

# Spokane Neighborhoods Community Assembly

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

*Meeting Agenda for September 11, 2015*

**4:00-6:40 p.m.** – COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, *Basement, City Hall*



*Proposed Agenda Subject to Change*  
Please bring the following items:  
\*Community Assembly Minutes: August 2015

AGENDA ITEM	Presenter	Time	Action	Page No.
Introductions	Facilitator	3 min–4:00		
Proposed Agenda ( incl. Core Values and Purpose)	Facilitator	2 min–4:03	Approve	1
Approve/Amend Minutes ▪ August 2015	Facilitator	5 min–4:05	Approve	5
OPEN FORUM				
Reports/Updates/Announcements	Please Sign Up to Speak!	5 min-4:10		
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA				
City Council ▪ Cell Towers	City Council – Mike Allen	30 min-4:15	Oral Report	
City Council ▪ Abandoned Property Registry	City Council – Amber Waldref	20 min–4:45	Oral Report	
Retreat ▪ Update	Committee Members	20 min-5:05	Oral Report	
ONS/Code Enforcement ▪ Update	Heather Trautman	15 min-5:25	Oral Report	
PeTT ▪ PeTT Comments on Pedestrian Plan Goals	Paul Kropp	10 min-5:40	Oral Report	
Building Stronger Neighborhoods ▪ Brochures	E.J. Iannelli	15 min-5:50	Oral Report	
Liaison ▪ Update	Colleen Gardner	5 min-6:05	Oral & Written Report	10
Budget ▪ Update	Kathryn Alexander	15 min-6:10	Oral Report	
PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL ISSUES				
CSO Tanks/Vegetation ▪ Level of Concern	Fran Papenleur	15 min-6:25	Discussion & Written Report	15
OTHER WRITTEN REPORTS				
Administrative	Fran Papenleur		Written Report	18
Design Review Board Liaison	Colleen Gardner		Written Report	19
Land Use	Teresa Kafentsis		Written Report	20
Plan Commission Liaison	Greg Francis		Written Report	24

*\* IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND YOUR ALTERNATE!!!! \**

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

- *September 17: Land Use, West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt, 5pm*
- *September 21: Town Hall Meeting, Northeast Community Center, 6pm. Neighborhoods include: Bemiss, Chief Garry Park, Hillyard, Logan, Minnehaha, Nevada/Lidgerwood and Whitman*
- *September 22: Pedestrian, Transportation & Traffic (PeTT), West Central Comm. Ctr, 1603 N Belt, 6pm*
- *September 22: 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall, 4:45pm*
  - *September 28: Building Stronger Neighborhoods, Sinto Senior Center, 1124 W Sinto, 12pm*
  - *September 30: Joint CA/CC, Southside Senior Center, 3151 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., 5:30pm*
  - *October 2: 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 & REPS (Draft)

Citizens Transportation Advisory Board (PeTT): Jim Bakke, 466-4285, [jfbakke@q.com](mailto:jfbakke@q.com)

Community, Housing, & Human Services Board: Fran Papenleur, 326-2502,

[fran\\_papenleur@waeb.uscourts.gov](mailto:fran_papenleur@waeb.uscourts.gov)

Design Review Board: Colleen Gardner, 535-5052, [chiefgarryparknc@gmail.com](mailto:chiefgarryparknc@gmail.com)

Plan Commission: Greg Francis, [gfrancis1965@yahoo.com](mailto:gfrancis1965@yahoo.com)

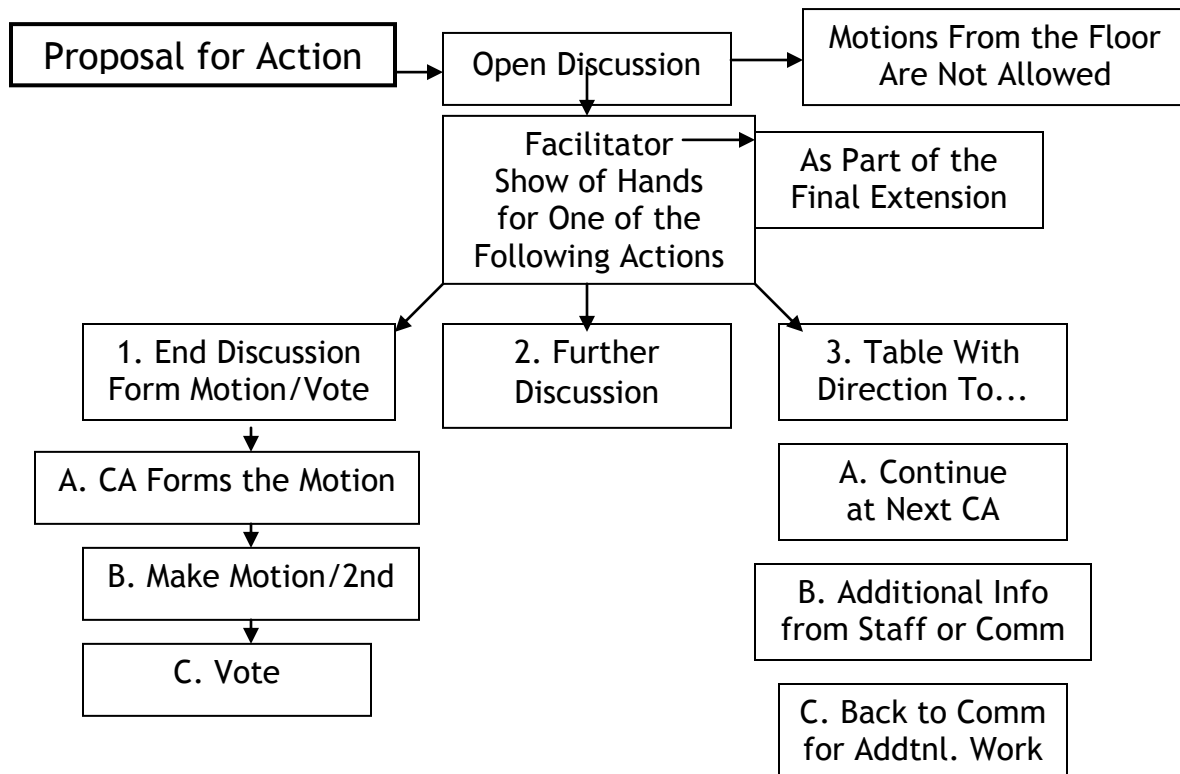
Plan Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (PeTT): Kathy Miotke, 467-2760,

[zaromiotke@yahoo.com](mailto:zaromiotke@yahoo.com) and Charles Hansen (alternate), 487-8462, [charles\\_hansen@prodigy.net](mailto:charles_hansen@prodigy.net)

Urban Forestry: Carol Bryan, 466-1390, [cbryan16@comcast.net](mailto:cbryan16@comcast.net)

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 one minute. 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



## **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.

## Community Assembly Minutes

August 7th, 2015

Agenda was approved with Agenda addition for Greg Francis new Plan Commission Liaison given 5 minutes. Meeting minutes from July approved.

### 1. Open Forum

- a. Kathryn Alexander, Bemiss Neighborhood
  - i. First concert Aug 28 6:30-8:30 Pamela Benton
- b. Sandy Gill, North Hill Neighborhood
  - i. Garland Street Fair Saturday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> from 10-7 Neighborhood Booth inviting volunteers

### 2. City Council

- a. Jon Snyder, City Council District 2
  - i. Mission Street Bridge Project
    - 1. Councilman Snyder presented on the Resolution regarding the Mission St. Bridge this proposal [click here to see proposed resolution](#). Graphic of Mission Bridge brought to May CA meeting by Paul Kropp, [click here to see the to view graphic](#).
    - 2. The group took a straw poll, initiated by Colleen Gardner but not requested by Jon Snyder.
      - a. In Favor: 14, Opposed: 1, Abstain: 2

### 3. Pedestrian Transportation & Traffic:

- a. Paul Kropp, Southgate Neighborhood
  - 1. Photo Red Resolution
    - a. John Snyder's presentation
  - 2. Post St. Bridge Replacement
    - a. [Find report on bridge here.](#)
    - b. Gone to two stakeholder meetings. There will be an open public meeting, likely sometime in September.
    - c. Stakeholders want appropriate approach/connection to Centennial Trail; crossing of bridge and crossing of travel lane.
    - d. The bridge doesn't qualify as a historic bridge because it has been heavily modified. The bridge gives us the opportunity to have a different railing. The current solid rail doesn't allow passengers in cars to see the river falls on both sides – the stakeholders are considering encouragement to design this visibility in.
    - e. Post will remain a one-way. Parks needs to be able to use it for entrance to the Park – so that is part of the design.
    - f. Will be a painted steel, lightweight bridge, not Core 10.

### 3. Pedestrian Plan Update

- a. PeTT will be working through the goals plan objectives this month and this may be coming back to CA next month.
- b. Asked for people to review and consider if all has been thought of with sidewalks and make comment. Ask PeTT Representative to do this please. [Click here to review goals.](#)

### 4. Retreat Committee

- a. Luke Tolley Hillyard
  - 1. Update

- a. Reboot of last month's voting on proposals to change CA meeting days/times. Explanation of alternative voting method ([see YouTube video by clicking here](#)).
- b. The group is working on getting a vote on the change in meetings.
  - i. Group is taking into consideration quorum, staffing, standing committee
  - ii. How many meetings per month?
    - 1. 1 Meeting: In Favor-11
    - 2. 2 Meetings: In Favor 6
  - iii. Keep First Friday?
    - 1. Yes 9
    - 2. No 10
- c. The same ballot will go out to neighborhoods. Results of balloting will be in a future Friday update.
- d. With a close vote on First Friday meeting, the Retreat CA will consider that.
- e. Also working on a Guidebook.
- f. Will be surveying Neighborhood Councils just like the Community Assembly was surveyed.

## 5. Neighborhood Services

- a. Heather Trautman, Director of Office of Neighborhood Services & Code Enforcement
  - 1. Upcoming Events
    - a. New: Events will be added to ONS website! Do you have an event you want to let the community know about? Let ONS know.
      - i. Click on Meeting & Event Calendar at [www.spokaneneighborhoods.org](http://www.spokaneneighborhoods.org) to view the Google Calendar.
  - 2. Bylaws, Agendas & Minutes
    - a. Did you know that you can keep your Bylaws, Agenda and Minutes on file with ONS
    - b. Submit them to [neighborhoodagendas@spokanecity.org](mailto:neighborhoodagendas@spokanecity.org)
  - 3. What's new?
    - a. Utility Wraps
      - i. 13 Utility Wraps along 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave from Division to Maple
        - 1. Designed by local artists
        - 2. Partnership between City of Spokane , Spokane Arts and STCU
      - ii. Serve 3 purposes
        - 1. Deters graffiti
        - 2. Creates sense of place
        - 3. More public art to beautify area
    - b. Analytics for WordPress
      - i. Web group is testing Google Analytics to be installed on all neighborhood WordPress sites.
      - ii. This will provide the neighborhoods with the ability to track activity on their website.
        - 1. Google Analytics reports, in real time, in your dashboard screen:
          - a. Real time number of visitors
          - b. Real-time acquisition channels
          - c. Real-time traffic sources details
    - c. Friday Update
      - i. E-newsletter of Community Events, Community Assembly and Committee Meetings and City Announcements.

- ii. New! Neighborhood Best Practices Articles. Monthly article that shares information regarding the great things the different neighborhoods do with their neighborhood councils.

- 1. Have requested information from several neighborhoods
  - a. Creating partnerships through Clean Up Events
  - b. Neighborhood Council Blogging
  - c. Concert Series
  - d. Tree Planting Events
  - e. And more...

iii. [Subscribe to Friday Update here](#) or submit articles contact Jackie Caro at [icarao@spokanecity.org](mailto:icarao@spokanecity.org) or [fridayupdate@spokanecity.org](mailto:fridayupdate@spokanecity.org).

#### 4. 2015 Program Application Dates

- a. June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> & November 25<sup>th</sup>: CDBG applications
- b. 2015 Application Status-Next Steps

- i. HUD Approved Fund Issuance
- ii. Funding Anticipated by end of August

#### 5. Forest Spokane

##### a. Greening Grants

- i. Neighborhood Applications have closed and grantees have been notified of approved grants.
- ii. Next Steps
  - 1. Neighborhoods get to decide whether they would like to create a community event for their tree and perennial vegetation plantings. Planting begins end of September and goes through May 2016 (weather dependent).

##### iii. Totals 2015

- 1. 12 neighborhoods participated
- 2. 17 grant applications were submitted
- 3. 110 New Street trees in the community
- 4. Contact: Alicia Bemiss-Powell, 625-6780, [apowell@spokanecity.org](mailto:apowell@spokanecity.org)

##### b. Forest Spokane

- 1. i. New Forest Spokane Tree map  
<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/forest-spokane/>
- ii. The trees displayed on this page include:
  - 1. 2014 Greening Grants
  - 2. Residential tree program recipients (spring 2015)
  - 3. Trees planted through Capital Improvement Projects
  - 4. Volunteer numbers for Residential Tree Program resulting in 1,000 trees out in to the community\*
    - a. \*Many people participating in the Residential Tree Program had never communicated with their neighborhood before and thus gave neighborhoods the opportunity to broaden their membership base via contact information collected for the program.

##### c. Residential Tree Program

##### i. Fall Residential Tree program event:

- 1. Tree pick-up dates: October 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

- a. The dates, tree species and participating nurseries have been selected
- b. Online registration page for the program.
- c. Neighborhoods are being asked to participate in the same manner as in the Spring
  - i. Distributing information to residents
  - ii. Signing residents up for trees
  - iii. If a neighborhood would like to opt out of this role please notify Alicia Powell, [apowell@spokanecity.org](mailto:apowell@spokanecity.org)
  - iv. \*Expect more details information late August.

## 6. Liaison Committee

- a. Colleen Gardner, Chief Garry Park
  - i. Very fast approval of Greg Francis from Mayor/Council.
  - ii. Creating a chart of who the CA liaisons are to which committees, term length, term expiration date, and how many times you can be re-upped so everyone is clear on the length of service and we know when a new liaison is needed.
- b. Greg Francis, Rockwood, new Plan Commission Liaison
  - i. Plan Commission received LUC neighborhood notification CA approved recommendations. Not passed by Plan Commission this time because of questions and new info.
  - ii. Particularly questioned was notification of adjacent neighborhood where it just says on or near a neighboring boundary; should there be distance limits, should it be certain cases, etc. The current 400' in SMC was discussed. Greg said 400' may not be enough in all cases.
    - 1. Colleen agreed and thought 1000' might be useful.
      - a. Straw Poll for 1000' = 17
  - iii. Next point on "accepting comment on technical expertise shall require response"
    - 1. Greg felt that this could be contentious as the technical expertise is too broad, could cause problems. Not sure if this is meant to be a neighborhood person with expertise.
      - a. Sandy Gill thought this was the intent. Kathryn Alexander agreed that it is to get neighborhood participation and the neighborhood could approve this technical expert to submit this.
        - i. Straw poll on "A person with expertise designated by the Neighborhood Council to submit report":
          - 1. In Favor: 18
          - 2. Abstain: 1
      - ii. Greg will take this to PC.
      - iii. Overall there was support for Neighborhood, with a few questions on standing.

## 7. Community Assembly Budget

- a. Kathryn Alexander, Bemiss Neighborhood
  - i. Trying to get Bemiss reactivated and found there was no funding source for getting events organized. Idea is that if CA had a funding source then neighborhoods could apply for this to get things like block parties, concerts etc. going. Some neighborhoods have money, others don't.
  - ii. Julie Banks – brings up a lot of questions – where would the fund come from, who would keep track of it.
  - iii. Colleen likes the idea, but thinks it will take a lot of legwork.



- iv. Luke says it is not a completely new idea – the neighborhood planning money was a similar idea, but not without problems. Not sure that it would benefit the smaller neighborhoods because the larger neighborhoods might go for it to support their festivals. Kathryn says the CA could set the criteria. Luke doesn't want to see neighborhoods competing against each other.
- v. Heleen suggested mentoring from the other successful neighborhood event organizing. Jay said usually a format gets set up to prevent money grabbing.
- vi. Does think CA should have a budget for speakers and so on.
- vii. Colleen says mentoring is all fine, but still there isn't any money. Chief Garry doesn't have a large business community and is a low income community.
- viii. Gary suggested a fund with each neighborhood allocated a nominal fund for recruitment/retention purposes.
- ix. Bill Peaceful Valley says a small fund would take up to much accounting time.
- x. Kathryn says Bemiss for instance is a poor neighborhood and people can't afford to foot the bill for event costs.
- xi. Luke feels that tapping the neighborhood businesses is the way to go, but money is secondary to getting people to participate and work.
- xii. Jay asked if the CA was interested in forming an ad hoc committee to explore the issue for a few months and report back.
  - 1. Straw poll 13 of 19 in favor.
    - a. Kathryn, Colleen volunteered
    - b. Browne's Addition will look for a third.
    - c. Kathryn will chair.

**In attendance:**

Audubon/Downriver	Bemiss
Chief Garry Park	Cliff Cannon
East Central	Emerson Garfield
Lincoln Heights	Minnehaha
North Hill	Peaceful Valley
Rockwood	Southgate
West Central	

Browne's Addition
Comstock
Hillyard
Northwest
Riverside
Whitman

**Not in attendance:**

Balboa/SIT	Logan	Five Mile Prairie
Grandview/Thorpe		Manito/Cannon Hill
Nevada/Lidgerwood		North Indian Trail
West Hills		

**Liaison report  
Sept 2015  
Colleen Gardner –Chair**

- **Liaison Policies/ Procedures/flow chart are attached for your information**
- **Appointed Liaisons may serve for a term of 1-3 years, in the event a liaison resigns within the term time frame a new liaison process will be put to the CA using the said policies/procedures**
- **When an existing term is up the current liaison will have the option of reapplying for the position, as well new applications will be accepted for the position using the outlined procedures.**
- **If no applications the liaison committee may recommend an interim appointment as approved by the CA.**
  - **Current liaison/terms**
    - **Fran Papenleur-CHHS board term expired 10/2015**
      - **Colleen Gardner-DRB-term expires 12/2-16**
    - **Greg Francis-Plan Commission-term expires 1/2018**

**Individuals that are selected to represent the CA on a Citizens advisory committee for example are not Liaisons in the strictest sense of the word. These individuals are chosen to represent the CA based on a recommendation of a CA sub-committee such as the PETT or other committee or the CA body as a whole to simply act as a go between the committee and the CA.**

**These representatives do not go thru the Liaison process as outline in the Policy/Procedure for selection of a Liaison however, they are expected to fulfill the same requirements as to reporting back to the CA and sharing information .Some but not all may have term limits. In the case of the Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory group the term is 4 years and the representative may serve two consecutive terms but they have not voting status.**

- **Current representative positions**
  - **Kathy Miotke & Charles Hansen-Plan Commission Transportation Advisory Committee-recommended by the PETT Committee and approved the CA**
    - **Carol Bryan-Urban Forestry-approved by the CA after volunteering from the floor**

**All documentation supporting these definitions can be found in the Liaison binder at the Office of Neighborhood Services.**



## **COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE FOR LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

In order for the opinions of the Community Assembly and the Neighborhood Councils to be reflected through the community, volunteer liaisons (long and short term) will be selected as outlined below. Voluntary participation ensures that the will of the neighborhoods will be heard and felt on boards, commissions, and committees that help accomplish the mission of the Community Assembly. The Office of Neighborhood Services/Code Enforcement will notify the Liaison Committee of all such requests.

The following procedures will be used to fill new positions and vacancies:

1. New positions and vacancies will be announced at Community Assembly meetings. Upon direction from the Community Assembly the Liaison Committee will have information distributed to Neighborhood Councils through the weekly ONS/Code Enforcement Friday update, and/or an email from the Liaison Committee. Communications will have a link to the applications, duties and responsibilities of CA Liaisons, as well as information on the liaison position and deadline for application submission. At the direction of Liaison Committee, the Office of Neighborhood Services/Code Enforcement will out information to the Mayor's Office as well as the press and other media sources.

The Community Assembly has the discretionary ability to make appointments for short term liaison positions at their regular meetings or assign the process to the Liaison Committee.

Note: See Flow Chart for Community Assembly Position

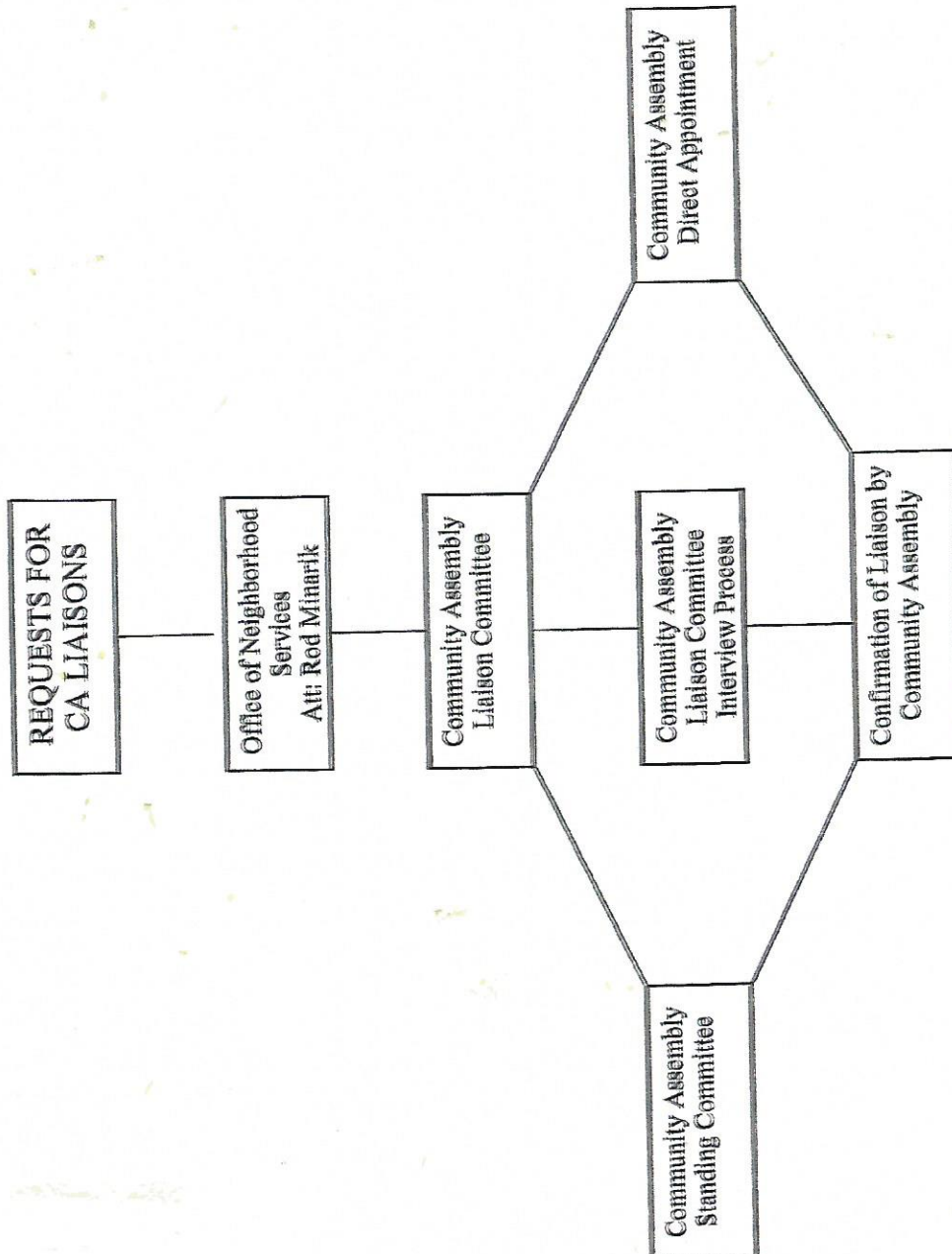
If the liaison request is for a position to be filled by a member of a specific CA Sub-Committee the request will be sent to that Sub-Committee by the Liaison Committee.

Note: See Flow Chart for Community Assembly Position

2. The deadline date for applications will be within 45 days of the announcement of the position at the monthly Community Assembly meeting.

During the application and selection process, interim appointments may be made by the Community Assembly or by the Liaison Committee. Appointments made by the Liaison Committee will be reported to the Community Assembly for approval as part of their oral report to be recorded in the CA Meeting Minutes.

3. The Liaison Committee will review all applications received, conduct interviews with potential candidates, and forward a recommendation to the Community Assembly for its approval.
4. The Liaison Committee will also conduct reviews of long-term liaisons on an annual or as need basis and share the information with liaisons to enhance their performance.
5. An individual may not fill more than one long-term board, commission, or committee position at a time as a representative of the Community Assembly.



## FLOW CHART FOR COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

FEBRUARY 2012



## Duties and Responsibilities of Liaisons

- Attend regular meetings of commission, board or committee.
- Attend Board/Commission/Committee and Community Assembly subcommittee meetings as assigned.
- Represent the collective interests of the Community Assembly and not a personal agenda.
- Report to individual neighborhood councils on relevant information to their neighborhoods, in a timely manner.
- Read all relevant material.
- Learn organizational structure, composition and processes of assigned board/commission/committee.
- Establish and maintain a working relationship with board members and support staff
- Be an ambassador from the Community Assembly to assigned board/commission/committee.
- Be a conduit of information between the Community Assembly and assigned board/commission/committee.
- Educate assigned board/commission/committee on roles and responsibilities/capacities of the Community Assembly and Neighborhood Councils.
- Use prudent judgment in personal contact.
- Notify the Community Assembly Liaison Committee in a timely manner, if unable to attend any meeting(s) or fulfill any of the duties or responsibilities of this position.

### **Duties and Responsibilities of approved Community Assembly representatives**

- Attend regular meetings of the assigned committee.
- Attend Community Assembly subcommittee meetings as assigned, if relevant
- Represent the collective interests of the Community Assembly and not a personal agenda.
- Report to individual neighborhood councils as needed on relevant information to their neighborhoods, in timely manner.
- Read all relevant material
- Learn organizational structure, composition and processes of assigned committee.
- Be an ambassador from the Community Assembly to assigned committee.
- Be a conduit of information between the Community Assembly and assigned committee.
- Use prudent judgment in personal contact.
- Notify the Community Assembly Liaison Committee in a timely manner, if unable to attend any meeting (s) or fulfill any of the duties or responsibilities of this position.
- Report oral/written reports to the Community Assembly at least quarterly

August 2015

The dirt above two big 250,000-gallon stormwater tanks along Spokane's South Riverton Avenue is just that.

Dirt.

There are also a lot of weeds, and Rich Jordan doesn't like any of it.

Jordan, a retired construction contractor who's lived on the corner of South Riverton and Crestline Street for nearly a decade, has kept a close eye on the landscaping above the tanks since they were installed side-by-side in 2012.

He watched as a private landscaping crew contracted by the city sprayed hydroseed along a mile of roadway on one of the last days in November 2012. The ground was wet and froze that night. The grass didn't take, and never has.

He counted the number of trees and shrubs planted. There were supposed to be 302 plants, but only about 250 made it into the ground. This spring, when Jordan counted them again, the plants left alive numbered only 39.

"These are the plants they put in," Jordan said Tuesday, pointing to lifeless spots of bark chips dotting a dusty foot trail. He kneeled and wrested a dead twig and root ball from the earth. "This is their restoration."

Jordan said he has contacted Mayor David Condon and city engineers and planners about the issue, with no response.

But now, the city is paying closer attention to such projects. Over the next 2 1/2 years, the city will ramp up its projects burying huge stormwater tanks underground - part of an effort to stop sewage and pollution from entering the Spokane River, as mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Three large tanks are currently being built, and another six are slated for construction before the end of 2017. The easier-to-install small tanks are done and buried, but the biggest ones remain, including two near City Hall and one that may be 4 million gallons.

Though most of the money spent on the projects goes toward what's underground - the tank, pipes and other infrastructure - up to 5 percent of a project's budget is dedicated to what's on top.

"At the end of the day, people aren't going to see the tank underground. They're going to see what's on top," said Marlene Feist, utilities spokeswoman. "It's their view. It's what they drive by. And it's much more important to us now. We're giving it a lot more thought."

Feist said the South Riverton project was done before the city integrated its departments to better manage such projects. She added that the landscaping at South Riverton will be redone this fall, beginning in August when the water department will irrigate the site.

Though Feist didn't know how much the original landscaping had cost the city, which was done by Davenport, Washington-based Halme Construction, she said the new landscaping is estimated at \$50,000.

Feist said the Chief Garry Neighborhood Council is concerned with maintaining river views along the path that runs between the street and the river, so the city plans to plant small trees and shrubbery.

She added that the city is looking into the Halme contract to see if its obligations were fulfilled.

"That is not the result that we would have hoped for," Feist said of the project's landscaping. "We're going to go ahead and redo the vegetation."

A representative of Halme declined to comment for this article.

Halme is also responsible for the recent installation of storm gardens - wide, landscaped gutters - along Country Homes Boulevard, a project done for the county.

The city's street-side storm gardens were built by various companies, to mixed results. The swales built last year by Red Diamond Construction along South Lincoln Street are not a year old and parts are empty or overgrown with weeds. Red Diamond is still responsible for their maintenance. Other storm gardens, such as along South Crestline Street, share a similar fate. Four Seasons Landscaping are under contract to maintain the swales on Crestline and Upper Lincoln.

Calls to Four Seasons seeking comment were not returned.

"It's a challenge. Linear swales along the street are a challenge," Feist said, noting that the city is exploring ways other than storm gardens to allow stormwater to seep into the ground, such as pervious pavement.

"Things like that may be easier for us to take care of as city," Feist said.

Jordan, the watchful neighbor, suggests that making the landscape acceptable will take some vigilance, and he's happy to keep an eye on its progress.

"I've been bitching to various individuals for three years and nobody's responded to me," Jordan said. "If this was downtown and at the Convention Center, there'd be an outcry."



From: Feist, Marlene  
To: Councilmember Stratton  
Date: 07/31/2015 04:54 PM  
Subject: RE: Stormwater tanks present landscaping challenge for city -  
Spokesman Mobile - July 22, 2015

Hello CM Stratton,

Just wanted to take a moment to respond. We certainly may want to follow up with a chat on this as well.

First, let's talk about the project that is the focus of the article you reference. That tank project is located along South Riverton in the Chief Garry Park Neighborhood. The project occurred in 2012, before we embarked on our new approach to this work--and our emphasis on above-ground benefits to go along with below-ground infrastructure. Unfortunately, the landscaping didn't take and that area clearly is due for some rework. We are adding irrigation to the site this summer and will re-landscape the area in the fall.

Second, let's talk about what's different today. We now add irrigation to sites like this so the plantings are more likely to survive. We have been more diligent about requiring our contractors to care for the plants as they are established and to replace those that don't make it. We are ultimately very concerned with how we leave an area after a project, and we are taking time to evaluate what makes sense for the surface at each location. Some plants will still die; there is some loss on any landscaping project. And in years of drought and heat like this one, it's certainly difficult to establish new planting areas.

Third, we should recognize that most of the remaining CSO work is planned for more urban areas of the City, where above-ground improvements will be different. The tank under construction at NW Blvd and Providence certainly is in a residential area, as will be the facilities we put along TJ Meenach and on Pettet Drive (Doomsday Hill). The rest are downtown, near East Sprague, and in WSDOT right of way near Liberty Park. We are looking at how these projects can fit in with their surroundings after they're completed, but we'll likely see some different things develop than what we've seen in more residential locations.

At any rate, now is probably a great time to update the Community Assembly and the neighborhoods on the progress of our work to reduce overflows from combined sewers. I am happy to do that as the Community Assembly's schedule allows. Installing and fully establishing landscaping is a challenge but we are moving in the right direction. And for me, it's really about remembering the big picture in all of this. We are improving the water quality of our greatest natural asset--the Spokane River--for generations to come. As we move back to the river--through the rehabilitation of Riverfront Park, the development of new views and trails, and the addition of new access points--this work is so very important.

Thanks to all on this email for your ongoing efforts on behalf of the community.

Please let me know what else you need.

Best,  
Marlene

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## CA Administrative Committee Meeting

August 25, 2015

4:45-5:30 p.m.

City Hall, ONS

### **CA Reps Present:**

Jay Cousins (Emerson-Garfield), Chair  
 Gary Pollard (Riverside), Vice Chair  
 Seth Knutson (Cliff-Cannon)  
 Fran Papenleur (Northwest), Secretary  
 Kathryn Alexander (Bemiss)

### **Others Present:**

Heather Trautman, City Staff/ONS  
 Rod Minarik, City Staff/ONS

### **CC:**

Karen Stratton, City Council Liaison

## **I. Today's Agenda/Items to address:**

- Draft Agenda for September Community Assembly meeting
- New Business

## **II. September CA Agenda - Topics, speakers and/or reports were reviewed.**

- A. City Council – Council member Mike Allen with update on Cell Tower issue. (30 minutes)
- B. CA Admin – Retreat Committee – Discussion continues regarding changing the monthly meeting date. Re-vote. (20 minutes)
- C. ONS – Heather. Multiple updates on programs and initiatives. Will include tree initiative –Alicia. (15 minutes)
- D. PeTT – Paul – endorse/vote draft Pedestrian Plan. (15 minutes)
- E. BSN – EJ Iannelli – marketing, NC brochures, etc. (15 minutes)
- F. Liaison Committee – Colleen Gardner. (5 minutes)

## **III. Follow Up**

CA Budget – Kathryn – follow up. (15 minutes)

## **IV. New Topics**

CSO/Landscaping – Fran – discussion with CA to determine level of concern among neighborhoods. (15 minutes)

## **V. October Agenda - Topic(s) from Parking Lot**

There being no other pressing business, meeting was adjourned at 5:30. Next CA Admin Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 4:45 p.m. City Hall/ONS.

## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

FILE NO. DRB  
1518**Salk Middle School Phase II****1 - Program Review/Collaborative Workshop**

August 12, 2015



**From :**  
Design Review Board  
Chris Batten, Chair

c/o Julie Neff, DRB Secretary  
Planning & Development  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
Spokane, WA 99201

**To :**  
Spokane Public School District #81  
2815 E. Garland Avenue  
c/o Gregory Forsyth

NAC|Architecture  
1203 W. Riverside Avenue  
c/o Michael Cole

**CC :**  
Louis Meuler, Acting Planning Director  
Tami Palmquist, Associate Planner

**Based on review of the materials submitted by the applicant and discussion during the August 12, 2015 Collaborative Workshop the Design Review Board recommends the applicant consider items 1, 3 and 6 from the topics for discussion indicated in the staff report as clarified by the following recommendations:**

**Neighborhood**

Provide a more significant entry feature at Francis and Alberta to act as a wayfinding element.

Use understated site features similar to the entry feature in style that emphasize pedestrian entrances to the campus; consider using the same feature for the gates accessing Holyoke.

**Site**

Align the fire egress stair on a courtyard instead of the building.

**Building**

Use a more liberal material palette and accents of the classroom wings to break up the mass and better fit the context of the neighborhood.

Revisit the mass or volume of the classroom wings to better replicate elements of the north façade.

**For the following reasons:**

To meet criteria as listed in the topics of discussion in the staff report.

Chris Batten, Chair, Design Review Board

Note: Supplementary information, audio tape and meeting summary are on file with City of Spokane Design Review Board.



***Draft***

***Land Use Committee (LUC)***

***Minutes for: August 20, 2015***

***Facilitator: Patricia Hansen***

***Secretary: Teresa Kafentzis***

***Executive Committee: Kelly Cruz, Patricia Hansen,  
Teresa Kafentzis, Margaret Jones***

**Introductions**

Karl Zacher – Browne’s Addition

Patricia Hansen – Cliff Canyon

Paul Kropp – Southgate

Melissa Wittstruck – ONS

Kelly Cruz – West Central

**Review and Approve Current Agenda**

- Approved

**Review and Approve Minutes for Previous Month**

- Approved

**Old Business**

- **LUC Outreach and member recruitment**
  - Welcome to Karl Zacher from Browne’s Addition
  - Patricia will continue to focus on two to three neighborhoods to invite each month
- **Cell Tower Moratorium**
  - Teleconference 8/20/2015 with stakeholders and AT&T and city reps
  - Document circulating that is being updated
  - Stakeholders continue to be concerned that recommendations made by the consultant and their LA attorney are being diluted by AT&T
    - Standing within the hearing examiner phase (city attorney and AT&T recommended to remove standing clause because of the upcoming neighborhood notification).
  - Distance between a tower and the next adjoining property or structure
  - Ranking of areas for placement of towers and antennae

- Moratorium will be extended 30-60 days
- Provision that vendors must remove unused towers and bring former site to code before permitting additional towers
- Current city staff member should be qualified and certified to make determinations such as radio frequency (RF) on proposed towers

Land Use Committee Connection – location and development standards for sites

- **Neighborhood Notification**

- Heard in Plan Commission, still accepting written comments
- Plan Commission action kept essentials, assisted in determining how standing would be treated in the language; forwarded to the city council
- First reading in city council on August 24; council hearing on September 14
- LUC Tasks after adoption: determine what the process is after notification is received by the neighborhoods

- **Review of flowcharts from Planning Department**

- Defer until September due to lack of time

## **New Business**

- **Larry H Miller Auto Complex on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

- Presentation to Riverside neighborhood for plan for auto complex
- Closure between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> street – vacation of Madison
- Currently a structure has been built on Madison using a obstruction permit, representatives stated that people would get used to and learn routes around it
- City Council said the street wouldn't be vacated. Requested LHM to work with neighborhoods and local businesses and demonstrate need.
- LHM reps stated that the city hasn't billed for leasing of Madison
- LHM reps stated that they had been told by city hall administration that the vacation was a "done deal" and they were surprised that the city council didn't approve.

- **Comp Plan Amendments to be processed for 2015**

- September 23, 2015 - Plan Commission will be hearing comprehensive plan amendments, the following two amendments may be controversial
  - Perry area commercial expansion
  - Manufactured housing locations to preserve affordable housing locations; property owners not able to transition to higher use for increased return on investment
  - Melissa will forward latest versions of comp plan amendment requests

## **Reports:**

- **Plan Commission Update – Liaison, Greg Francis (Rockwood)**  
On vacation, will return in October
- **PeTT Committee Update – Paul Kropp (Southgate)**
  - Mission Street bridge got match funding guaranteed by Photo Red funds by city council
  - Post Street rebuilding – including the Centennial Trail; public meeting in September
  - SRTC is requesting input on active transportation work plan; PeTT
  - Sidewalk Summit on August 25 at 2:00 pm at city hall
- **Planning & Development Quarterly Updates (Planning Director)**
- **Building Stronger Neighborhoods** (invite when needed)
- **Community Development** (invite when needed)

#### **Good of the Order**

- September 19 on Madison between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues Cliff Canyon Block Party

#### **Next Meeting Items:**

- Flowcharts from Planning Department

**Adjourned at 6:40**

**Next meeting is September 17, 2015**



***Draft***

***Land Use Committee (LUC)***

***Agenda for: September 17, 2015***

***Facilitator:***

***Secretary:***

***Executive Committee: Kelly Cruz, Patricia Hansen,  
Teresa Kafentzis, Margaret Jones***

**Introductions**

**Review and Approve Current Agenda**

**Review and Approve Minutes for Previous Month**

**Old Business**

- Flowcharts from Planning Department
- Update on cell phone towers

**New Business**

**Reports:**

- Plan Commission Update – Liaison, Greg Francis (Rockwood)
- PeTT Committee Update – Paul Kropp (Southgate)
- Planning & Development Quarterly Updates (Planning Director)
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- Community Development (invite when needed)

**Good of the Order**

- Next Meeting Items:

**Adjourn**

Plan Commission  
Liaison Report  
September 11, 2015  
Greg Francis

**Neighborhood Notification Ordinance** – At the Plan Commission hearing on August 12th, the neighborhood notification ordinance was approved with some revisions made to the language at the hearing in response to comments submitted by various parties. The key provisions of the draft ordinance that has been forwarded to the City Council include:

- The neighborhood council where the permit application is located shall be notified as well as any adjacent neighborhood that is located within 600’ of the proposed project.
- The neighborhood council where the permit application is being considered shall have standing “subject to the neighborhood council demonstrating that it adhered to established bylaws in making the decision to bring the appeal.”
- Comment period is for fourteen days and the plan department shall respond to all neighborhood comments with the applicant receiving a copy of the response.
- Both electronic and printed communications are considered “written.”

The requested modification by the LUC regarding mandatory response by the applicant to technical comments by a licensed professional was not included in the draft ordinance as the staff wanted all public comments to be treated equally. The PC concurred.

There was some discussion by Plan Commission members about the need for the changes to the ordinance since there are plans to implement a notification system that individuals may register for online. This system is not currently in place, but there was a recommendation to review the ordinance changes in a year once that system is active.

This ordinance is scheduled for first hearing at the 9/14/15 City Council meeting.

**Abandoned Property Ordinance Workshop** – Melissa Wittstruck presented plans at the 8/12/15 PC meeting to update this ordinance. Lenders are finding loopholes in the ordinance and there are clarifications that Neighborhood Services wants to add to the ordinance. Proposed changes include criteria for delisting properties and some changes to cost structure. There are currently 115-120 abandoned properties listed among the approximately 1500 active foreclosed properties within the city.

**Cell Tower Ordinance Workshop** – An update on the drafting of the cell tower ordinance was provided at the 8/12/15 PC meeting. There is currently no draft with agreement from all stakeholders. There has been lots of discussion about the types of technology that should be utilized. In the current draft documents, all applications would be Type III permits, which means that a hearing examiner is required to review the application. Also, current drafts require that any cell towers in residential zones must be stealthy.



**Electric Fence Amendment Workshop** – This amendment is being requested by a vendor and is designed for specific business zones (LI, GC, CB) (light industrial, general commercial, and community business). The proposed change would require a perimeter fence outside of the electric fence to reduce likelihood of accidental shock. This is a theft deterrent system that at least one business has requested. During the workshop, there was consideration of impact on residential zones and general aesthetics.

**Manufactured Housing Amendments Workshop** – Updates to the ordinance related to manufactured homes and mobile home parks appears to be stalled. The proposed changes have met with some resistance and three of the PC members that have been directly involved in reviewing the ordinance submitted a letter to the PC recommending that no changes be made until a more comprehensive citywide housing review is conducted. They believe that all types of housing need to be considered and have recommended this be part of the plan staff's 2016 work plan. There will be a hearing on the proposed amendments at the 9/23/15 PC meeting.

**Comprehensive Plan – Pedestrian Plan** – There will be an open house for the Draft Pedestrian Master Plan on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 5-7 p.m. in the Chase Gallery at Spokane City Hall. There will be a hearing on the draft plan at the 9/23/15 PC meeting.

**Plan Commission Membership Update** – As mentioned in my last report, the PC currently has two vacancies on the commission that they would like to fill. One member whose term expires at the end of this year will also not be seeking reappointment. Currently, there is strong representation from District Two, two members from District Three, and none from District One. A greater balance is hoped for from the underrepresented districts and there is also a desire to increase the overall diversity of the PC as well. The application is available at <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/vacancies/> for those that are interested.

**9/9/15 and 9/23/15 Plan Commission Agendas** – No hearings were scheduled on the 9/9/15 PC agenda. On the schedule was a walking tour of the Sprague business district and various project updates that I'll report on in my October report. The 9/23/15 agenda wasn't released as of this writing but is tentatively scheduled to include hearings on manufactured homes and the pedestrian master plan.

**BRIEFING PAPER**  
**City of Spokane**  
**Abandoned Property Registry Ordinance Amendments**

**Councilmember Amber Waldref**  
**September 10, 2015**

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On October 20, 2014, the City Council passed an ordinance which established an abandoned property registry. SMC 17F.070.420. The goal of this registry is to proactively engage mortgage lenders in taking responsibility for the conditions of abandoned foreclosed properties and to combat negative community impacts such as transients, illegal dumping, graffiti and safety. Since enactment, the best practices for dealing with properties in the foreclosure process have evolved across the country, causing the City to review its ordinance and suggest the following substantive revisions:

- Change focus from “abandoned properties” to “Foreclosure Properties” – properties in various stages of the foreclosure process which show signs of abandonment or lack of maintenance. Rather than wait for a foreclosed property to become abandoned, the registry process would now be required of the lender when the notice of foreclosure is issued. This change allows for earlier intervention to prevent deterioration of property.
- Clarifies how properties can be removed from the registry – by satisfaction of the mortgage, property no longer in mortgage default, or property sold in an arms’ length transaction with a non-related party.
- Clarifies that Code Enforcement is the enforcement officer for actions involving Foreclosure Properties.
- Provides that the bank or other responsible party must waive objections to the City entering the property for purposes of abating nuisances or dangerous conditions.
- Creates requirement for the designation of a local agent for the property with a 24-hour contact number.
- Provides that either the bank or Code Enforcement can begin the process of listing the property on the registry.

- Clarifies that registration status follows the property, and remains until such time as the property is no longer in foreclosure or mortgage default; transferee of the property must continue to abide by the registration program requirements.
- Requires the bank to notify the City of changes in ownership or occupancy status within 10 days.
- Provides that within 90 days of mortgage default, the property must be listed on the registry.
- Requires the bank to inspect the property monthly while it is on the registry.
- Adds Owner, Lender and Local Agent to the list of those responsible for taking actions, receiving notices, etc.
- Removes the registry's interaction with the Building Official's substandard building process to remove confusion and duplication of effort.
- Clarifies that banks cannot get properties off the registry by simply transferring title to the property to a subsidiary of the bank
- Raises the registry fee from \$200 to \$500 to cover costs of both administration and on-going monitoring.

Questions? Please contact Councilmember Amber Waldref at [awaldref@spokanecity.org](mailto:awaldref@spokanecity.org) or 625-6275 or Heather Trautman, Director of Office of Neighborhoods and Code Enforcement at [htrautman@spokanecity.org](mailto:htrautman@spokanecity.org) at 625-6854.

# Cell Towers

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# Timeline

9/10/15

City Council Study Session

9/11/15

Community Assembly

9/23/15

Plan Commission

9/28/15

PCED Presentation

10/14/15

Plan Commission Hearing

10/19/15

PCED Presentation

10/19/15

City Council First Reading

10/26/15

City Council Second Reading/Final Vote



# Parameters for Legislation

- ⌘ The City has the ability to regulate aesthetics, but cannot 'actively prohibit' cell towers.
- ⌘ Cities cannot regulate technology.
- ⌘ Cell Towers are a small revenue generator for cities.
- ⌘ City legal, industry representatives and neighborhood council counsel spent several hours creating the draft ordinance.



# Cell Tower Examples



# Ordinance Highlights

## Significant Changes

- ⌘ Prioritizing zones and including city owned land/facilities as preferred sites
- ⌘ Updated language for current and future technology needs
- ⌘ New definitions to address new technology



# Points of Disagreement

- ⌘ Stealth design definition
- ⌘ Besides being in a residential zone or within 150 feet of a residential zone, does the City want to require stealth for towers in any other zones or instead make it an incentive?
- ⌘ Does the City want to give additional tower height increases in the tables if stealth is deployed?

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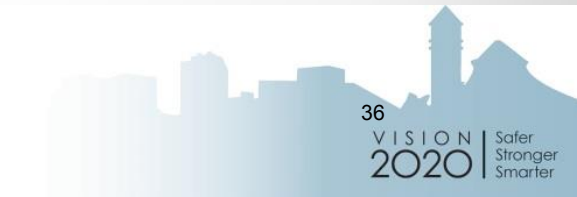
- ⌘ Use of City parks in residential zones, including height increases above tree lines.
- ⌘ Using criteria for the descending priority of tower locations versus requiring a showing of a significant gap and least intrusive means.
- ⌘ Does the group want to expand significant gap to include capacity?
- ⌘ Does the need for a zoning variance constitute a legitimate reason to move down the location priority list?

# Questions



# Community Assembly

Friday, September 11, 2015



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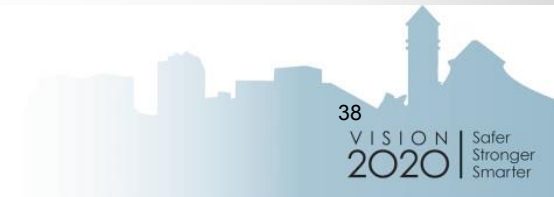
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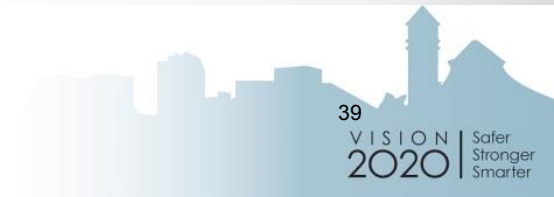
# Upcoming Events

- **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Town Hall, 6:00 p.m., Northeast Community Center, 4001 N Cook, NC: Hillyard, Bemiss, Whitman, Logan, Minnehaha, Chief Gary Park, Nevada Lidgerwood**
- **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Neighborhood Notification Ordinance Final Hearing, 6:00 p.m., Northeast Community Center, 4001 N Cook**
- **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Joint CA/CC, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Southside Senior Center, 3151 E 27<sup>th</sup> Ave**
- **New: Events Added to ONS website! Do you have an event you want let the community know about? [www.spokaneneighborhoods.org](http://www.spokaneneighborhoods.org) by t**
- **[www.spokaneneighborhoods.org](http://www.spokaneneighborhoods.org) select “Meetings and Events” tile to view Google Calendar**



# What's New

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# Accessibility Grant for Neighborhood Councils

- Limited grant funding available for 2015-2016 for citizens that attend Neighborhood Council meetings that need assistance with accessibility
- Total Grant: \$1,000.00\* renewable if needs not met
- Services include: sign language interpreter or use of hearing impaired assistance device, or other services
  - Application through ONS
  - Neighborhood Council Application to include:
    - i. Evidence of need for interpreter services
    - ii. Amount of funding requested
    - iii. Outline of services to be provided
    - iv. Contact information for applicant



# <sup>41</sup>Abandoned Homes and Occupancy

- Vacant, abandoned and tax delinquent property
  - May be involved in a bankruptcy, the death of the owner, a foreclosure notice filed by a lender, or an absentee (out of area) owner
  - No indications that 'care taking' of the property is occurring including keeping secure, maintenance of the building, upkeep of the yard, attracts other nuisance activity AKA 'broken window theory'.
- Quick Stats:
  - 1300-1600 Foreclosures in Spokane
  - 94 Substandard Buildings in the Hearing process (at present)
  - Of the 94 - 52 Abandoned and Foreclosure properties
  - Of 94- 9 Properties reported to have non-authorized occupancy

# Background

- Neighborhoods are responding to the growing problem of occupancy at abandoned property and the associated nuisance conditions which impact the comfort, solitude, health and safety of neighbors. These conditions reduce property values and attract other nuisances.
  - A 2009 study of vacant and abandoned structures in Baltimore estimated that each abandoned home required \$1,500 of police services annually.
  - A GAO study found an 8.7 to 9 percent decrease in property values around vacant and abandoned lots/structures.
  - In Chicago, neighborhoods with the most abandoned lots saw a 48 percent increase in crime during the same period where the City as a whole experienced a 27 percent drop in crime.



# Neighborhood Concerns

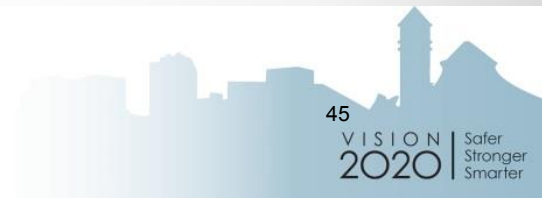
- Drug Trafficking – People and vehicles at all hours
- Stolen Goods – Bikes, appliances and other objects
- Prostitution
- Unauthorized Access – Unsecure building or people seen on the property
- Unauthorized Occupancy
- Dangerous Occupants
- Noise – Fights, deconstruction activity, etc.
- Vehicle Prowling – Relates to 'hot spots'
- Fire Hazard-Burning debris in house or on property
- Water or Power Theft

# Proposed Solutions

- Review and Implement Strategies for Owner & Lender Accountability, Control and Maintenance
- Review and Implement Strategies for Temporary Control and Maintenance
  - Superior Court Warrants– Criminal Trespass, Search Warrants, Secure Properties, Remove Nuisances
  - Ability to use 'Do Not Occupy' orders of officials
  - Eminent Domain
  - Initiate Probate
  - Receivership
  - Land Banks
  - Staffing & Legal Resources

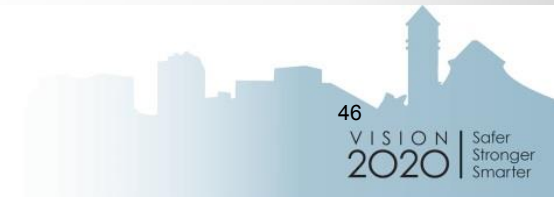
# Proposed Solutions

- Review legislative Opportunities
  - Increase lender responsibility for a property once foreclosure notice is filed
  - Tighter timelines and penalties for delayed foreclosure processes
- Structural Alignment of the Foreclosure Process with Desired Outcomes
  - Align court system with the foreclosure process
- Align Service Dollars to Help People Move Into Safe Housing



# 2015 Program Application Schedule

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# 2015 Proposed Program Application Dates

- January 5<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Traffic Calming Applications
- January 5<sup>th</sup> to March 16: Mobile Speed Feedback
- February 18<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>: Clean-Up Application
- March 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>: Greening Grant – Forest Spokane
- **June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> & November 25<sup>th</sup>: CDBG Applications**



# CDBG Program

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# CDBG

## 2015 Application Status

- **Next Steps**
  - HUD Funding received
  - Project Design Underway

### *CDBG Project Timeline*



# Forest Spokane

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# Residential Tree Program

## **Fall Residential Tree Program Event:**

Registration deadline: **October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Vouchers Issued: **October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Tree pick-up dates: **October 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Homesfires**

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – Spokane Conservation District**

- The dates and trees species have been selected
- Online registration page for the program:  
<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/forest-spokane/>
- Neighborhoods are being asked to participate in the same manner at the spring:
  - Distributing information to residents
  - Signing residents up for trees – sign up in person available
  - If a neighborhood would like to opt out of this role please notify  
Alicia Powell, [apowell@spokanecity.org](mailto:apowell@spokanecity.org)

# Greening Grants

Neighborhood Application have closed and grantees have been notified of approved grants.

Next step:

- Neighborhoods get to decide whether they would like to create a community event for their tree and perennial vegetation plantings. Planting begins end of September and goes through May 2016 (*weather dependent*)

Totals 2015:

- 12 Neighborhoods participated
- 17 Grant applications were submitted
- 110 New street trees in the community
- Contact: Alicia Bemiss-Powell, 625-6780, [apowell@spokanecity.org](mailto:apowell@spokanecity.org)



# Forest Spokane

## New: Forest Spokane Tree Map

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/forest-spokane/>

*(The Forest Spokane tree map is on the Forest Spokane page at the very bottom of the page.)*

The trees displayed on this page include:

- **2014 Greening Grants**
- **Residential Tree Program Recipients** (*spring 2015*)
- **Trees planted through Capital Improvement Projects**
- **Volunteer Numbers for Residential Tree Program resulting in 1,000 trees out in to the community\***

\*Many people participating in the Residential Tree Program had never communicated with their neighborhood before and thus gave neighborhoods the opportunity to broaden their membership base via contact information collected for the program.