

East Sprague Business Improvement District

Advisory Board Meeting

January 17, 2018

12:00pm - 1:30pm

SPRAGUE UNION TERRACE (1420 E SPRAGUE AVE) COMMUNITY ROOM

MINUTES - APPROVED

Attendance

Advisory Board Members present: Jim Hanley (Zone 1, Business/Property Owner), Bob Mauk (Zone,3 Business/Property Owner), LaVerne Biel (Zone 1, Business/Property Owner), Darryl Reber (Zone 1, Non-Profit & Residential).

City of Spokane Staff present: Mellissa Owen,

Guests and community partners present:

Dana Renieke Creative Catch Studio

Pete Marney Sam & Dom's Bar & Grill

Welcome and Introductions:

Motion to approve minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting:

Motion made, minutes approved.

Discussion Items:

1. Snow Removal

- a. The proposal to get snow cleared from the sidewalks has been stymied due to the high cost of the equipment and lack of someone willing to do the work for a reasonable price.
- b. Pete Marney suggested using a small enclosed vehicle (Gator) with a snow blade. He is going to get some prices for the equipment and said he may be willing to take on the snow removal job for the time being.

2. BID Funding

Melissa says that there have been no requests for the funds for the BID. The city does not release the funds until a formal request is made. Procedures are being changed so that funds get into the BID account. There is approximately \$700 currently in the BID account with outstanding bills of \$1200 needing to be paid. Getting funded as soon as possible is essential.

3. Website

The website development has been on hold pending approval of the contract with the web Builder from the city legal department. Clarification from Melissa that this is a letter of understanding and does not require non-discrimination language.

Web development may now move forward.

4. Gateway Enhancements

Napa, Altamont, Helena, and Sprague at Smith are all areas that are targeted for gateway enhancements entering the targeted investment area.

Possible enhancements include additional light poles, signs and trees (although no irrigation is available at these sites) banners and archway signs across the streets are being considered. \$14,000 in CDBG funds may be available for the projects and additional funds (\$6,000) may come from BID marketing budget. Signal boxes in the area may also get an upgrade with box wraps at a cost of \$1,000 per box. Standard Printing does the cities box wraps.

This spring, the old planters and garbage cans will be repainted and available for redistribution to those who want them.

5. Street Meeting

A meeting to discuss the street improvements planned for Riverside Avenue and the CSO tanks at Riverside and Napa is planned for February 6th at 5:30 PM at the East Central Community Center. Open to all who are interested.

The CSO tank at Riverside and Napa is presently halted due to a high water table preventing work at this time.

Pete mentioned that the opening of the Altamont entrance into Playfair Commerce Park has created an increase in traffic along Main Ave between Altamont and Napa. Main in this area is narrow and in disrepair and is not suitable for the amount of traffic it is getting. The traffic may lesson when the construction on Napa is finished but if not then Main may need to be reconfigured and resurfaced.

Jim has suggested that we may need to try and get the city to do a grind and overlay on Sprague between Sherman and Helena sooner rather than later. It seems that the next phase of the Sprague redevelopment may be out another year or so and would push repaving this section, which is in dire need, out even further.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018

Agenda: PBIA program updates.

Ratepayer board make-up following ESBA elections
