



## East Central Neighborhood Council

February 21, 2017

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS, ADMIN. & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Introductions, New Voting members:** Welcome Randy, new voting member
- b. **Approve previous month minutes**
- c. **Introductions of New Executive Board**
- d. **Chair 2017 Priorities**

#### 2. PRESENTATIONS

##### a. City Council Report:

###### Councilwoman Kinnear:

- March 8<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup> – Comprehensive plan – Open Public Comments – at City Hall in the City Council Chamber
- Kinnear – working on the demolition ordinance for Spokane, specifically around historic structures.
- Any questions or comments email Lori at [LKinnear@spokanecity.org](mailto:LKinnear@spokanecity.org)

###### Councilman Fagan:

- WSDOT project reach out to the interim fire chief to have local fire chiefs be on a heightened alert so that they are ready to respond to emergencies.
- WSDOT speeding, reach out to the chief about people trying to by-pass construction and speeding through the neighborhood. Ask for additional support from police in the neighborhood during WSDOT's construction. Consider placing the mobile speed feedback signs in the neighborhood during construction.
- Signalization (Altamont), work with City Engineer staff to better time intersection signals.
- Service Animal Forum: Next meeting at the Hillyard Senior Center from 11am-12m.

##### b. **Street Vacations – West Southwick and Nick Czapl from Playfair Commerce Park & SAFCO**

- Two new street vacation at SCAFCO.
- Each project will include landscaped areas with irrigation and trees and walkable paths from Alki Ave./Freya to Altamont.
- Neighborhood Resolution to support the street vacation
- Motion to support the Resolution of the SCAFCO street vacation.

- Unanimous

**c. Community Court Expansion – Mary Logan, Judge**

- Community Courts are a problem-solving court system. The Community Court uses unique processes to get people resources in the community. The Community Court is going to expand out of the downtown area. They have received a grant to do this expansion. They are trying to determine where they will relocate. Services are available to everyone in the community not just addressing crime.
- What are the top crime issues that our neighborhood faces? Top 5 priorities.
  - Prostitution
  - Drug- trafficking – selling and using drugs
  - Squatters – people that move into abandoned homes, malicious mischief
  - Vehicle prowling – breaking in to cars and theft
  - Graffiti
  - Property Crime – breaking and entering and theft (home and garage)
  - Domestic violence
  - Panhandling
- In a traditional court system, it takes more time to resolve these types of crimes.
- Community Court is held once per week and people are required to meet each week.
- A resolution in support from the neighborhood and the business districts would be helpful to get Community Court to expand to East Central Neighborhood.
- Discussion with JJ, Executive Director of the East Central Community Center (ECCC), has taken place to move Community Court to the ECCC building.
- Motion: ECNC will write a letter of support for Community Court to come to the East Central Community Center.
  - Unanimous

**d. County Sales Tax – Nancy Voermans**

- Proposition 1: 1/10 of a 1% sales tax that covers emergency systems. Impact is county wide and is \$1 per household per month (\$12 per year). They are looking to purchase new radios, new car tracking systems, systems and first responders, crime check, alert Spokane (non-emergency calls and 911). Support to facilities; backup center for disaster response, 22 communication towers.
- Crime check took in approx. 240,000 calls in 2016.
- Timeline: April 10<sup>th</sup> – ballots sent out to the public.

**e. WSDOT Project at I-90 and Hamilton – Chad Simonson, Project Engineer**

- WSDOT Project – bridge preservation project to replace expansion joints on the I-90 viaduct in the EB direction at the mile post 280.9 and in the EB & WB direction at the mile post 281.33
- STAGE 1 (May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup>): Work on the east bound traffic inside lanes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Bridge. During this stage, traffic will be reduced to 2 lanes in the east bound

direction from west of Arthur St. to west of Thor St. The Altamont on and off ramps will be closed during this stage and during stage 2.

- STAGE 2 (May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>): This stage will include all work in the east bound outside lanes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Bridge as well as all the east bound work on the viaduct and all west bound work for both bridges.

### **3. NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **a. NRO Report:**

#### **b. CA Report: Debby and Gabby**

- CA Meeting is the first Thursday each month at the West Central Community Center at 5pm. CA Budget Committee – there is a \$500 budget per neighborhood for this funding, the deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>
- There are 29 neighborhoods in Spokane and the city is splitting them into three different districts. Projects for each district are being developed.
- Building Stronger Neighborhoods, Debby Ryan is going to be the Neighborhood Representative on the committee.
- Need more East Central Neighborhood representation on CA Subcommittees.

#### **c. Traffic Calming – Anastasia**

- Traffic calming project purpose slow traffic and implement safety measures.
- Residential traffic calming projects need to get signatures from residents within 400 feet of the project location and 50% support needs to be achieved for the project to be approved.
- Application are due April 4th
- They need to be ranked from top to least priority by the neighborhood.

#### **d. Significant updates from other committees, if needed;**

##### **i. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Revitalization**

- Community Opportunity volunteer fair, Multicultural potluck and book donations Event on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the East Central Community Center (time tentative 6pm).
  - Bring food and books!! Books, elementary to junior high age kids
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ave beautification project will take place in June.

##### **ii. CDBG Committee**

- CDBG Pilot program with the District meetings. More information at the March meeting.
- RFP's from nonprofits need to be submitted by April. Menu will be available in April.

##### **iii. PeTT Committee, no report**

##### **iv. Land Use Committee, no report**

**v. Communication and Outreach Committee**, no report

**vi. Neighborhood Safety Committee**, more information in March

**vii. Neighborhoods Matter/Community CAFÉ**, no report

**viii. ESBA – Jim Hanley**

- Working on the street landscaping, more trees has been added along Sprague.
- What does the neighborhood want to see on the empty lot behind Zips? Ideas: dog park

**ix. Perry Business Assoc., Ian**

- Perry Street Fair Event – Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for volunteers for planning and to get the word out.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER**

Office of the Police Ombudsman.

- Police Ombudsmen are meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.
- In April they would like to do a neighborhood meeting.
- Public Comments on the Ombudsman Staff or the new Ombudsman.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Executive Board Meeting 6pm at Benniditos**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 ECNC Meeting 6pm at East Central Community Center**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 Volunteer Opportunity Fair, Book Drive and Potluck 6pm at East Central Community Center**