



2008 Neighborhood Report

**East Central Neighborhood
December __ 2008**

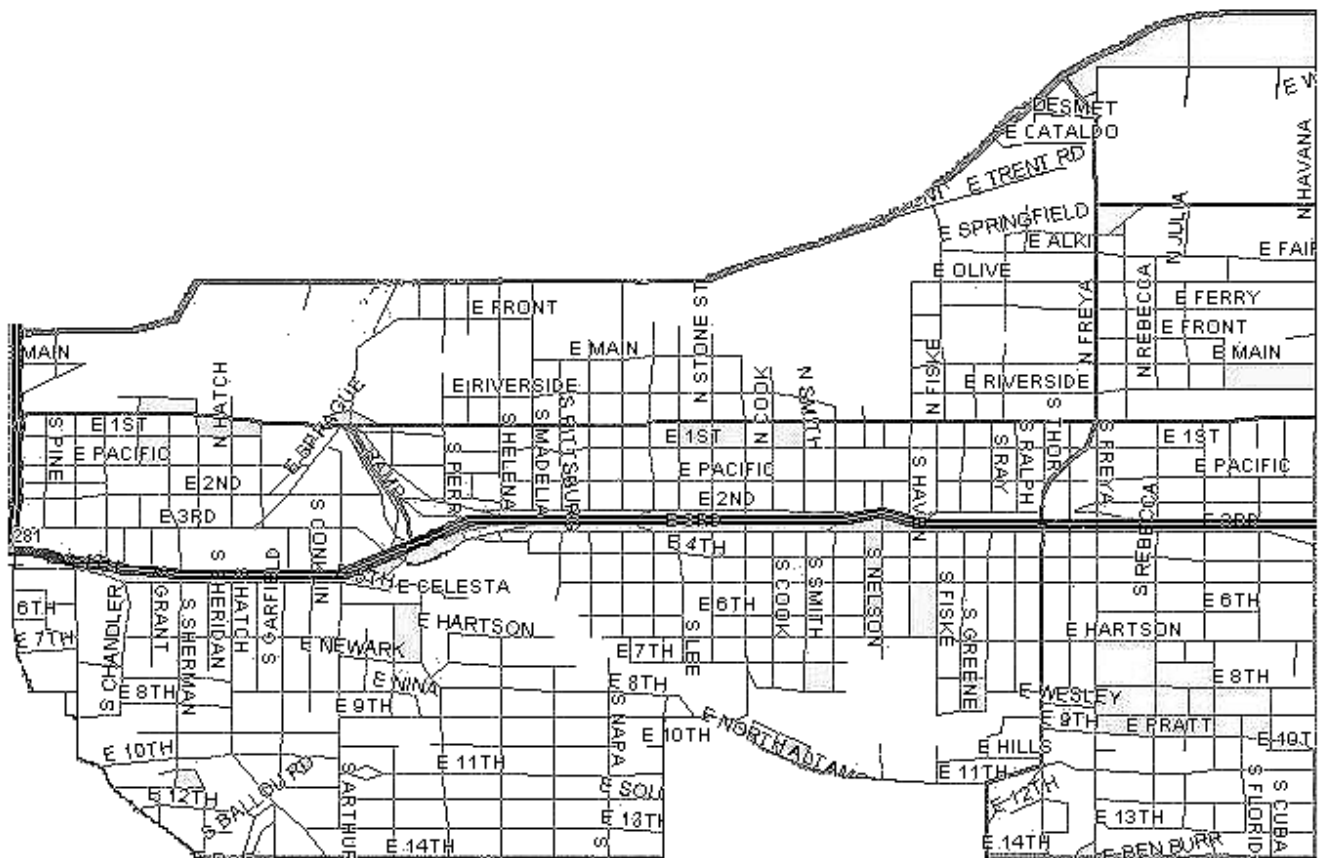
Mission Statement: To protect and preserve the East Central Neighborhood and its quality of life through planning, visionary leadership, accountability, and neighborhood volunteers working with City of Spokane departments, agencies, and neighbors for the benefit of current and future residents with the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

TO: City of Spokane Community Development Board

FROM: Joy Hart, Steering Committee Chair
Jim Hanley, Steering Committee Vice Chair
Jim Hanley, Community Assembly Representative
Doug Schroeder, Treasurer
Chris Green in the spring and Lois Irwin in the fall Secretary
Chris Green then Angie Dirscherl, CDNC

SUBJECT: East Central Neighborhood Steering Committee recommendations for the expenditure of \$133,570.00 of 2008 Community Development Funds.

Boundaries: North: Trent and River East: Havana
South: 10th - 14th West: Division



East Central 2007-2008

The purpose of this report is to summarize the East Central Steering Committee's accomplishments in 2007 and articulate its allocations for 2008 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. It will continue this effort in 2008.

The Steering Committee

The East Central Steering Committee met eleven times throughout 2007, the third Tuesday of every month except August. Prior to each of these meetings, the committee provided notice to residents by mail, and its website. The committee mailed agendas and previous meeting minutes to approximately 65 neighborhood residents, property owners, and businesses.

Over the past several years of neighborhood planning, we surveyed members at neighborhood meetings, community residents at the Perry Days Street Faire, and East Spokane Business Association to get a better idea of the greater needs in the neighborhood. This resident and business involvement guided the expenditure and allocation of CDBG funds and search for other funds through miscellaneous grants.

East Central Neighborhood Priorities ACTION PLAN for 2008

The East Central Neighborhood Steering Committee/Council reviewed 55 goal statements from the East Central Neighborhood Plan (adopted by City Council resolution) and established an undated priority action plan for 2008. These draft priorities will continue to be refined by seeking additional neighborhood input on an ongoing basis, but as of December, 2007 priorities for City support and action are:

TOP PRIORITY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

- Develop Playfair for private sector mixed use, including planning for re-development of underutilized properties between RR tracks and East Sprague.
- Continue revitalization of Keystone, South Perry, and Thor/Freya business districts in East Central.
- Foster business development through.
 - a. Facade improvements
 - b. Streetscapes
 - c. Traffic planning in East Central's commercial areas and Centers and Corridors.
- Continuation of 5th as the major East Central east-west arterial south of the freeway to City Limits.

SECOND PRIORITY: HUMAN SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE.

- Continue funding for East Central Programs
 - a. COP Shop
 - b. Neighborhood Clean up.
 - c. Increase resident participation in ECCO board Senior Housing, COPs and Blockwatch programs.

THIRD PRIORITY: ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

- Encourage green buildings
- Community conservation of water and re-usable items (recycling).
- Protect and enhance neighborhood parks, urban forest, and natural habitat
- Link Ben Burr Trail, Underhill and Liberty Parks.
- 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.
- Continue close monitoring of I-90 expansion so that adjacent residential and business areas are enhanced.

2007 Accomplishments "Best Practices" National NUSA Award received by the East Central Neighborhood. **Senior Housing project construction started.**

The neighborhood used its 2007 CDBG allocations for several projects, including sidewalk paving, housing rehabilitation and public service programs. The neighborhood completed a Traffic Calming Project and street beautification project on East Sprague.

The Steering Committee also partnered with the Community Development Department for the development of a Senior Living Facility connected to the East Central Community Center Campus. The Neighborhood along with the Community Development Department selected Kiemle-Hagood to be the developer and the East Central Community Organization (ECCO) to be the 501 © 3 sponsor for the development. We have continued our project and construction started on a 25 unit apartment complex with Zech-Butler as the architect and KOP Construction as the contractor.

In addition to these Community Development activities, the Steering Committee and larger neighborhood accomplished several other projects. The neighborhood and Eastern Washington University continues to collaborate regarding park planning, business development studies, and crime studies. These accomplishments represent the Steering Committee efforts to improve the neighborhood and these plans will help to guide future CDBG expenditures.

2008 Allocations

The East Central Steering Committee will continue to work to improve the neighborhood with its 2008 allocation monies. The neighborhood has allocated \$20,036 for public service agencies, \$112,123 for capital expenses and physical improvements and \$1,411 for administrative and planning expenses. These funds will further the East Central Steering Committee's commitment to the low and moderate-income individuals of East Central. The neighborhood requests the three for one match for the \$50,000 single-family rehab allocation, a one for one match for the \$5,000 allocation for sidewalks and wheel chair ramps for a total of \$10,000, and a \$25,000 for Liberty Park/Ben Burr Trail improvements.

See attached table.

East Central Neighborhood Steering Committee/Council

Meeting Place: East Central Community Center, 500 S. Stone
Meeting Date: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Meeting Time: 6:45 P.M.

Officers 2007

Chair-Joy Hart
Vice Chair-Sue LaRue
Co-Secretary-Janice Rascho
Treasurer-Jim Hanley
CDNC-Fred Evander/Chris Green
Community Assembly Rep-Mel Silva
Community Assembly Alternate-Lois D'Wert

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

*Al Bibbens	*Pat Link	John Bowen
*Toni Butler	*Bob Mauk	Daun Douglas
*Judith Campbell	*Jerry Numbers	Diane Jackson
*Dave Clack	*Jann Owen	Shaney Redmond
*Lois D'Ewart	*Jan Raschko	Rhoseita Rhoades
*Vernon Doyl	*Keith Raschko	Bob Schwartz
*Scott Emerson	*Doug Schroeder	Mayor Mary Verner
*Carolyn Jacobs	*Mel Silva	Dick Winchell
*Joy Hart	*Darrel Smith	Spencer Grainger
*Jim Hanley	*Larry Stuckart	Bill Heinz
*Lois Irwin	*Craig Sweat	Maxine Howard
*Paul Kinney	*Frank Tobie	Carol Shook
*Sue LaRue	*Victoria Vogt	Peggy Wayne
*Diane Lennard		Chris Venne