### Spokane Neighborhoods Community Assembly

“Provide a vehicle to empower Neighborhood Councils’ participation in government”

**Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2015**

4:00-6:00 p.m. – COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, Basement, City Hall

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**Proposed Agenda Subject to Change**

Please bring the following items:

*Community Assembly Minutes: May 2015*

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### AGENDA ITEM

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### OPEN FORUM

Reports/Updates/Announcements Please Sign Up to Speak! 5 min–4:10

### LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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### PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL ISSUES

### OTHER WRITTEN REPORTS

| Plan Commission Liaison       | David Burnett | Written Report |
| Building Stronger Neighborhoods | E.J. Iannelli | Written Report |
| Cell Tower Moratorium Update  | Rae-Lynn Barden | Written Report |
| Cell Tower Facts/Spokane Issue | Patricia Hansen/Greg Johnson | Written Report |
| Meet & Eat – June 17th        | Colleen Gardner | Flyer |
| NWNC Concert Flyer            | Fran Papenleur | Flyer |

* IF YOU CAN’T MAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND YOUR ALTERNATE!!!! *
UPCOMING IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

- June 8: Town Hall Meeting, West Central Community Ctr, 6pm. Neighborhoods include: Balboa/South Indian Trail, Emerson/Garfield, Five Mile Prairie, North Hill, North Indian Trail, Northwest, West Central.
  - June 9: Public Safety, YMCA Corporate Office, 1126 N Monroe, 4pm
  - June 18: Land Use, West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt, 5pm
- June 22: Building Stronger Neighborhoods, Sinto Senior Center, 1124 W Sinto, 12pm
- June 23: Pedestrian, Transportation & Traffic (PeTT), West Central Comm. Ctr, 1603 N Belt, 6pm
- June 30: CA Administrative Committee (agenda item requests due. Please submit all written material to be included in packets two days prior to CA meeting date), ONS Office, 6th Floor, City Hall, 4:45pm
  - July 7: CA/CD, West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt, 5:30pm
  - July 10: Community Assembly, Council Briefing Center, City Hall, 4pm

MEETING TIMETABLE PROTOCOL

In response to a growing concern for time constraints the Administrative Committee has agreed upon the following meeting guidelines as a means of adhering to the Agenda Timetable:

1. When a presenter has one minute left in the time allotted the facilitator will raise a yellow pennant and indicate a verbal notice.
   a. Should any Neighborhood Representative wish to extend the time of the presentation or comment/question period they may immediately “Move to extend the time by (1) to (5) minutes”.
   b. An immediate call will be made for a show of hands in support of the extension of time. If a majority of 50% plus 1 is presented the time will be reset by the amount of time requested.
   c. Extensions will be limited to (2) two or until a request fails to show a majority approval. After (2) two extensions, 1) if a motion is on the table, the facilitator will call for a vote on the open motion to either a) approve or not approve, or b) to table the discussion; 2) if there is no motion on the table, a request may be made to either (1) reschedule presenter to a later meeting, or (2) ask presenter to stay and finish at the end of the agenda.
2. When the allotted time has expired, a red pennant and verbal notice will be issued.

Administrative Committee

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY LIAISONS (Draft)

Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (PeTT): Jim Bakke, 466-4285, jfbakke@q.com
Community, Housing, & Human Services Board: Fran Papenleur, 326-2502, fran_papenleur@waeb.uscourts.gov
Design Review Board: Colleen Gardner, 535-5052, chiefgarryparknc@gmail.com
Plan Commission: David Burnett, 720-3321, dburnett@sickolcity.org
Plan Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (PeTT): Kathy Miotke, 467-2760, zaromiotke@yahoo.com and Charles Hansen (alternate), 487-8462, charles_hansen@prodigy.net
Urban Forestry: Carol Bryan, 466-1390, cbryan16@comcast.net
**Community Assembly Core Values and Purpose**

**CORE PURPOSE:**
Provide a vehicle to empower neighborhood councils’ participation in government.

**BHAG:**
Become an equal partner in local government.
(This will be further expounded upon in the Vivid Description. What does this mean to you?)

**CORE VALUES:**
- **Common Good:** Working towards mutual solutions based on diverse and unique perspectives.
- **Alignment:** Bringing together the independent neighborhood councils to act collectively.
- **Initiative:** Being proactive in taking timely, practical action.
- **Balance of Power:** Being a transparent, representative body giving power to citizens' voices.

**VIVID DESCRIPTION:**
The Community Assembly fulfills its purpose, achieves its goals, and stays true to its core values by its members engaging each other and the community with honest communication and having transparent actions in all of its dealings. Community Assembly representatives are knowledgeable and committed to serving their neighborhood and their city as liaisons and leaders.

The Community Assembly initiates and is actively involved early and often in the conception, adoption and implementation of local policy changes and projects. The administration and elected officials bring ideas to the Community Assembly in the forming stages for vetting, input and participation. The Community Assembly is a valuable partner to these officials and neighborhoods in creating quality policy & legislation for the common good.

The Community Assembly stimulates participation in civic life among our residents. Citizens that run for political office will believe in the importance of partnering with the Community Assembly and neighborhood councils. Those candidates’ active participation and history with neighborhoods contributes to their success, enhancing successful partnerships between the Community Assembly and local government.
a. CA Rules of Order:
   i. To speak at a meeting, a person must be recognized by the facilitator only one person can be recognized at a time. Each speaker has two minutes. When all who wish to speak have been allowed their time, the rotation may begin again.
   ii. When a proposal for action is made, open discussion will occur before a motion is formed by the group.
   iii. As part of the final time extension request, the Facilitator will request a show of hands by the representatives at the table to indicate which of the following actions the group wants to take.
      1. **End discussion and move into forming the motion and voting.**
      2. **Further Discussion**
      3. **Table discussion with direction**
         a. Request time to continue discussion at next CA meeting.
         b. Request additional information from staff or CA Committee.
         c. Send back to CA Committee for additional work.

![Diagram of CA Rules of Order]

- **Proposal for Action**
- **Open Discussion**
- **Motions From the Floor Are Not Allowed**
- **Facilitator Show of Hands for One of the Following Actions**
  - 1. **End Discussion**
     - **Form Motion/Vote**
       - A. CA Forms the Motion
         - B. Make Motion/2nd
           - C. Vote
       - B. Make Motion/2nd
       - C. Vote
     - B. Make Motion/2nd
       - C. Vote
     - B. Make Motion/2nd
       - C. Vote
   - 2. **Further Discussion**
   - 3. **Table With Direction To...**
     - A. Continue at Next CA
     - B. Additional Info from Staff or Comm
     - C. Back to Comm for Addtnl. Work
Community Assembly Minutes
May 1st, 2015

Agenda was approved. Unanimous April minutes approved. Liaison committee report addition by Colleen Gardner.

Amendment Fran Loma Vista will remain NW; Audubon scratch Bob Turner. For NW Kathy Fitchner, not Frank. Minutes approved as amended unanimous

1. Open Forum
   a. Colleen Gardner, Chief Garry Park Neighborhood
      i. Parks Department: Date for Jeanette’s dedication is still unknown.
      ii. Jun 17 Meet & Eat
         1. Scott Richter, Ombudsman commission at Cassano’s 5:30pm.
   b. Fran Papenleur, Northwest Neighborhood Council
      i. Summer Concert series starts Jun 23 6:30-8:30 adding a Shadle concert for new NW Neighborhood and May 27 Open House.
   c. Judith Gilmor, Fulcrum Institute
      i. Ash St Station community garden and multi-use facility targeting transition population from incarceration/job training in union type job.
      ii. Open house is May 19, appreciation for business roundtable speaker Dave Dahl of Dave’s Killer Breads. Evening there will be a panel discussion with Rick Eichstadt, COS, Breann Biggs.
      Reservations required for luncheon 11:30am. Evening is 6:00-8:00pm.

2. City Council Placeholder:
   a. Karen Stratton, City Council District 3
      i. Councilmember Snyder/ Stum driving around Spokane surveying ADA ramps around schools, parks, etc. Speak up and add to their list.
      ii. Paid Sick leave task force – 4 meetings
      iii. Gender Pay Inequity Task Force is just forming; 6-8 month process
      iv. Monday, May 4th: Budget discussion begins at City Council Meeting
      v. First Wednesday of every month Karen meets with Mayor please send your topics to kstratton@spoakencity.org that can be brought to the Mayor.

3. Administrative Committee:
   a. Luke Tolley, Hillyard Neighborhood Council
      i. Retreat Committee-Orientation /Training
         1. The CA Retreat gave a presentation which can be found on page 27 of the packet.
         2. Next CA Retreat May 21, 4 pm at Greater Hillyard Resource Center, 5006 N. Market

4. PeTT Committee
      i. Traffic Awareness & Pedestrian Safety Week
         1. Westview Elementary School was awarded a state Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk grant at a school assembly on Thursday, May 6th, will honor National Bike to School Day with the planting of a prominent tree selected by the votes of students who walk and bike to school during the previous month.

5. Public Safety Committee
   a. Julie Banks, Rockwood Neighborhood/Public Safety Committee Chair
i. Exterior storage ordinance to include vehicle storage vote addition to ordinance can be found on page 13 of the CA May Packet.

ii. Motion: To include the vehicle storage into the exterior storage ordinance with a change to the number of vehicles down from 3 to 2.
   1. In Favor: 19
   2. Abstain: 1
   3. Against: 1

6. Liaison Report
   a. Colleen Gardner, Chief Garry Park Neighborhood
      i. Motion to approve the 2015 Liaison Committee Goals as modified (goals can be found on page 20 of the CA packet).
      ii. Request to clarify #1 to work on revision of the appointment process.
         1. Motion passed as amended unanimous.
            a. For: 21
            b. Against: 0
            c. Abstain: 0
   iii. Applications for PC liaison. May need to have an interim during the transition.

7. Abandoned Property Registry
   a. Melissa Wittstruck, Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement
      b. Presentation can be found on page 37 of the May CA Packet.
      i. Melissa noted upcoming application deadlines for the CDBG neighborhood program.
      ii. The abandoned home registration program is a new approach to addressing “Zombie” or abandoned or vacant homes where owners may have walked away and banks are in some stage of foreclosure.
      iii. This new ordinance requires the registry of properties that have received a default notice and are vacant. (SMC 8.02.0675 and 17F.070.520)
      iv. Impacted properties are required to be monitored by the City to ensure security and maintenance. A $200 administration and monitoring fee is applied to each property to assist in covering costs associated with monitoring properties.
      v. There are penalties for failing to register abandoned properties through this process.
      vi. Homes that are owned by an individual and are vacant are not required to register. They may be subject to the substandard/building official process if the property has conditions that are deleterious as outlined in the Spokane Municipal Code.

In attendance: 6

Not in attendance: 6

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY – June 5, 2015
Paul Kropp, Chair
Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation Committee (PeTT)

Post Street Bridge Type, Size and Location Study
May 26 – Project Advisory Committee Meeting #1

- The Post Street Bridge is structurally deficient such that it must be rebuilt or replaced as soon as possible. The target is 2017. It was originally built in 1917.
- The budget number for study purposes is $8.5 million, including an existing $1.1 million grant for pedestrian facilities. The study will produce a final design and engineering to 30% completion for accurate construction cost estimates and grant eligibility.
- The study presumes vehicular traffic will continue, in large part for trucking access to Riverfront Park and its planned central plaza activity area.
- There is a strong interest in a railing design that does not obstruct views of Spokane Falls from passenger vehicles, both to the east and to the west.
- The path of the Centennial Trail crosses this bridge and pedestrian and bicycle separation from vehicles will be incorporated.
- The south end bridge approach will better integrate with Riverfront Park and Centennial Trail usage, and on the north end trail users and vehicles may share a roundabout.
- Previous studies of the bridge suggest it does not meet historic preservation qualifications because of substantial modifications done in 1937. This will be confirmed.
- The Project Advisory Committee will be convened twice more, in July to identify practicable solutions and in the late fall to review a draft report on a preferred design.
- The planning and engineering consultant team is from CH2MHILL; public relations by Desautel Hege staffer, Tyler Tullis, tyler@weareDH.com, (509) 444-2350.

There will be a full report at the June 26 PeTT meeting: 6 PM, West Central Community Center.

Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation Committee
May 26 – Monthly Meeting

- ONS staff member Jackie Caro presented a report on the history of the annual revenue and project construction commitments for traffic calming “photo-red” funds. The report included an outline of certain adjustments to the allocation of the revenue stream recently discussed by the city council at a PCED session (see attached “Traffic Calming Expense Review”).
- City council member Jon Snyder picked up the thread and elaborated on the Mission Ave Centennial Trail bridge project funding proposal using unallocated photo-red funds (see the attached expense review and separate bridge description and funding mechanism proposal).
- Kathy Miotke is PeTT’s representative on the Plan Commission Transportation Subcommittee. Her report was discussed. (A written report will be distributed at the CA meeting.)

Draft Resolution for the Community Assembly and Neighborhood Councils For Consideration in June

THAT the Community Assembly and Neighborhood Councils consider supporting a demonstration of the use of annual unallocated photo-red revenue by means of a City of Spokane Investment Pool loan or bond authorized by the City Council as grant matching funds for a larger-scale multi-modal construction project such as the Mission Avenue Centennial Trail bridge crossing as outlined in the attached proposal; AND
THAT the proposal will be discussed for a vote of recommendation to the City Council at the July Community Assembly meeting.
Updates by Council Member Jon Snyder from Recent PCED Session

Traffic Calming/Photo Red Funds Discussion

- Council members agreed that funding for the three districts should be balanced
  - District 1 will be allocated an additional $77,000
  - District 3 will be allocated an additional $236,000
- Council members agreed that the project cap on funding should be raised from $40,000 to $50,000
- Council members agreed that the per-district cap should be raised from $100,000 to $150,000 per district
- School zone speed cameras will be installed at Finch Elementary and Longfellow Elementary by beginning of next school year
- 20 MPH flashing signs at Stevens Elementary by beginning of next school year
- Council will consider CM Snyder’s proposal to bond out for a larger project such as a bridge for the Mission Avenue Centennial Trail crossing (see project description and funding proposal, attached.)

Traffic Calming Project Information

- Cycle 4 projects (2014 applications) are in design and will go out to bid for construction this season as soon as designs are completed (except as noted).
  - District 1:
    - Chief Garry Park – Design only for stoplight for Greene St at Ermina Ave
    - Logan – 27 pedestrian bumpouts on Sharpe Ave (funding reserved for a future street project)
    - Logan – Crosswalk at Mission Ave & Superior St (already constructed)
  - District 2:
    - East Central – Pittsburg St and 5th Ave crosswalk
    - Lincoln Heights – Sidewalks on 27th Ave and Fiske St
    - Rockwood – Crosswalks on Southeast Blvd at Rockwood Blvd and at 27th Ave
    - Southgate – Crosswalk and pedestrian refuge on Palouse Hwy at Claire House entrance
  - District 3:
    - Emerson Garfield – Sidewalks and crosswalk on Maple St & Euclid Ave
    - North Hill – Bumpouts on Garland Ave at Lincoln St
    - Northwest – Sidewalks on Oak St and Rockwell Ave
    - Five Mile – Crosswalk on Five Mile at Horizon and at Lincoln
- Cycle 5 (2015) applications are being scoped right now for traffic assessment this summer.
Proposal Regarding Photo-Red Funds and the Mission Avenue Centennial Trail Crossing

Description of Bridge Project

A pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Mission Avenue was identified by a stakeholder group and the public as a long term solution for closing the current basically unimproved “gap” that exists on the Centennial trail between the Mission Park parking lot at Perry Street and Upriver Drive. Based on the recommendation of a recently completed study, the south end of a bridge would land at the northwest corner of the Witter Pool parking lot, and the north end would land on vacant property owned by Avista east of Upriver Drive. The bridge design would meet ADA requirements for slope, and extend 125 feet across the Upriver Drive intersection with a sixteen-foot minimum vertical clearance (diagram below).

Construction of the bridge is the keystone of the Mission Avenue Centennial Trail Crossing improvement project, but it is presently unfunded. Other portions of the project include new landscaping, separated sidewalks, and trail re-routing. The full Mission Street Centennial Trail Crossing project will create a major upgrade to the Centennial Trail that has been sought for almost two decades, plus include major safety and connectivity improvements for access to Mission Park, Witter Pool and Stevens Elementary.

Project Funding Mechanism for Discussion by Neighborhood Councils and Community Assembly

$1 million would provide a more than a one-third local match to use in securing grants on a $2.65 million total cost for the engineering design and construction of the bridge.

Here’s how the city could find that match. The SIP (Spokane Investment Pool) could undertake a 5-year $1 million loan, per SIP loan policies and approved by the City Council. Debt service for the loan would be paid using photo-red unallocated surplus revenue of $200,000 per year for the 5-year term of the loan. If approved, in 2015 to December 2016 the City would use the availability of the $1 million to find matching funding sources to secure the entire amount needed to engineer and construct the bridge.

If matching funds were not identified by December 2016, the City would refund the loan to the SIP net of any principal repaid to the SIP to that point (not including interest). The refunded principal repaid to the SIP would then be returned to the photo-red traffic calming fund for availability for other projects.
Our PETT Committee Chair, Paul Kropp, has requested a written report for Community Assembly perusal. I am happy to comply with his request.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9AM in the Council Briefing Room. An agenda is supplied to participants in advance of the meetings as well as minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes may be obtained from the Plan Commission.

Our meetings always start with a public comment period of 3 minutes per person, on any topic not on the current agenda.

At our June 2nd meeting, Kathryn Miller briefed us about Bridges, the criteria for rebuilding and/or restructuring as well as the funding sources. Bridges go through a rating system similar to roads which can indicate whether they can be repaired or need to be replaced. We have some bridges that are structurally sound but functionally obsolete. Most bridges take several years to complete which is often a challenge to the lenders. Funding sources are Federal, State and Regional. The Post Street Bridge and the Blue Bridge within the park are going to be repaired using the Park Bond dollars.

SRTC presented their formal certification process that the County and all neighboring jurisdictions must comply with during their Comprehensive Plan update and for comp plan amendments when they impact the regional transportation system. SRTC is authorized to review the update and amendments for transportation impacts and with consistency with the County Wide Planning Policies. All counties and cities that plan under the Growth Management Act must go through a checklist to determine the impacts. SRTC provides staff support to assure timeliness and accuracy of the information. The data is then added to the Regional Transportation System analysis. A manual outlining the process and the draft checklist will be before the SRTC Board in June for approval.

Last but not least, we had an overview of the 2015 – 2016 levy projects.

Now that I have told you we meet the first Tuesday of the month, due to staffing and presenters, our next meeting is July 14, at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Miotke
PETT Committee Representative
Traffic Calming Expense Review

City Council Study Session
May 21st, 2015

City Council Resolutions:
Photo Red Cameras & Traffic Calming Funding

- Overview of Council Approved Resolutions
  - 2-02-2010 through 4-25-2012
    - Balance between districts after police costs & utilities
    - Minimum of $100,000
    - Equal spending on annual basis between Council Districts
    - Unspent funds rollover
  - 9-30-2013
    - Balance between districts after police costs and City Departments
    - $100,000 Council District equally on an annual basis
    - $100,000 to SPD traffic enforcement officer
    - New flexible spending funds (excess Photo Red Funds), supplement or match larger applicable projects- one time expenditure
  - 6-16-2014
    - Identified additional funding to surplus projects, Sprague TIP Projects, Hawk Light on Grand Blvd., and Assembly Bike Lanes
Cycle Funding Criteria
Connected to Council Resolutions

- 2010
  - 125 applications received
  - All arterial projects
  - No caps placed on project applications
- 2011
  - No applications solicited
- 2012
  - 75 applications received
  - No caps placed on project applications
  - No match required
  - ~$120-140,000 provided to each Council District
- 2013
  - 21 applications
  - $40,000 cap per project application
  - Limit of 2 applications per Neighborhood Council
  - ~$120-140,000 provided to each Council District
  - $100,000 to SPD for Traffic Officer (on-going)
  - New flexible match of surplus funds (one-time expenditures only)
- 2014
  - 18 applications received
  - $40,000 cap per project application
  - Limit of 2 applications per Neighborhood Council
  - $100,000 provided to each Council District
- 2015
  - 26 applications received
  - $40,000 cap per project
  - Limit of 2 applications per Neighborhood Council
  - $100,000 provided to each Council District

Traffic Calming Project Cycles

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*project timeline may change per project size and complications
Cycle Timeline

1. TURN APPLICATIONS INTO ONS
2. APPLICATIONS GO TO SCOPING AND DATA COLLECTION
3. VISIT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS FOR COMMENT ON PRELIMINARY DESIGNS
4. CHANGED DESIGNS BROUGHT BACK TO NEIGHBORHOODS
5. FINAL DESIGNS BROUGHT BACK TO NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FINAL COMMENT
6. FINAL DESIGNS DRAFTED
7. FINAL DESIGNS BROUGHT BACK TO NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FINAL COMMENT
8. NOTIFICATION SIGN POSTED FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS
9. BID OUT & BUILD PROJECTS
10. PRELIMINARY DESIGNS DRAFTED

Traffic Calming Revenue vs. Expense  Per Cycle

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- This chart refers to the ticket revenue funds from the Photo Red Account that go to Traffic Calming Account each cycle.
- This chart does not reflect the running total of funds in the Traffic Calming Account, this is just the ticket revenue and expenses per cycle.
- The red is not an actual deficit in the account it is just a deficit per that cycle.
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#### Running Total

| Amount | $129,950.00 |

| North Hill | 2014 | Speed bump 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | $18,000.00 |
| Northwest  | 2014 | Speed bump 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | $18,000.00 |
| Fox Mile    | 2014 | Speed bump 2014 | 2014 | 2014 | $18,000.00 |

#### Total

| Amount | $36,000.00 |

#### Running Total

| Amount | $168,950.00 |

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Total Funds Spent or Committed for Traffic Calming Projects: $2,487,141.81

*General Administrative costs to run the program
## Difference in Total Expenditures Per District 2010-2013

### Differences Per District Spending 2010-2013

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### Scenario 1 - Not Balancing

| Total Surplus All Years | $1,277,683.34 |
| Commitment to Traffic Calming | $300,000.00 |
| Traffic Cop (on going) | $100,000.00 |
| Surplus (2015) | $877,683.34 |

### Scenario 2 - Balancing

| Total Surplus All Years | $1,277,683.34 |
| Commitment to Traffic Calming | $300,000.00 |
| Traffic Cop (on going) | $100,000.00 |

### Moving Forward:

- **What is the preferred scenario: 1 or 2?**
  - Prefer Scenario 2-balancing spending between districts.
- **Does the City Council want to keep the $100,000 limit per District?**
  - Chose to up to $150,000 per District.
- **Does the City Council want to lift the $40,000 limit per project/application?**
  - Chose to up the per project/application limit to $50,000.
- **Does the City Council want to lift application limit of 2 applications per Neighborhood Council?**
  - Continue with the limit of 2 per Neighborhood Council.
Rental Research Stakeholder Group
Public Safety Committee
May 26th Meeting Notes

Team Building Exercise

The Group participated in a team building exercise where they chose a card that depicted something they were passionate about and shared that with the group.

Review of the Ground Rules and Voting Model:

The group reviewed the meeting ground rules again and chose to table the voting model choice until the entire group is present as there were 3 missing people and no decisions were being made at the meeting.

Background information on rental homes in the City of Spokane from American Community Survey:

Owner vs. Renter Occupied Housing-Spokane City

Gross Rent as Percentage of Income-Spokane City

Gross Rent-Spokane City

Presentation by Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM):

Kim Sampler, NAI Black/IREM, Jason Johns, Residential IREM, Tom Hix, President of NAI Black/IREM

IREM is an industry association that provides educational material and certifications for property managers. The organization offers quality housing, represents owners, and provides opportunities to owners with best return on investment. Mr. Hix acknowledged that property managers have essentially two clients, the owner and the tenants. His discussion touched on both IREM information, as today’s speakers are members, as well as NAI-Black
business information. NAI-Black manages 200 properties with 10 units and above per property and only a few single family homes and 2-4 unit properties.

IREM represents third parties (property managers) in rentals; as with NAI-Black, they train site staff and management, teach Landlord Tenant Act, Fair Housing Association and maintenance management.

At NAI-Black, they provide leases and apartment/unit condition reports for their clients. Annually they do a unit by unit inspection then provide a 5 page report this is to ensure that the housing is in good condition and tenants do a walkthrough of the current conditions this provides asset protection for the property owner. They also perform insurance, lender and exterior inspections as well as security inspections.

The inspections help to create a budget for maintenance. Maintenance has to be budgeted because the lenders require it for the properties.

The company provides a 3rd party screening process for a tenant that includes a credit check, rental history, criminal background check. The screening is weighted per the different screening criteria; a tenant would be immediately denied if they are a felon or are a registered sex offender.

Gap 1: NAI-Black identified a gap in this process in there is no one place for a tenant to go to get help with finding alternative housing or to knowing how to use the landlord/tenant law. For tenants the Landlord/Tenant Act is too complex to be used properly and it frequently changes.

Gap 2: There is a common misunderstanding or lack of education of the landlord/tenant laws on both the tenant and the landlord side especially in the smaller landlord side of rental properties.

Gap 3: Crime Free Multi-Family housing education but there is lack of physical response from police.

IREM offers training of Landlord Tenant Act once a year and updates on the Act. These trainings are offered in a small group setting and clients are charged for the training.

Northwest Fair Housing Alliance partner for the maintenance training that is offered. IREM also pay $500 per property to have NW Fair Housing Alliance to do discrimination testing at the property.

The resident property managers are given a once a month training and safety training is done seasonally.

NAI Black would not work with a property owner who has goals that significantly don’t match up with IREM then they would likely not offer their service to the person. Mr. Hix acknowledged that small landlords probably have different investment goals than larger landlords. He also said that landlords’ goal set may not be the same as neighborhood or tenants.

**Q&A with stakeholder group**

NAI-Black also offers dispute resolution: this is an opportunity for tenants to go up the chain to resolve an issue if needed and also for all sides to be heard with a third party mediator.

When there is an emergency issue with the maintenance in the property in the multi-family properties the tenant will contact the site person first, then there is a central number to call for help, the owner is never directly contacted.

Properties with 40 or more units with a lender are required to have a property manager.

NAI-Black does manage Section 8 Housing project based. Of the 2500 units 350 of them are Section 8.

HUD does not require leases and therefore there is no reason for non-renewal.
The major reason for someone to not get housed is for felony or sex offender status. Renters have avenues to dispute resolution after denial, but generally this has a low usage rate.

Potential tenants are told upfront what is included in the screening process, but NAI-Black will allow the potential tenant to still apply; it is the prospective tenants’ right to fill out an application.

Jerry Numbers asked if ONS could research the percentage of rental units in Spokane that are single-family and multi-family.
GROUND RULES FOR MEETINGS

1. Treat each other, the organizations represented on the stakeholder group, and the workgroup itself with respect and consideration at all times, put any personal differences aside.
2. Work as team players and share all relevant information. Express fundamental interests rather than fixed positions. Be honest, and tactful.
3. Avoid surprises. Encourage candid, frank discussions.
4. Ask if you do not understand.
5. Openly express any disagreement or concern you have with all workgroup members.
6. Offer mutually beneficial solutions. Actively strive to see the other’s point of view.
7. Make every attempt to attend all meetings. In the event that a primary workgroup member is unable to attend, that member is responsible for notifying Office of Neighborhood Services about alternative arrangements.

SELECT A VOTING MODEL

- **Consensus** - the stakeholders work toward consensus on issues. A unified recommendation, though there may be more than one recommendation may be proposed.

- **Voting** - one vote for each stakeholder (5 tenants, 5 neighborhoods, 5 landlords). Chair will be a non-voting member. With this model a majority of votes at a meeting moves the action item forward. There may be majority and minority recommendations with this model.
Liaison Committee
Minutes
May 18, 2015

Members Present:
Colleen Gardner –Chair (Chief Garry Park) Paul Kropp (Southgate), Bonnie McInnis (West Central)
Staff Support: Rod Minarik
Absent: Gene Klozar (Riverside)

- No application for Plan Commission liaison, applications will be accepted till June 15th and Rod will add application/responsibilities to the June Packet
- Colleen will send out another email to encourage NC/CA too help spread the word on getting folks to apply
- Colleen will follow thru with evaluation process for Fran Papenleur, the committee will be looking at how to improve the current form for future evaluations
  - Continue work on securing founding documentation
  - Continue work on jobs description for liaison positions
- Rod will follow up with Melissa to see were we are at with the needed documentation to move forward
- Continue to explore the issue for retrieving previous Chair’s computer files that may assist committee with goals and progress
- Colleen review the CA Policy/Procedures for liaison reporting process and bring a recommendation to the committee on how to move forward

Next Meeting will be held June 19th
Design Review Board

May 27, 2015
Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:29 PM

Attendance
- Board Members Present: Chris Batten, Craig Andersen, Austin Dickey, Jacqui Halvorson, David Buescher, Colleen Gardner, Steven Meek
- Board Members Not Present: Jeff Logan
- Staff Present: Nathan Gwinn, Tirrell Black, Planning & Development;

Briefing Session:
Minutes from the May 13, 2015 meeting approved unanimously

1. Staff Update - Nathan Gwinn
   - The next Design Review Board meeting is scheduled for June 10th. We will continue developing the design awards and possibly combine the meeting with a board business retreat.
   - On June 24th we are looking forward to a second collaborative workshop for both the North Spokane Corridor Master Plan and the Howard Street Bridge. (The Howard Street Bridge applicant later indicated that a second collaborative workshop would likely be postponed to a later date.)
   - The Larry H. Miller Downtown Toyota project is currently on hold.

2. New Business-
   - None

Workshops/Presentations:

1. Mayor’s Urban Design Awards Branding Options-Luke Baumgartner;
   - Presentation and overview given
   - Questions asked and answered

   Based on the review of the materials and the discussion during the May 27th, 2015 meeting, the DRB chose the first design scheme proposed.

2. Recommendation Meeting-Pepper Tree Plaza:
   - Staff Report: Nathan Gwinn, Planning and Development
   - Applicant Report: Ed Hatcher, Barry Baker, Baker Construction; Rita Santillanes
   - Public Comment: Gary Pollard, Riverside Neighborhood Council
   - Questions asked and answered

   Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the May 27, 2015 public workshop, the DRB recommends approval of the project with the following consideration:
   - Continue use of basalt on the liner wall along Third Avenue.

Workshop Motion-Craig Andersen moved to approve; Colleen Gardner seconded; Motion approved with one dissenting vote by Steven Meeks.
3. Collaborative Workshop-Howard Street South Channel Bridge Replacement:
   - Staff Report: Tirrell Black, Planning and Development
   - Applicant Report: Mark Brower, CH2M Hill; Juliet Sinisterra, Leroy Eadie, City of Spokane Parks and Recreation
   - Questions asked and answered

Recommendations:
   - Regardless of historical status, consider providing a photographic record of the bridge.
   - The split option appears to meet more of the park master plan needs.
   - Consider curved approaches and potentially the structure to blend with existing riverbank walls on both the south and north banks.
   - Consider a sense of transparency of the railing design to allow better visual access to the river.

Workshop Motion- Jacqui Halvorson moved to approve; Motion seconded and approved unanimously

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:49 PM**
Next Design Review Board meeting is scheduled for **June 10, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**
May 13, 2015
Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:34 pm

Attendance
- Board Members present: Chris Batten, Austin Dickey, Jacqui Halvorson, Colleen Gardner, Steven Meek, Jeff Logan
- Board Members absent: Craig Andersen, David Buescher
- Staff present: Julie Neff, Nathan Gwinn, Tirrell Black-City of Spokane Planning and Development
- Applicants present: Doug Yost, Centennial Properties; Jeff Warner and James Sullivan-ALSC Architects

Board Briefing:
Minutes from the April 22nd meeting approved unanimously

1. Staff Report - Julie Neff
   - Full agenda on May 27th, 2015
   - Hold June 10th for now. The June 24th agenda is filling up as well.

Workshops:

1. SAAD/Urban Outfitters - Collaborative Workshop:
   - Staff Report: Nathan Gwinn, Planning and Development
   - Applicant Report: Jeff Warner and James Sullivan, ALSC Architects
   - Public comments read on record-Jim Kolva & David Buescher
   - Questions asked and answered

   Based on the review of the materials submitted by the applicant and the discussion during the May 13th, 2015 public workshop, the DRB recommends that the applicant consider the following:
   1. Creative ways to address the treatment of blank walls such as increasing the perception of second-floor glazing or incorporating other features from the list.
   2. A more engaging and articulated ground floor and sidewalk development
   3. Explore ways to redesign the projecting cornice as it relates to the context.
   4. Investigate strategies to ensure the pedestrian realm is safe and well-lit, paying special attention to the north end of the building

   Workshop Motion- Austin Dickey moved to approve, Colleen Gardner seconded, approved unanimously.

2. Centers and Corridors Code and Design Guidelines:
   - Staff Report - Tirrell Black
   - Questions asked and answered

   This was an informational presentation. The DRB was not asked to make a recommendation.

Board Business
Streamlined minutes similar to the Plan Commission’s were proposed by staff. Discussion and general agreement to utilize notes taken by staff attending the meeting and if necessary, DRB members will provide specific suggestions for edits.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 PM

Next Design Review Board meeting is scheduled for May 27th, 2015 at 5:30 PM
Design Review Board

5:30 PM, March 25, 2015
City Council Briefing Center, Lower Level, City Hall

Attendance

- Board Members Present: Chair Chris Batten, Craig Andersen, Austin Dickey, Jacqui Halvorson, Steven Meek, Jeff Logan
- Board Members Absent: David Buescher, Colleen Gardner
- Staff present: Julie Neff, Nathan Gwinn, Tirrell Black
- Applicants Present: Jennifer Smithey - John Mahoney Arch., Ray Kimball-Whipple Consulting Engineers, Marla Nunberg-Downtown Spokane Partnership
- Citizens Present: Kelly Cruz, Jennifer Gray, Chris Lynch, Kennet Bertolson,

Chris Batten, Chair, called the regular meeting to order
Roll Call: Quorum Present

Board Briefing:
1. Corrections to March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes: None
   - Motion to approve the March 11, 2015 minutes; M/S and Motion carries unanimously
2. New Business: After Hearings
3. Old Business: None
4. Staff Report:
   - Upcoming meetings discussed – Cancel the April 8th meeting, Hold April 22nd

Public Hearing:
A. Second Review Meeting – Larry H. Miller Toyota
   - Staff Report: Given by Nathan Gwinn, Planning and Development
   - Applicant Report: Jennifer Smithey with John Mahoney Architecture Ray Kimball with Whipple Consulting Engineers
     - Glass height lowered to 4 ft. 8 inch on the frontage of 2nd Ave. to meet code with 51% of visible glass
     - Made modifications to the blank walls to meet code
   - Public Comment: Kelly Cruz, Jennifer Gray, Chris Lynch
   - Discussion: Chair Chris Batten recuses himself due to possible conflict and Craig Anderson takes discussion lead.
     - Managing storm water run off
     - Utilizing Plaza space
   - Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the March 25, 2015 public workshop, the DRB recommends the following:

Approval of the project with the following considerations:

1. Building is approved as shown in submittal documents.
2. Madison Street between 2nd and 3rd Street will need further review after public testimony to encourage pedestrian use.

Recommendation Motion – Craig Andersen; M/S and Motion carries unanimously
B. Collaborative Workshop – Spokane Regional Wayfinding and Signage System

- Staff Report: Given by Tirrell Black, Planning and Development
- Applicant Report: Marla Nunberg, Downtown Spokane Partnership and Kennet Bertolson, Stantec
- Public Comment: Kelly Cruz
- Discussion:
  - Standardizing signage throughout downtown Spokane to appeal to tourism.
  - Businesses will need to meet a set criterion to be able to qualify for Wayfinding signage.
  - Funding options for this type of system.

- Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the March 25, 2015 public workshop, the DRB recommends the following:

  Conceptual approval of the project with the following considerations:

  1. Further review for the criteria of offsite signage.

Board Briefing (continued):

1. New Business: To streamline the workshop process it is suggested that applicants sit during discussions.
2. Old Business: None

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
At the March 25, 2015 Interim Meeting prior to the Recommendation Meeting, a quorum of the Design Review Board passed the following motion.

Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the March 25, 2015 interim public meeting, the DRB recommends the following:

Approval of the building and campus as shown in the submittal documents conditioned on awarding the right-of-way vacation. However, the Madison Street right-of-way between Second and Third will need further review after public testimony. The DRB recommends the applicant investigate ways to show a clear public benefit and encourage pedestrian use.

Craig Anderson, Vice-Chair, Design Review Board

Note: Supplementary information, audio tape and meeting summary are on file with City of Spokane Design Review Board.
MEETING SUMMARY
Community Development Committee
Community Assembly
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Northeast Community Center – Founders Room


NEIGHBORHOODS PRESENT: West Central, Whitman, Hillyard, North Hill, Riverside, Browne’s Addition, Bemiss, Northwest, Nevada-Lidgerwood, Peaceful Valley, East Central

NEIGHBORHOODS ABSENT: Balboa, Five Mile, North Indian Trail, Comstock/Manito, Rockwood, Grandview/Thorpe, West Hills, Latah/Hangman Valley, Comstock, Chief Garry Park, Southgate, Minnehaha, Lincoln Heights, Cliff/Cannon, Logan, Emmerson Garfield

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Mallahan and George Dahl

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Roland called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MAY 5TH MEETING MINUTES: Meeting minutes were approved. There was confusion about the meeting location; staff will do a better job communicating where Committee meetings are being held. A suggestion was made to include any changes in the subject heading of future emails.

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Fran shared a report on the Community Assembly meeting. The CA is working to reorganize their meetings and provide training resources (CA Handbook) to new CA representatives.

REVIEW OF 2016 CDBG NEIGHBORHOOD APPLICATION AND RELATED RESOURCES: Roland introduced the application and provided some personal thoughts regarding the content. Roland expressed concern that there may be too much information on the website and suggested the need to pair it down. Others in attendance offered their thoughts that the content was robust, but necessary to help Neighborhood Councils understand the scope of CDBG. Following these remarks, George provided an overview of the website and where Neighborhood Councils can locate information necessary to fund projects.

Those in attendance were encouraged to provide feedback for making the resources more user-friendly. Several suggestions were offered over the course of the presentation. They include the following...

- Convert the existing PDF documents (applications) from flat file to a fillable document
- Hillyard Park needs to be changed to Hays Park
- Neighborhoods would like to see an application cover page for the sidewalk application
- Need to edit the timeline to provide greater clarity on the sidewalk application due dates
- Need to identify (on timeline) that neighborhoods can submit more than one project application
- All due dates need to be in bold or red font
• Need more information on the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) tank locations
• There was a suggestion that staff provide training evaluation forms for each of the three Application Workshops in June.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Committee *will not meet on July 7th*. The *next meeting* will be Tuesday, August 4th from 5:30 to 7:00pm at the West Central Community Center.
MEETING SUMMARY
Community Development Committee
Community Assembly
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
West Central Community Center – Newton Room


NEIGHBORHOODS PRESENT: Northwest, Logan, Bemiss, West Central, Emerson Garfield, Peaceful Valley, Browne’s Addition, Whitman, North Hill, East Central, Nevada-Lidgerwood

NEIGHBORHOODS ABSENT: Balboa, Five Mile, North Indian Trail, Comstock/Manito, Rockwood, Grandview/Thorpe, West Hills, Latah/Hangman Valley, Comstock, Chief Garry Park, Southgate, Minnehaha, Hillyard, Lincoln Heights, Cliff/Cannon, Riverside

STAFF PRESENT: Jonathan Mallahan and George Dahl

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Roland called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MARCH 6TH MEETING MINUTES/AGENDA: Meeting minutes and agenda were approved with a correction to the next meeting date (should have been May 5th and not June 2nd).

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Fran shared a report on the May 1st Community Assembly meeting. The CA is working to reorganize their meetings to involve more time for dialogue between neighborhoods with the overall goal of working toward the common good throughout the city.

PROJECT SELECTION DISCUSSION: George provided a follow-up to last month’s discussion regarding a project menu for neighborhoods to choose from. The following list of projects concepts were presented to the Committee...

- **Capital Projects**
  - Streets, Sidewalks, Safe Routes to Schools, etc.
- **Public Safety Projects**
  - Police Precinct Expansion into Neighborhoods, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, etc.
- **Parks Projects**
  - Wildhorse Park Playground Improvements, Rochester Heights Park Safety Improvements, Sidewalk perimeters around parks, etc.
- **Targeted Community Center Projects**
  - Community Centers
    - Northeast Community Center, West Central Community Center, East Central Community Center, Peaceful Valley Community Center
Senior Centers
- Corbin Senior Center, Hillyard Senior Center, Mid-City Concerns Senior Center, Sinto Senior Activity Center, Southside Senior and Community Center

Youth Centers
- Northeast Youth Center, Spokane Boys and Girls Club, Odyssey Youth Center

Homeowner Repair Programs (administered by SNAP)
- Homeowner Rehab, Roofs, Minor Home Repair, Emergency Home Repair

There was lengthy discussion regarding the above list of projects the City will solicit for neighborhoods to support. Following the discussion, George asked if the Committee was in support of the menu moving forward. There was unanimous support of the menu moving forward. City staff will work with implementing departments and agencies to have the menu published on June 1st.

George also presented the revised application for neighborhoods that choose to forgo the project menu. This year the project application will be abbreviated to one page (see attached). Neighborhoods will be asked to provide the following information:

- Name of Neighborhood Council
- Date the application(s) was approved by the Neighborhood Council
- Neighborhood Contact Information
- Project Name
- Project Location
- Cost Estimate
- Project Scope (narrative)

Neighborhoods will have a due date yet to be determined for returning their applications to the Community Housing and Human Services (CHHS) Department. Following this due date, George will coordinate a meeting time between the neighborhoods and implementing department/agency to further define the project scope, cost and construction timeline (where applicable). The Committee was in unanimous support of the revised application moving forward.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at the West Central Community Center (Newton Room) from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 p.m. During this meeting we will review the project menu and timeline for submission to the CHHS department.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

Join us for a workshop to learn about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application process for the 2016 funding cycle. City Staff will walk the neighborhoods through the application process as well as give examples of possible projects.

The workshops will be held one in each Council District, if your neighborhood cannot attend in your Council District feel free to join another Council District Workshop:

**JUNE 15TH, 5:30-6:30PM**
District 1, Northeast Community Center, 4001 N. Cook

**JUNE 16TH, 5:30-6:30PM**
District 3, West Central Community Center, 1603 N. Belt

**JUNE 17TH, 5:30-6:30PM**
District 2, Southside Senior Center, 3151 E. 27th

For More Information please contact George Dahl at 625-6036 or gdahl@spokanecity.org.
**Comprehensive Plan Amendments:** Staff are seeking stakeholder input on the proposed policy amendment to establish a land-use category and related criteria for mobile home parks. The first stakeholder meeting is scheduled for June 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Council Briefing Center. Information on the proposal can be found at: [http://my.spokanecity.org/projects/policy-re-manufactured-and-mobile-home-parks/](http://my.spokanecity.org/projects/policy-re-manufactured-and-mobile-home-parks/)

**New 20-year Street Plan Decision Criteria:** Staff briefed the Commission on efforts to develop decision criteria for street maintenance/construction projects that will 1) take into account needed utilities infrastructure in scheduling street repairs; and, 2) link repair/construction priorities more directly to the transportation chapter of the city’s Comprehensive Plan. Using these criteria, staff developed an example scoring matrix for the 2017-2023 Street Levy projects. *The Community Assembly may wish to schedule a briefing by Inga Note and/or Katherine Miller on this effort to provide greater transparency and coherency to streets project planning.*

**Centers & Corridors Design Standards:** Public hearing before the Plan Commission on revisions to design standards for buildings in centers & corridors has been set for June 10 at 4:00 pm at Council Chambers.

**Plan Commission Developments:** John Dietzman has succeeded Brian McClatchy as chair of the Commission’s Transportation Subcommittee. Evan Verduin was chosen to succeed Brian as Vice-President of the Commission.

**Planning Director Interviews:** All interviews have been completed, but no decision has yet been taken on whom to hire to succeed Scott Chesney. It seems likely that a new Planning Director will not be in place until late summer or early fall.
Community Assembly Building Stronger Neighborhoods Committee
May 18, 2015 Meeting Summary

Voting Members Present: E.J. Iannelli (Emerson-Garfield), Dixie Zahniser (Manito/Cannon Hill)
Others Present: None
Staff Present: Jackie Caro

Meeting Summary: The April meeting minutes were not approved as a quorum was not present.

- Appointing a BSN secretary: An issue of poor and inconsistent meeting attendance that is still unable to be resolved on account of poor and inconsistent meeting attendance.
- BSN outreach efforts: Attendance at the following events was deemed a priority: Perry Street Fair (July 25), Garland Street Fair (August 8); and, resources permitting, Kendall Market (every Wednesday, 4-8pm), South Perry Market (every Thursday, 3-7pm), Emerson-Garfield Farmers’ Market (every Friday, 3-7pm). The various neighborhood concert series were not considered to be good outreach opportunities given the nature and the format of the events.
- ONS updates: Jackie has arranged to run “best practices” articles in the Friday Update e-mail, whereby neighborhoods that have successfully organized certain events or outreach efforts will provide firsthand advice on how they did so and how they might be replicated. Cleanup, blogging and e-mail newsletters are the first three topics.

Next meeting: June 22, 2015, noon at the Sinto Senior Center (1124 W Sinto Ave)

Proposed Agenda Items: Appointing a BSN secretary. Confirming volunteer participation attendance at BSN outreach booths. Update on GU internship.
Subject
The City Council placed a six month moratorium on new cell towers within the City of Spokane beginning March 9th to tentatively conclude in August of this year.

Background
After citizen input, the City Council desires to update the City’s cell tower regulations to address aesthetic concerns, new technology and to establish a hierarchy of preferred locations for new wireless communication towers and base stations. The City has retained experts in the industry to assist the city with the code revisions. They will be addressing the needs of Spokane, new federal regulations relating to the Federal Telecommunications Act and best practices from cities across the United States.

The City’s consultants have met with citizen and industry stakeholders, the city council, and the Plan Commission. The consultants are compiling the information they have received and are working on an initial draft of the updated regulations. Citizen input is welcome during this process.

Timeline
Attached is the anticipated timeline for the process and an informational sheet with frequently asked questions. The Community Assembly will be receiving the draft regulations at the July 7th meeting.

Questions
For questions regarding the moratorium please contact Rae-Lynn Barden, Legislative Assistant at rbarden@spokanecity.org or Tami Palmquist at tpalmquist@spokanecity.org.
3/9/15  
Moratorium adoption

4/13/15  
Council Hearing

4/29/15 – 4/30/15  
Meetings with:
  • Consultants
  • City Council
  • Plan Commission
  • Stakeholders
  • Industry Representatives

6/5/15  
Community Assembly  
*Begin SEPA Process*

6/10/15  
Plan Commission Presentation

6/24/15  
Plan Commission Workshop

7/8/15  
Plan Commission hearing/vote

July 10  
Community Assembly

7/15/15  
Open House

7/20/15  
PCED Presentation  
*Gazette Notification*

8/3/15  
City Council 1st Reading

8/10/15  
City Council 2nd Reading/ City Council Final Vote

*Please note dates are subject to change*
FACT SHEET

1. Why can’t the City of Spokane prohibit cell towers in residential zones?

What local governments can and cannot require is complex. Federal law does not permit a total prohibition of cell towers in residential zones if doing so would prohibit the delivery of wireless services to that zone. The placement, construction and modification of cell towers and antennas in cities is subject to Federal statutes, laws, regulations and case law. Coupled with Federal laws are State environmental regulations and local legal requirements. The City cannot deny an application for a wireless site because of citizens’ health concerns if the proposed site is in compliance with Federal Radio Frequency ("RF") emissions standards. In essence, Congress has adopted a national policy that encourages the deployment of wireless facilities and equipment, as well as the wide-spread availability of wireless services which can provide video, voice and data. As more people telecommute and work from home, the availability of broadband in residential areas becomes increasingly important. Under Federal court cases, cell phone companies have the right to close a significant gap in their own coverage. Unfortunately, the courts do not tell us what constitutes a significant gap, calling that question one that cannot be held to a particular standard. If there is a significant gap, however, the law allows the City to require that the wireless company close that gap using the least intrusive means as reasonably determined by the City which can include aesthetic considerations. The City can regulate matters such as design, location criteria, visual impact, aesthetics and zoning compliance.

2. Why is there a need for high cell towers in residential zones?

Consumers nationwide are less reliant on landline telephone service. Smartphone and tablet usage continues to result in higher demand for high-speed wireless data services. To meet that demand, providers are modifying existing sites and infrastructure and installing new facilities and equipment. Consumer usage of cell phones for video, voice and data has created a demand for coverage and capacity that has grown exponentially. Moreover, the demand for wireless service has pushed deep into residential neighborhoods. Sometimes, taller towers are necessary for customers to receive a signal and reception with good quality, and to provide fall-back coverage in areas also served by smaller cells. In other words, if the smaller cells become overloaded, then the macro site can provide redundancy. Cell phone providers typically use a combination of macro (tall-high) and micro (smaller-lower) sites to make their networks work. Cities cannot dictate technology to cell phone providers. Local governments are in the aesthetics business, not the technology business.

3. Are cell towers physically safe to be around?

Congress delegated sole authority to the FCC to set national rules and regulations to establish acceptable RF emission and safety guidelines for cell sites. The wireless carriers need to construct facilities which by law must adhere to Federal guidelines in order to promote safety.
Local governments cannot establish their own RF safety requirements, or even adopt those created by the FCC.

The FCC regulations provide a fifty (50) times safety margin between the maximum public exposure allowed, and the level where a physiological change can be measured in a person. Wireless operators commonly operate at a fraction of the maximum permitted by the FCC because to transmit with higher power will commonly cause cell site to cell site interference.

It should also be noted that ground level exposure is much less than that if someone were close to the antenna and in its transmission path. Further information can be found on the FCC’s RF Safety website.

4. Why can’t they eliminate large towers and utilize smaller sites instead?

Height is still an integral part of search ring signal coverage and capacity analysis. Sometimes large towers are necessary due to topography, or to provide background (fall-back) coverage in combination with “small cells” and Distributed Antenna Systems (“DAS”). The Industry has generally evolved from placing unsightly tall towers to deploying monopines and other stealthed facilities. Camouflaged facilities continue to evolve. The Industry is also moving towards small cell sites and using outdoor and indoor DAS.

5. Will any trees need to be removed to accommodate these sites?

The providers have an ongoing need for wireless sites. Tree removal will be dependent on specific locations, but generally should be avoided to the greatest degree possible. Typically, leaves will not stop signals but may reduce or slow down transmissions, resulting in some signal degradation. Greater willingness on the part of the City to make its vertical assets available potentially reduces the need for tree removal. The City will be considering what type of municipal facilities may be viable candidates to support DAS, small cells and antennas.

6. How will neighbors be notified in the future of possible cell towers and how can they participate?

The City is in the process of instituting a comprehensive software notification system this Summer. It is critical that citizen stakeholders be given the opportunity to timely weigh in on cell tower applications in residential and non-residential neighborhoods. Criteria can be developed regarding which neighbors are notified depending upon how close they will be to new cell towers. Once neighbors receive notification from the City, they can participate by e-mailing their comments to the City and take part in public meetings and hearings.

Citizen input is welcomed and encouraged during the process. It should be noted, though, that there may be a divergence of opinion on whether a particular application should be approved, denied or modified. It will then be up to the City, in accordance with applicable law, to determine whether an application meets the requisite criteria and render a decision.
7. What effect do cell tower sites have on property values?

The effect of cell tower sites on property values is an emotionally charged topic. Homeowners subjectively believe that a diminution in value is a given. Objective research seems to indicate otherwise, particularly as the distance from the cell site increases, and as time passes. Cell tower sites that are camouflaged have less effect on property values than non-stealthed, freestanding towers and poles. This ambiguity regarding property values leads to uncertainty for homeowners. While one homeowner may be concerned about aesthetics and health risks, another may welcome a cell tower because of improved coverage, capacity, network speed and improved cell service. Additionally, the effect on property values is fact specific and may vary depending upon the type of facility (cell tower, antenna site, monopine, etc.), along with its location, visual ramifications and the type of residential neighborhood. In any event, it is in residents’ best aesthetic interests to minimize the number of new cell towers inside the core of residential zones by encouraging collocation among providers and expedited review processes for smaller and stealthed facilities. Further, there has been anecdotal discussion that where residences do not have good cell phone reception, this could negatively impact potential buyers’ willingness to purchase homes in that area. The ability to receive and initiate phone calls, make emergency calls, and communicate with e-mails and text messages are services that people have come to expect.
Camouflaged cell towers still look like cell towers—not trees.

Can you spot the cell tower below?

The photo simulation above was created using an actual “camouflaged” monopine cell tower for one of the new proposed cell sites in Spokane. Not all “camouflaged” monopine cell towers look like the one shown above—some are better than others—but none truly look like a tree from up close. There is a big difference between seeing this as you drive past at 60 mph on I-90 and looking at it out your living room window every day.
Large cell towers are not the only option.

Cellular providers often prefer tall cell towers because it is often the least expensive solution. A tall cell tower allows the antennas to cover a larger area because there are fewer obstructions to degrade the signal.

Quoting the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) in Order 14-153 published Oct. 2014:

While that kind of macrocell deployment still exists and will continue to exist, there are now a variety of complementary and alternative technologies that are far less obtrusive. Distributed antenna system (DAS) networks and other small-cell systems use components that are a fraction of the size of macrocell deployments, and can be installed—with little or no impact—on utility poles, buildings, and other existing structures.

DAS and small-cell can be as small as your home wireless internet router or as big as a pizza box and can be hidden on existing buildings, light poles, and other structures. These are proven technologies in use today. But cellular providers will often only deploy such systems when forced because of the higher cost required to install and maintain many small antennas that are all connected with fiber optics. The wireless providers are currently lobbying very hard for the right to install large ugly cell towers in Spokane instead of the more expensive DAS or small cell technology.

Your cell coverage may NOT improve with a new large cell.

Most of the locations where cell towers are being built already have a decently strong signal and no issue with voice or dropped calls. The new towers are being built to support the increase in data usage which is where cellular providers receive the most profit.

An AT&T antenna will only serve an AT&T customer and not those who have Verizon, T-Mobile, or Sprint. A new cellular antenna is often built for a single cellular provider, and only benefiting that one group of customers.

Co-location of other cellular providers on an existing tower does occur and is highly encouraged; however, the initial wireless provider has already taken the highest spot on the tower. The farther down the tower, the much smaller area that can be served.

There are appropriate locations for cell towers and next to YOUR house.

There are appropriate locations for cell towers such as Commercial or Industrial zoned areas. But a 60 foot tall cell tower that is only a mere 30 feet away from a residential home is not appropriate. This is a real example of a cell tower application in Spokane! For reference, 60 feet is approximately twice the height of a two story house with a daylight basement or three times the height of a single story home. Spokane residents need stronger protections so that cell towers are not placed next to your house.
Spokane residents are not given notice until it is way too late.

Per federal regulation, cities only have 30 days from the date a new cell tower application is filed to notify the applicant of any missing information or documents. The cell tower applications that have been filed in Spokane are often incomplete or full of errors. Developers are attempting to rush through the applications and only notify surrounding property owners and residents at the very end after it is too late for their voice to matter.

Prepared by the

Cliff/Cannon Neighborhood Council
Cell Tower Task Force

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Meet & Eat
Please join the Chief Garry Park Neighborhood Council
June 17th 5:30-7pm
Cassano's 2002 E Mission
as we host Scott Richter the District 1 Representative on the Police Ombudsman Citizen Oversight Commission
2015
CONCERTS UNDER the PINES
at Audubon Park
Presented by: The Northwest Neighborhood Association
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

July 9
Spokane Jazz Orchestra

July 23
Men of Rhythm

August 6
Spectrum

Come enjoy an evening with family and friends
Bring a chair, blanket and dinner
as you enjoy some wonderful music