot
	+ Vehicle prowls 24-34
* School is out – slower speed limits around city parks
* Rash of burglaries near 16th last 2-3 days
* Hot spots change each week
* Cafe presented on NOPS: Neighborhood Observation Patrol
* Updated: burglary at 8th/Ivory
* Nuisance Calls/Ordinance changes – different calls to 911 to Chronic nuisance calls to address “problem house” expanded
	+ 3 calls 60 days
	+ 7 calls in year
	+ Added types of calls
1. **City Fire Crew, Station #7**
* Insurance rating review used to be 2 – now 5
* Used to have 87 per shift, now 57 per shift
* ISO Inspector in Spokane now
* One positive – the ARUs (Alternative Response Units) do count as vehicles & have improved response times
* If you find a drug car, call code enforcement
* How much money would it cost to get back to class 2 or 1?
* KHQ story video – <http://youtube.com/7k94A1mE2PE>
	+ Contact Chief Bobby Williams bwilliams@spokanefire.org
	+ Asst Chief Brian Schaefer bschaeffer@spokanefire.org
* Tip – Put up large, visible address numbers
1. **City Council guests: Councilman Fagan**
* Condemnation of 12 block of buildings owned Brown
* Federal judge dismissed Chief Straub $4 million lawsuit
* Have not heard from Monique Cotton
* Nancy Goodsby has not filed yet
* 9th circuit could get involved to reverse dismissal
* $6 mil > of $64 million rebuild Riverfront park Howard Street bridge
* Police Chief search:
	+ 10 finalists
	+ Residents should get notice of public forums in all neighborhoods
	+ Won’t be done before July 1
	+ A minimum of 6 candidates
* Fagan in England in July, his LA will attend
* Supermarket in East Central
	+ Sleeper effort for Rosauers
	+ Jeff Philips
	+ 4th annual Building Dreams Banquet included ECCC this year
	+ Need to entice supermarkets

🡪Refugee URM State: at 18, those kids are out the door

* URM: Kids are insured support thru age 21
* Update on North Spokane Corridor.
	+ At black tank site, instead of vertical drill horizontal, even after building freeway over. Company in Canada coming to Hillyard to survey the site
	+ Pushing on BSNF to allow a waiver of liability to have WSDOT move through
	+ Still need BSNF buy-in & Dept. of Ecology
	+ Resistance from WSDOT to switching to start from South end.
	+ Q: Is there a legislative fix? Does there need to be a briefing of City by State? A: Luke Tolley in Hillyard is a good contact
* 2nd Avenue construction – Freya on-ramp realignment
* Havana- needs to locate a well-head for the aquifer, near 3rd & Florida

1. **Lutheran Community Service: Lisa**
* Fed program – URM, Unaccompanied Refugee Minor
	+ Spokane just received?
	+ Under age 17
	+ Screened by 5 agencies before going stateside
	+ First kid comes to Spokane July 7
	+ Looking for foster homes
	+ Outlined qualifications
		- Must go through state foster care certification placement is different than DSHS
		- Recent arrivals are from Eritrea & Myanmar (Burma)
	+ Long-term placement preferred
	+ Q: do kids come or do they wait until families are identified? A: Kids wait at refugee camp until foster family identified
	+ Q: How many kids coming? A: hopefully 20-25 – capacity is 65
* Discussed Lutheran Services trauma & crisis teams
	+ Info meeting 2nd Tuesday
1. **Community Frameworks: Tim Williams**
* Project in neighborhood this fall
* 36 unit affordable housing at Sprague & Madelia – purchasing car connection lot & house – 1.4 acres
	+ Apartments on front, town houses in back with courtyard
	+ 18 3-beds
	+ 12 2-beds
	+ 6 1-beds
* AM1 (area median income)
* 20% to serve disabilities
* Hoping to start demo in September – 12 month build
* Work w/Spokane Housing Ventures occupancy September 2017
* Joined BID – Presentation at ESBA meeting 6/22
* On 1st Ave, no 1st flr appts on Sprague
* Community space
* Room
* Playground
* On-site manager
* Q: crime relation to low-income housing
* Q: are investors local or national A: all over
* Similar project observed in Denver
* A year and half to develop project
* Funding, city/state tax credit award
* Q: does Community Frameworks only do residential? A: actually do some special-use community West 315 by North Central
1. **COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY/CA COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS:**
2. Community Assembly—Writing a letter opposing a large multi-family development in Indian Trail neighborhood
3. CA/CD (CDBG)—Official CDBG allocation numbers are in--$70,100 for FY2017. Additionally, we are working on creating a more streamlined application and better information for neighborhoods.
4. Land Use: No report
5. Public Safety: No report
6. PeTT: No report
7. Building Stronger Neighborhoods: VACANT

1. **NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:**
2. **ESBA: Jennifer H.**
* 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, noon Sprague Union Terrace
* Karen Sutula – pd liaison member
* Art on Ave Sat Sept 24 12-6pm
	+ possibly close E Sprague
	+ overwhelming support from ESBA
	+ art, food, music, kids zone
	+ scholarship slots for EC resident artists for reduced fee
	+ A lot of website bugs being worked out
	+ Desire to have security cameras – need to coordinate with/fiber
* ESBA coordinating annual meetings w/DOT
* Councilman Fagan/Waldref meeting w/DOT
* Presentation at Hilliard in July
* Housing issues in more and more meetings
* Mayor’s Housing Task Force community meeting
1. **SRHD - Neighborhood Matters & Community Café report: Jennifer H.**
* 1st and 3rd Monday 6 – 8
* Food & Childcare at SPEAR
* Developing a CE toolkit
* Determining resident-led path forward
* COP Shops & NOP need 8 people for training (4 hour training)/ ongoing commitment
* Idea – community court wanting to engage in East Central w/prostitution services available here? Interest in creating safety net
* Concerns about building low-income housing in prostitution area
* DOT creating connections grant

1. **SPBNA: Deb C.**
* July 16 South Perry
* July 17 – Street Fair
* July 17 community workshop in park
* SPBNA going to meet in August
* Tension about who “owns” the street fair
* Same people want Garland fair; others keep as is
* Community Garden vandalism
	+ tensions, as 3ft fence isn’t deterring
	+ install 8ft fence
	+ trying to develop a garden group so not everything being done by Peggy
	+ Need to coordinate w/Heather Trautman & PARKS coordinated planning & CDBGA
* SNAP cleanup week before Perry Street Fair
* Hai’s window (plate) broken
1. **OPO Update**
* Search committee meeting
* 11 applicants
* Next meeting next Monday
* Hoping to have seated by October 4, when Bart Logue’s interim contract expires
* Breann Beggs working on amendments to ordinance process to select permanent & interim

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Clean up**

**Traffic Calming Applications**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

By Laws: proposed changes will be voted on next meeting

Community Event July 8 @ 6:30pm