

Spokane Neighborhoods Community Assembly

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

Meeting Agenda for Thursday, April 6, 2017

5:30 to 8:15pm – West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt



Proposed Agenda Subject to Change
Please bring the following items:
*Community Assembly Minutes: March 2017

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| Introductions | Facilitator | 3 min–5:30 | | |
| Proposed Agenda (incl. Core Values, Purpose and CA Calendar) | Facilitator | 2 min–5:33 | Approve | 1 |
| Approve/Amend Minutes ▪March 2017 | Facilitator | 5 min–5:35 | Approve | 5 |
| OPEN FORUM | | | | |
| Reports/Updates/Announcements | Please Sign Up to Speak! | 10 min-5:40 | | |
| LEGISLATIVE AGENDA | | | | |
| City Council ▪ Update | Councilmember | 5 min-5:50 | Oral Report | |
| Admin ▪ Joint CA/CC Meeting | Kelly Lotze | 5 min-5:55 | Oral & Written Report | 10 |
| ONS/Code Enforcement ▪ Update | Melissa Wittstruck | 5 min-6:00 | Oral Report | |
| City of Spokane ▪ 2017 Snow Survey | Marlene Feist | 10 min-6:05 | Access and Distribution | |
| Plan Commission Liaison ▪ Height Restriction Committee | Greg Francis | 10 min-6:15 | Oral & Written Report | 12 |
| Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) ▪ 2017 Conference | Kathryn Alexander | 15 min-6:25 | Presentation/ Written Report /Vote | 14 |
| CA Business ▪ Confirm Fall Retreat Topic of 2018 Goals/Planning. And Confirm Who Sets the Agenda – 10 min ▪ CA Budget (incl. amounts over \$500) and Role of the Budget Committee – 20 min ▪ CA Relationship with Committees and ONS, incl. Committee Procedures and CA/CD. - 45 min | Seth Knutson | 75 min-6:40 | Discussion/ Written Report /Vote | 46 |
| CA Roundtable | CA Reps | 20 min-7:55 | Discussion | |
| OTHER WRITTEN REPORTS | | | | |
| Land Use | Barb Biles | | Written Report | 50 |
| Design Review Board Liaison | Kathy Lang | | Written Report | 54 |
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| Pedestrian, Transportation & Traffic (PeTT) | Paul Kropp | | Written Report | 67 |
| Community Conversation - Police Ombudsman | Colleen Gardner | | Written Report | 69 |

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

UPCOMING IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

- *April 11: Public Safety, YMCA Corporate Office, 1126 N Monroe, 3:30pm*
- *April 20: Land Use, West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt, 5:30pm*
 - *April 24: BSN, Vessel Coffee Roasters, 2823 N Monroe, 12pm*
- *April 25: 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, 4:30pm*
 - *April 25: PeTT, West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt, 6pm*
 - *April 27: Budget, Fire Station 4, 1515 W. First, 6:30pm*
- *May 4: Community Assembly, West Central Community Center, 1603 N Belt, 5:30pm*

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

Community, Housing, & Human Services Board: Fran Papenleur, 326-2502, papenleurf@yahoo.com

Design Review Board: Kathy Lang, klang0132@gmail.com

Plan Commission: Greg Francis, gfrancis1965@yahoo.com

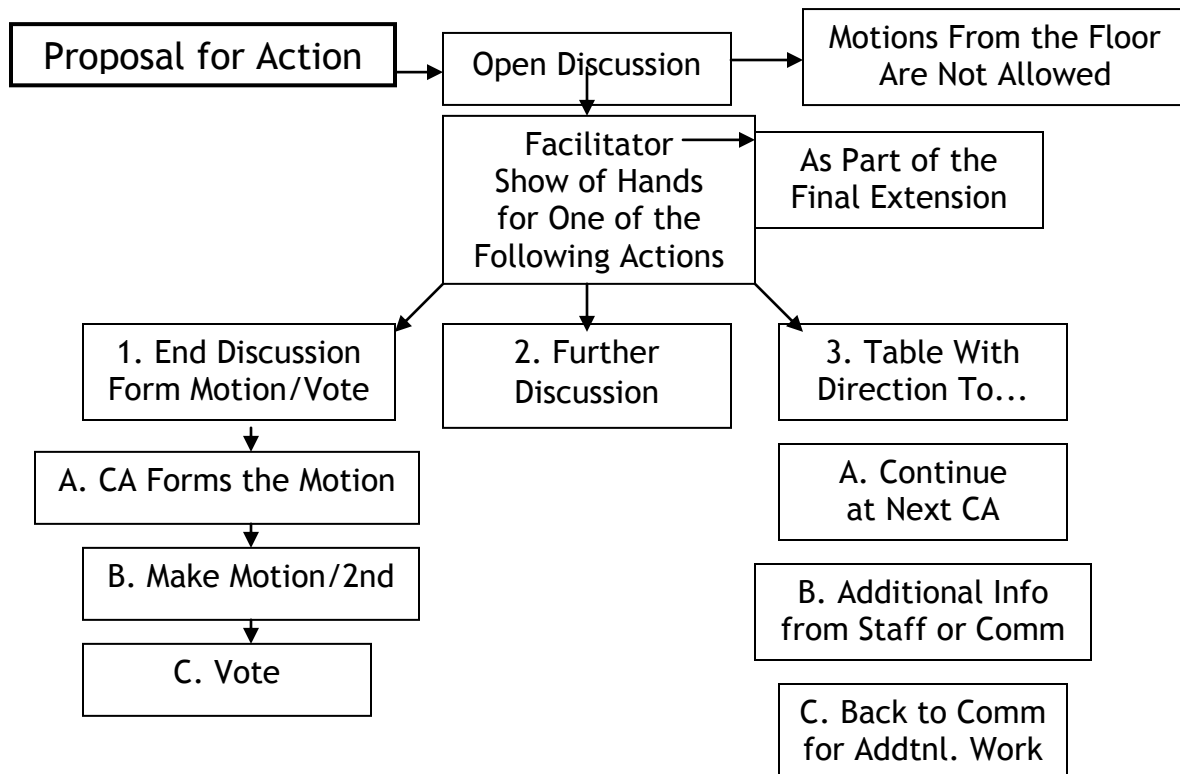
Plan Commission Transportation Advisory Committee (PeTT): Kathy Miotke, 467-2760,

zaromiotke@yahoo.com and Charles Hansen (alternate), 487-8462, charles_hansen@prodigy.net

Urban Forestry: Carol Bryan, 466-1390, cbryan16@comcast.net

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 Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

1. Proposed Agenda

- a. Approved

2. Approve/Amend Minutes

- a. Correct typo for the Shaping Spokane webpage link - Correct link:
<https://my.spokanecity.org/shapingspokane/>

3. Reports/Updates/Announcements

- a. Seth Knutson, Cliff/Cannon
 - i. The Comp Plan workshop is happening this evening. Please visit after the meeting in the Newton Lounge after tonight's meeting.
 - ii. Coffee for the CA meetings will now be offered. This is a donation from the Safeway in Emerson/Garfield and also Dutch Brothers on Francis.
- b. Kathryn Alexander, Bemiss
 - i. Budget applications are due on May 15, 2017. Please submit your application to: codeenforcement@spokanecity.org. Please review the guidelines on the ONS webpage prior to submitting the application.
- c. Paul Kropp, PeTT & Liaison Committee
 - i. The CA's Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation committee (PeTT) will host City Councilmember Breean Beggs at its March 28th meeting for an extended workshop on establishing an all-city program to repair and infill the city's unsafe, broken, and missing sidewalks. Please send a representative from your neighborhood council to attend.
- d. Colleen Gardner, Chief Garry Park
 - i. Update: The Land Use committee will be looking at ways to see what can be done to improve the relationship between the Plan Commission and neighborhoods. The Land Use committee will make a recommendation before this move's forward and comes back to the CA.

4. City Council, Updates

- a. Councilmember Mike Fagan, District 1 Representative
 - i. Several ordinances will be going in front of Council in the coming weeks.
 - 1. Council will be modifying the ordinance to violation of the extreme risk order.
 - 2. Criminal offense of vehicle prowling: going to be dropping the reference from vehicle prowling and retitling the law to 'vehicle trespasses'
 - ii. Update on N. Monroe construction: currently surveying property owners and businesses around this project. The business community felt they did not have enough participation in this process. If you have any questions on this please reach out to your Council representative.

5. Spokane Parks & Recreation

a. Chris Wright, Parks Board

- i. Background on Parks Board: The Spokane Parks board has been around for 100 years and is a part of the City Charter (section 48 outlines their authority).
 1. There is about 12 million dollars each year that goes to the park fund.
 2. The board has 10 members that are ultimately appointed by the Mayor and Councilmembers.
 3. They meet once a month and also have several standing committees.
 4. The park board requires 6 positive votes to pass an initiative (by charter).
 5. For questions please contact Chris Wright: Chris@cjwrightlaw.com
- ii. What is the board currently working on:
 1. The Riverfront Park renovation. The current budget is \$65 Million; construction in the park began this year. The executive team (board members, director of parks and several staff members) is currently working on construction contracts. Sidewalks and pathways will be closed during construction. Construction will go through the 2017 year and into 2018. The north-bank of the park is currently under design.
- iii. How does a neighborhood council go about engaging a neighborhood plan around neighborhood parks?
 1. First, a neighborhood council should reach out to Garret Jones with the Parks Department: gjones@spokanecity.org
 2. The Parks Department has several neighborhood plans that have been submitted around park development. An example of this would be Dutch Jakes Park. This park just went through the Parks Board and will continue to be assessed and they are currently seeking funding to complete this process. All of this work is coordinated through Garret Jones.

6. Central City Line

a. Don Skillingstad, Spokane Transit Authority

- i. Central City Line Update
 1. <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/getinvolved/agendas/2017/03/community-assembly-agenda-packet-2017-03-02-revised-2017-03-17.pdf>
- ii. For more project information please visit www.spokanetransit.com

7. CA/Community Development

a. Fran Papenleur, Audubon/Downriver

- i. CDBG-funded parks projects: CHHS Staff and Parks Department have compiled a report summarizing the status of CDBG-funded park projects between 2014 and 2016. Please refer to document in the March CA packet for more details.
<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/getinvolved/agendas/2017/03/community-assembly-agenda-packet-2017-03-02-revised-2017-03-17.pdf>

- ii. The CACD Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month. For the month of March, the CACD committee will be meeting on March 28th at the West Central Community Center starting at 5:30 PM in the Mason room.
- iii. Neighborhood Council CDBG 2017 applications are due by June 30th this year.

8. Liaison Committee

- a. Garth Davis, Spokane County Conservation District
 - i. The CA and its Liaison Committee are recruiting neighborhood council members interested in applying for one of the two CA member positions on the Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), a part of the city's urban forestry program.
 - ii. This committee meets the first Tuesdays in the month in the Finch Arboretum.
 - iii. We want to address the deconstruction of the Ponderosa Pine in our Urban Forest. These trees are drought tolerant and we want to identify places to start planting more. If you have questions on this please contact Garth at, garth-davis@sccd.org.
 - iv. The Conservation District has an annual tree sale every year. For more information please visit www.sccd.org.

9. Crime Prevention

- a. Colleen Gardner, Chief Gary Park
 - i. The Neighborhood Councils of District 1 are pleased to present, A Conversation with Spokane Police Chief Craig Meidl. This will be the first meeting of a series. This will not be a panel, it will be an opportunity for community members to ask Chief Meidl questions and talk about concerns. This will be a two hour session on March 21, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Northeast Community Center in the Assembly Room. For questions please contact Colleen Gardner at chiefgarryparknc@gmail.com.

10. Retreat

- a. Kathryn Alexander, Bemiss
 - i. A survey went out for feedback on the CA retreat
 - 1. People were pleased with the retreat, generally positive feedback on the survey; we also had a lot of new people in attendance.
 - ii. Retreat Committee has been looking at having a focus around collaboration for the next retreat.
 - iii. Open Discussion:
 - 1. The second 2017 retreat should not be a month out, that too short of time to plan accordingly.
 - 2. We need to give a little more thought on what these sessions are focused on.
 - 3. Table the retreat discussion and plan for next year's retreat? This could be a discussion in September.
 - 4. Several representatives liked the idea that two retreats could be offered 6 months apart and allow for more preparation.

5. The committee can explore the idea of hosting a fall retreat.
6. Several representatives had some suggestions around dedicating time here at the CA to discuss the internal process of the CA.

Motion:

October will be the next month/date of the retreat?

Approved

Next meeting will be to discuss the internal businesses of the CA?

Approved

11. ONS/Code Enforcement

- a. Heather Trautman, ONS, CE, Parking Services
 - i. <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/getinvolved/agendas/2017/03/community-assembly-agenda-packet-2017-03-02-revised-2017-03-17.pdf>

Vote on Bart W. Logue serving as the CA Facilitator for one year

Unanimously approved

12. Admin

- a. Seth Knutson, Cliff/Cannon
 - i. Next CACC is March 30, 2017 at the South Side Senior Center.
 1. Please send any agenda request to Seth Knutson or Rod Minarik before the next admin meeting.

13. Roundtable

- a. Coleen Gardner, Chief Garry Park
 - i. Previously committee goals at the retreat came back to the CA for final approval. The retreat committee should bring this back and have the entire CA look over the updated goals and then vote. This can be a discussion item for the April CA meeting.
- b. Taylor Phillips, Emerson Garfield
 - i. Reminder: All neighborhoods receive a complimentary park rental fee and 1 block party permit per year for free. Please keep this in mind when filling out your budget application.
- c. Alexandra Stoddard, Nevada Heights
 - i. CA subcommittees – often times a CA committee comes to CA, but this information doesn't get back to the neighborhood councils. Should we require them to make a summary to take back to our neighborhoods? This could be a good conversation for next month's meeting.

24 Reps Present

In attendance: Southgate, Nevada Heights, Chief Garry Park, Hillyard, Grandview/Thorpe, Manito/Cannon Hill, North Hill, Lincoln Heights, North Indian Trail, East Central, Logan, Comstock, Bemiss, Emerson/Garfield, Rockwood, Shiloh Hills, West Hills, Audubon/Downriver, Cliff/Cannon, Whitman, Peaceful Valley, Browne's Addition, West Central, Minnehaha

Not in Attendance: Balboa/SIT, Five Mile Prairie, Latah/Hangman, Northwest, Riverside

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Minutes for the meeting of March 28th, 2017

Community Assembly Administrative Committee. Meeting time changed to 11:30am for this date, to accommodate committee members who were unable to attend at normal time.

Attendees: Committee members Seth Knutson, Tina Luerssen, Kelly Lotze, Andy Hoyer. Guest Fran Papenleure. City Staff Rod Minarik, Bart Logue. Absent: Patrick Rooks.

April 6th CA Meeting Agenda:

City Council: 5 minute placeholder.

Admin: 5 minutes for Seth to recap CA/CC meeting 3/30/17.

ONS/Code: 5 minute update from Melissa.

Plan Commission Liaison: 10 minutes for Greg to discuss the PC Height Restriction Committee.

NUSA: 15 minutes for Kathryn to present cost and deadlines for roll-call vote by CA, whether to allocate funds to send a representative.

CA Business Topics: 75 minutes total

10 minutes for October Retreat discussion. Confirm topic for 2018 CA Goals/Planning, determine who sets this Retreat agenda.

20 minutes to discuss CA Budget, specifically how to spend/approve large amounts outside of the \$500 NC grants.

45 minutes to discuss CA Relationship with Committees and ONS. This topic will include discussion on CA Committee Procedures, and some time to discuss the current CA/CD Committee relationship with CHHS.

Roundtable: 20 minutes.

Topics for follow-up: Urban Forestry Liaison position—Paul graciously gave up his time for this agenda, to allow for “internal” discussion time. Lisa Key has requested time (20-30 minutes) to discuss activating Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures in Residential Zones.

Other business discussed:

CA/CC Meeting 3/30/17 Agenda:

Welcome/Introductions

30 minutes for City Council Topics.

20 minutes for Sidewalks: debriefing of the Sidewalk Summit, next steps.

20 minutes for District Model discussion.

Wrap-up/Open Forum

Next Admin meeting: Tuesday April 25th, 4:30pm at ONS.

Plan Commission Liaison Report

April 4, 2017

Greg Francis – gfrancis1965@yahoo.com

The Plan Commission provides advice and makes recommendations on broad planning goals, policies, and other matters as requested by the City Council. It meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Council Briefing Center in city hall with hearings typically starting at 4pm if there are any scheduled for that session. All Plan Commission meetings are open to the public.

Hearings

Comprehensive Plan Chapter Update (3/8/17) – After a multi-year update and review process, the actual hearing (3/8/17) and deliberations (3/22/17) for the Comprehensive Plan chapter update were fairly anti-climactic. There were only four individuals that testified at the hearing and three of them were about very specific issues. Some additional written comments were received between the hearing and the final deliberations resulting in three proposed amendments to the draft document. At the deliberations, two of those amendments were approved (change to wording of policies N 8.5 and LU 1.16) and one was rejected (change to CFU 3.6). The change with the biggest impact was LU 1.16, which revolves around preservation of mobile home parks. An initial vote has the Plan Commission unanimously recommending approval of the chapter updates. A final vote of the final findings and conclusions will be done at the 4/12/17 Plan Commission hearing.

Wetland Ordinance Update (3/8/17) – The wetlands ordinance had to be updated to incorporate changes at the state level, with the bulk of the changes around the scoring process for determining the level of wetlands in a specific area. There was only one public comment and it was specific to preserving one particular potential wetland. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approving the changes to the ordinance.

Building/Fire Code Update Process (3/22/17) – A change to the process for updating city code had the consequence of requiring state-mandated building and fire code updates to come through the Plan Commission workshop and hearing process. This created time challenges for adopting the code and didn't provide substantial value since they have to be adopted and they go through the City Council as well. The proposed change exempts these code updates from going through the Plan Commission hearing process although there will continue to be workshops so the Plan Commission can stay informed of the changes. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approving the changes to the process.

Workshops

Existing Commercial Structures in Residential Zones – There is a pilot project in the West Central neighborhood that allows buildings that are in residential zones that were used for commercial business prior to 2012 to once again be used for commercial purposes. The city is looking at whether or not this pilot should be extended to other areas

of the city or possibly to the entire city. There are potentially dozens of these buildings that were once used for business scattered throughout the city. There are restrictions on what type of businesses qualify to occupy one of these buildings with one of the key criteria is that they need to be focused on providing goods or services to the local neighborhood.

Infill Development Project Update – We received a briefing on the progress of the infill development project that was approved for implementation last fall. Work is being done on code revisions to encourage the use of cottage housing and other types of denser development. Also, a mapping tool is being developed that will help investors and developers identify parcels within the city that are possible candidates for infill development.

Parklets and Streateries – A pilot project was approved last year for parklets, which allowed for using a downtown parking space as a small extension of the sidewalk where there was seating for the local businesses as well as public use. This pilot is being extended for the upcoming year and an ordinance is in the works that would allow them to be used at a broader level. One addition that will be added to the draft ordinance is to add streateries, which are dedicated to the business while the business is open but becomes a public space during non-business hours whereas parklets are always a public space. The draft ordinance should come before the Plan Commission around May of this year.

Docketing Process for Comp Plan Amendments and Unified Development Code – The city is looking at possible revisions to how Comp Plan amendment applications and private requests to change the city's Unified Development Code are processed. The current process is that once an application is complete and the fees are paid, it passes through staff review, then Plan Commission, and then City Council. This is the case for all applications, regardless of actual feasibility of passing through City Council. The process is being reconsidered such that there is a preliminary review by City Council prior to going through the complete process. The details of this "docketing" process are still being evaluated. A number of other large cities in Washington already go through a docketing process.

Downtown Height Restrictions along Spokane Falls Blvd – Any new building built along Spokane Falls Blvd is currently limited to 100' in height with additional height allowed for each 15' back from the street. These restrictions were put in place to reduce shadowing in Riverfront Park. The Plan Commission has been asked to create a subcommittee to evaluate the removal of this height limit as it has theoretically prevented at least one project from being built. The commission is in the process of forming this subcommittee and will include members from outside of the Plan Commission including one Riverside neighborhood representative, the CA Liaison to the Plan Commission, potentially a citizen at large, and other stakeholders such as the Parks department, DSP, and property owners. No timeline for when this subcommittee will meet has been established yet.

Upcoming Hearings (Known)

4/12 – Final vote on findings of fact for Comprehensive Plan chapter updates



2017 NUSA Information

NUSA 2017 information, including a tentative conference schedule, will be updated regularly on the *IN the Neighborhood* website which includes a dedicated page for 2017 NUSA:

<http://www.intheneighborhood.org/2017-nusa-conference/>

General Information:

Date/Venues – May 24 – 27, 2017; Meals, workshops and exhibits will be held at both the Downtown Hilton and the Century Link. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton.

Keynote Speakers - Mayor Stothert; Fred Kent of Project for Public Spaces; Joseph Porcelli of Next Door; and Jose Garcia and Terri Sanders, 24th Street Corridor

Committee Chairs and Information:

Registration and Program Book Committee – *Committee Chair, Phil Ruhe*

- Registration Pricing: Students - \$25; Local Early Bird - \$50; Non-local Early Bird - \$200; Registration after April 15 - \$300

Neighborhood Pride Tours Committee – *Committee Chair, Ryan Morrissey*

- There will be 18 Neighborhood Tours on Friday, May 26. There will also be walking/jogging tours in the mornings and 3 pre-conference tours on Wednesday.

Social/Program Committee – *Committee Chair, Norita Matt*

- 95 Workshops were received, 56 have been chosen within 8 different topics. Once all workshop applicants have been notified, the workshops list will be on the website. A Mayor's Reception is planned for Thursday, May 25.

Exhibitor Committee – *Committee Chair, Margie Magnuson*

- There is availability for 32 exhibit spaces during the Conference. April 1 is the deadline for submitting applications. The Exhibitor Application will be hosted on the website.

Volunteer Committee – *Committee Chair, Precious McKesson*

- Interested in Volunteering? Contact Kylie at 402-345-5401 ext 117

All committee members will be listed on the website which will include the Ad-Hoc committees listed here and also the Management Team and the Steering Committee.

Organizational / Management Structure:

The City of Omaha submitted a Request for Proposal to NUSA and was granted the right to host the 2017 Conference. The NUSA contract is with the City of Omaha. The City is responsible for the event and approves the budget. There are City employees involved at every level of planning for the Conference.

The City contracted Omaha By Design, which is a 501c3 to serve as the Fiscal Agent for the Conference. Omaha By Design keeps financial records including receiving payments/sponsorship and paying all bills associated with the Conference. Omaha By Design is the arm of the City that deals with urban development.

Omaha By Design, as a very small nonprofit, does not have the capacity to plan and execute an event the size of the NUSA Conference. After receiving several bids from event planners, Vic Gutman and Associates (VGA) was contracted by Omaha By Design, with the City, to serve as Conference Coordinators.

VGA Responsibilities:

- Event management including coordinating and attending all committee meetings, tracking all communication, development of site plan and communication with venues, recruitment of keynote speakers, consultation on workshops, tours, exhibitors and all conference agenda items and onsite management.
- Fundraising - including securing sponsorships; grants which includes writing, follow-up and final reports; sponsorship materials, sponsorship fulfillment; tracking budget and cash-flow; tracking all contracts; post-event thank you letters and final report.
- Marketing/Promotion – including logo design, development of all marketing materials, creation of video, development and implementation of marketing strategy, management of Registration and Program books, media releases, media interview placement, onsite media coordination.
- Liaison to NUSA Board of Directors

CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

| 2017 NUSA OMAHA CONFERENCE | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017 | | |
| NUSA Board Meeting | | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| Pre-Conference Tours | See page 10 | |
| Registration | Hilton | 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| Exhibitor Set Up | Hilton | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| Exhibits Open | Hilton | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Mix and Mingle | Hilton | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. |
| Film Streams/Old Market/Hot Shops, etc. | | 7:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017 | | |
| Registration | CenturyLink | 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Exhibits | Hilton | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Morning Walking Tour | | 6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. |
| Opening Breakfast/ Keynote Speaker | CenturyLink | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. |
| Workshop Session 1 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| Workshop Session 2 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. |
| Lunch On Your Own | | 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. |
| Workshop Session 3 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. |
| Workshop Session 4 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. |
| Mayor's Reception | Hilton | 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017 | | |
| Registration | CenturyLink | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Exhibits | Hilton and CenturyLink | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| Morning Walking Tour | | 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. |
| Breakfast On Your Own | | 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. |
| Workshop Session 5 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. |
| Workshop Session 6 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Neighborhood of the Year Awards Luncheon/ Keynote Speaker | CenturyLink | 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| Workshop Session 7 | Hilton and CenturyLink | 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| Neighborhood Pride Tours | | 3:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. |
| Exhibitor Tear Down | | 4:00 p.m. |
| SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017 | | |
| Breakfast On Your Own | | |
| NUSA General Membership Meeting | Hilton | 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| Best Neighborhood Program Awards Luncheon/Conference Close | Hilton | 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. |
| NUSA Board Meeting | Hilton | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BREAKFAST, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 8:00 AM



FRED KENT

Fred Kent is a leading authority on revitalizing city spaces and one of the foremost thinkers in livability, smart growth and the future of the city. As founder and president of Project for Public Spaces, he is known throughout the world as a dynamic speaker and prolific ideas man. Traveling over 150,000 miles each year, Fred offers technical assistance to communities and gives major talks across North America and internationally. Since 1975, Fred has worked on hundreds of projects, including Bryant Park, Rockefeller Center, and Times Square in New York

City; Discovery Green in Houston, TX; Campus Martius in Detroit, MI; Main Street in Littleton, NH; Granville Island in Vancouver, BC, Canada; and a citywide Placemaking Campaign in Chicago, IL.

Before founding PPS, Fred studied with Margaret Mead and worked with William H. Whyte on the Street Life Project, assisting in observations and film analysis of corporate plazas, urban streets, parks and other open spaces in New York City. The research resulted in the now classic, *The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces*, published in 1980, which laid out conclusions based on decades of meticulous observation and documentation of human behavior in the urban environment.

Most recently, Fred has lead some of the largest projects at PPS including Cape Town Waterfront, Crystal City in Alexandria, VA., Museumplein in Amsterdam, Downtown Detroit, Harvard University's main plaza, and Harvard Square for Cambridge and Harvard. He is also overseeing major projects with Southwest Airlines as part of the "Heart of the Community" campaign. Fred has also been intimately involved with the expansion of Placemaking into a global agenda, helping to achieve a level of international engagement that rivals other major international development efforts. With over 150,000 people around the world following the work of PPS through emails, Twitter and Facebook, he has witnessed interest in Placemaking grow exponentially.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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JOSEPH PORCELLI

Joseph Porcelli currently serves as Nextdoor's Northeast Senior City Strategist and "Professional Neighbor." In this role, Joseph focuses on bringing city partners onto the Nextdoor platform to improve relationships and communications among neighbors and city agencies. Some of Joseph's most notable partnerships successes are with the Baltimore City Police Department, City of Newark, and the White House on 21st Century Community Policing Data Initiative.

Before joining Nextdoor, Joseph stood up the Community Engagement consulting practice at GovDelivery, served as the nation's first Community Engagement Strategist for the Department of Homeland Security, and he led online operations and partnerships for the ServiceNation campaign which passed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009.

Joseph believes the well-being of society depends on the diversity and the strength of bonds we make with our neighbors. His experience neighboring has shown him that our neighborhoods are strongest and neighbors are happiest when we are connected, in communication, and in service to each other.

In his free time, Joseph experiments with ways neighbors can be of service to other and shares the stories of his neighboring adventures on the Nextdoor blog.

Major media publications such as The Hallmark Channel and National Public Radio have featured Joseph's work as a great neighbor, and he has been a panelist at gatherings such as the Ford Hall Forum and CEO's for Cities.

Joseph received a BA in marketing, business management at Saint Michael's College.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: BREAKFAST ON THURSDAY, 25, 8:00 AM

**JOSE GARCIA**

Jose Garcia, a retired railroad professional, is a passionate chronicler of local cultural, political, and social heritage, telling the experience of Mexican Americans, Chicanos, and Latinos. Jose currently serves as National Historian for the American GI Forum of Nebraska, trustee of the Nebraska State Historical Society, and secretary of the Nebraska 150 Friends Foundation, an organization that supports the celebration of Nebraska's Sesquicentennial statehood in 2017. He previously served on the board of the Douglas County Historical Society and Omaha

Landmark Heritage Preservation Commission and was a founding volunteer of the Mexican American Historical Society of the Midlands. Jose's work as community historian and cultural activist over the last 50 years is inspired by a belief in cultural exchange across geographic and racial boundaries.

**TERRI D. SANDERS**

Terri is a native Omahan who has a strong passion for her community. She currently serves as the Site Manager for the Fair Deal Village MarketPlace, a development of the Omaha Economic Development Corporation. The former Executive Director of the Great Plains Black History Museum, Terri believes that the best is yet to come for the Omaha Community and specifically North Omaha. She is tenacious in the pursuit of excellence in her community.

Terri is a Journalism graduate of Creighton University. She is a self-taught technology person. She believes in all things digital and strives to be current and relevant in her professional and personal life.

Terri is a serial entrepreneur with experience with multiple businesses over the past 30 years. Terri freely shares her knowledge and takes pride in connecting people and places for the greater good. She is married to Daniel Sanders and the mother of three adult children: Daniel II, Symone, and Averil.



Neighborhood Initiatives (Track A)

Defined by spaces, places and the people who call them home, neighborhoods are the backbone of every city. Learn about the initiatives that have been undertaken by other communities to combat neighborhood challenges, build upon existing strengths and improve the reality of the people who define the places we call home.



Neighborhood Stabilization (Track B)

Neighborhoods lead on-the-ground efforts for promoting economic revitalization through innovative foreclosure prevention, housing development and rehab, commercial corridor development, transit oriented development, multi-modal transportation, anchor institutions, financial education, and wealth building; implementing best practices for economic growth and protecting neighborhood assets.



Creative Inclusion (Track C)

America is entering a time of profound and permanent change to the demographic composition of the U.S. By 2030 the U.S. will have twice as many seniors as we have today. As the Baby Boomer generation ages, fostering the young adults in our communities has become a vital objective. Learn how neighborhood leaders are learning to bridge these generation gaps and goals through art, communication, and community collaboration.



Safe & Healthy Communities (Track D)

Demonstrate community-based crime prevention strategies supported by multiple stakeholders that foster enhanced safety and livability while reducing overall neighborhood crime. In addition, hear from leaders who are working towards effective collective-community response in planning, coordination, and implementation of programs that address public health issues from lead contamination to sex trafficking.



Grants & Government Programs (Track E)

Applying for grants and understanding government regulations can be a daunting challenge. These workshops will provide help, tips and even some tricks from experienced professionals. In addition you can hear how other communities have used grants and government programs to achieve targeted goals.



Using Technology To Connect (Track F)

Information is power. Learn how your community can harness the power of technology to effectively communicate information, network, and stay connected. Increase the impact of your organization by using social media to organize, fundraise, and achieve neighborhood goals.



Green Growing Neighborhoods (Track G)

Discover how diverse communities develop while sustaining and restoring the well-being of current and future residents, the economy and the environment. Learn about topics such as land use, community gardens, urban farming, and mass transportation.



Emerging Leaders (Track H)

Empowering and nurturing current and future neighborhood leaders will build dynamic, diverse and economically sound communities. Workshops range from building capacity, skillset, and efficiency for community leaders and identifying and supporting individuals who can become the next generation of leaders.



NUSA (Track I)

Get information about the NUSA organization, attend workshops on running for the NUSA board of directors, connecting via social media, or becoming an affiliate member. Also, watch the presentations for the Neighborhood of the Year and Best Neighborhood Program Award Judging.

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(1-A) Creative Placemaking in the Margins

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Workshop Description: Creative Placemaking in the Margins discusses placemaking initiatives by Blues City Cultural Center, a performing and visual arts organization located in Memphis. BCCC has worked extensively in two communities—Uptown and Orange Mound—to bring the arts to underserved, marginalized residents and create sustainable changes within their neighborhoods. Both projects fit within the framework of social change, embracing the premise that the arts can create awareness, inspire understanding, and meet neighborhood challenges.

Presenters:

Deborah Frazier, Project Director, Blues City Cultural Center, *Memphis, TN*

Levi Frazier, Jr., Managing Director, Blues City Cultural Center, *Memphis, TN*

Carolyn Matthews, Program Coordinator, Blues City Cultural Center, *Memphis, TN*

Cynthia Sadler, PhD, Evaluator, Blues City Cultural Center *Memphis, TN*

(1-B) Asset Based Community Development

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: The strongest neighborhoods are the ones that have learned to identify and leverage their strengths. Come learn how the best practice of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) can help your neighborhood capitalize on the good stuff that's already there and/or build on the basic principles of ABCD with specific "how to" tools including building your team, community listening, and neighborhood action teams.

Presenter:

John McKnight, Co-founder, Asset-Based Community Development Institute, *Northwestern University*

Christian Gray, Director, inCOMMON Community Development, *Omaha, NE*

(1-C) Strengthening Neighborhoods One Family at a Time

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: In 2012, Boys Town began a community engagement initiative by concentrating program growth in South Omaha to strengthen families so their children remain at home, attend school, and stay out of trouble. This presentation and moderated panel elaborates on the initiative's core activities, its partnership with the largest high school in Nebraska, and implications for integration with other community efforts. It will also discuss how strategic partnerships are central to community engagement, specifically focusing on the role of education, law enforcement, and community based provider agencies. The presentation concludes with the discussion of the current state of the initiative, the role of evaluation and strategic planning and visions of the future.

Panelists:

Christopher Miller, Director South Omaha Program Operations, Boys Town, *Omaha, NE*

Regina Costello, Manager South Omaha Programs, Boys Town, *Omaha, NE*

Tania Lara, Care Coordinator Supervisor, Boys Town, *Omaha, NE*

Mariana Santa-Maria, Common Sense Parenting Supervisor, Boys Town, *Omaha, NE*

Nick Juliano, Senior Director for Community Impact, Boys Town, *Omaha, NE*

(1-D) Healthy Communities Start with Neighborhoods: Five Strategies to Grow Healthy Neighborhoods

Workshop Description: Did you know that your ZIP code is a better predictor of your health than your genetic code? This session will begin with a discussion on how the built environment of your neighborhood can impact the health of residents. Neighbors can work together to implement five strategies that will not only improve health, but improve issues related to equity. Tangible projects from across Minnesota will be shared along with resources.

Presenters:

Kelly Corbin, M.A. and PAPHS - Physical Activity Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Health, *Rochester, MN*

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(1-E) Getting Government On Your Side

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Governments typically have limited resources especially when it comes to money and staff. They must prioritize how and which neighborhoods will receive help. Funds often go to the neighborhoods who are proactive and have a plan in mind and are trying to help themselves first. This workshop is for those neighborhoods who have taken the step to become organized and conduct monthly meetings, but do not know how to take the next step to make change happen in their community through government programs.

Presenters:

Simone Peterson, Neighborhood Specialist, Neighborhood Services Department, *Manatee County, FL*
Robert Barto, Neighborhood Specialist, Neighborhood Services Department, *Manatee County, FL*

(1-F) Be More Powerful, Be More Effective

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Learn about a NUSA partner website (MyNNA.com) that solves many problems neighborhood associations face today—how to be more powerful and effective to positively impact your neighborhood and community. Online tools are available to help you communicate and organize better and connect with other groups to solve mutual problems. Be more effective. Be more powerful.

Presenters:

Kevin Wier, Managing Member, National Neighborhood Association (MyNNA.com), *Austin TX*
Mary Jane Wier, Managing Member, National Neighborhood Association (MyNNA.com), *Austin, TX*

(1-G) Green Growing Neighborhood Engagement

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Learn about ways community engagement and natural resource conservation are realized through innovative partnerships, both rural and urban. Join us to learn about Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District's (RCRCD) experiences with engaging community and partners in a variety of ways.

Presenters:

Diana Ruiz, Public Affairs Manager, Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District (RCRCD), *Riverside, CA*

(1-H) Using the Practices of Community Engagement and Community Organizing to Identify and Develop Leaders in Low-Income Communities

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: The Omaha Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) and Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) will share with you best practices of community engagement and community organizing which they are using to identify and develop leaders in lower income communities. Learn about strategies for successful community engagement and leveraging resources and assets already in the community. These community organizing disciplines will help you develop the power needed to put your plans into action.

Panelists:

Jody-Ann Coore, Omaha Economic Development Corporation (OEDC)
Joe Higgs, Karen McElroy, Kay Carne, Charles Gould, Rev. Tom Emmitt, Susan Kuhlman, Omaha Together One Community (OTOC)

(1-I) All About NUSA: Running for the NUSA

Workshop Description: Ever wonder how the spirit and magic of Neighborhoods, USA stays alive? This workshop will present an overview of the NUSA organization on and what is involved in joining the volunteer Board of Directors.

If you ever thought of being involved in the neighborhood movement on a national level, this is your invitation. This workshop is a prerequisite to running for the Board. This workshop will be conducted twice on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 9:45am and 2:30pm.

Board of Directors

Beryl McCadden-Pritko, NUSA Board Member, *Gardena, CA*

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WORKSHOP SESSION 2 • THURSDAY // MAY 25 // 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

(2-A) Complete Communities: City of Houston Super Neighborhood Program

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: The City of Houston *Super Neighborhood Program* has been around for over 10 years. Learn how the “complete communities” approach is a useful tool for solving problems at the neighborhood level and involving citizen participation in advisory policy making and neighborhood planning initiatives. This session will demonstrate Houston’s successful effort toward helping communities organize and work more effectively to be more engaged with the City and other outside partners.

Presenters:

Donald R. Perkins, Chief of Staff, Office of Council Member Larry V. Green, Esq. (Council District K), *Houston, TX*
Takasha Francis, Director of the Department of Neighborhoods, City of Houston, *Houston, TX*

(2-B) Beyond the Block

Workshop Description: Presenter Oscar Duran has dedicated his professional and academic career to the science that is urban sociology and neighborhood revitalization. Attendees will hear the real life experiences Mr. Duran has encountered in working with neighbors, partnering with nonprofits, compromising with city government and administration, and gaining support of the local philanthropic community to make real change in Omaha’s neighborhoods.

Presenter:

Oscar Duran, Neighborhood Revitalization Specialist & Program Director, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

(2-C) The Role of Affordable, Quality Arts Education and Public Art in Improving Neighborhoods

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: The arts are powerful tools for neighborhoods seeking to foster a sense of place, build community pride, improve outcomes for at-risk youth, and improve safety. This how-to presentation features two best practices that explore the role and importance of signage, public art, neighborhood-level access to the arts, and youth art engagement. The first presentation features Arts for All, an Omaha-based arts education provider that serves

thousands of students each year with: affordable, year-round classes; free outreach programs; and community events held in donated spaces. Workshop participants will engage in hands-on activities important to developing problem solving skills that can be applied to the arts and beyond. The second how-to features a best practice from the Council Bluff Department of Parks and Recreation and the Iowa West Foundation. It highlights key lessons learned while co-launching a public art-based signage project. It includes the nuances of working with artists to commission public art, project funding, neighborhood engagement, curation and design, and installation.

Presenters:

Judith Mallory, Executive Director, Arts For All, Inc., *Omaha, NE*

Larry Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Council Bluffs, *Council Bluffs, IA*

Pete Tulipana, CEO, Iowa West Foundation, *Council Bluffs, IA*

(2-D) Identifying & Coordinating a Response to Human Trafficking in Your Community

Workshop Description: Polaris has identified or directly responded to 25,000 cases of human trafficking in every single state in the country. No city is immune to this crime. Cities play an essential role in the fight against human trafficking and that role is served best when their citizens are well-educated about the issue, know what signs to look for, and know what resources are available.

Participants will:

- Learn how to define human trafficking.
- Learn how to identify risk factors for human trafficking.
- Identify actionable steps that community stakeholders, law enforcement, victim service providers, related field providers and other allied industry sectors can take to identify and prevent trafficking in their work.
- Learn about some unique approaches that cities have taken to tackle the issue of human trafficking.
- Learn how to leverage critical resources, such as the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- Brainstorm actionable steps to prevent trafficking in home communities.

Presenters:

Vanessa Chauhan, Senior Regional Specialist, Polaris, *Washington, DC*

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(2-E) Prerequisites for Fundraising Success

Workshop Description: You want to raise money for your organization. The question is how. This workshop provides how-to information that demystifies fundraising and helps increase your success. If you want to jumpstart your fundraising but aren't sure where to begin, this workshop is for you! Includes handouts and small group exercises.

Presenters:

Mel and Pearl Shaw, Principals, Saad & Shaw Comprehensive Fund Development Services, *Memphis, TN*

(2-F) How to Save Places That Matter in Your Neighborhood

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Have a well-loved building or home in your neighborhood that is being threatened with demolition? From the successful effort to Save *Yates Elementary School* in Omaha, learn how to organize, promote, and advocate to save properties that give a sense of meaning, stability, and history to your neighborhood.

Presenters:

Kristine Gerber, Executive Director, Restoration Exchange Omaha

Chris Foster, Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

Martin Janousek, Senior Architect, Leo A Daly and **Senior Associate at the American Institute of Architects,** Omaha Chapter and Gifford Park Neighborhood Association

(2-G) Greening Omaha One Neighborhood at a Time: We Have Some Fun!

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Trees, community gardens, and diverse neighborhood greening projects beautify our urban environment. They provide so many benefits that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and city planners regard them as part of a city's "green infrastructure." The panel will discuss how neighborhood leadership and resident participation, with a little imagination and hard work, can create green amenities right in their own neighborhoods. Neighbors working together can develop green spaces that

create a healthy environment that welcomes people of all ages, races, talents, and lifestyles, with very little investment. Participants from this workshop can begin this greening process with a new exciting vision for improving their neighborhoods.

Panelists:

Diana Failla, President, Elmwood Park Neighborhood Association, *Omaha, NE*

John Ransom, Past President, Joslyn Castle Neighborhood Association, *Omaha, NE*

Dave Schinzel, Past President, Dundee/Memorial Park Neighborhood Association, *Omaha, NE*

Avery Schwer, Board Member & Past President, Aksarben Neighborhood Association, *Omaha, NE*

(2-H) Ready or Not, Here They Come

Workshop Description: This workshop is designed for residents to consider the concept of including "returning citizens" from prison in their planning and development efforts. Community involvement in the process of "reentry" will determine the success or failure of individuals coming out of prison. Their ability to make positive contributions to the neighborhood depends on us. Liability or asset? Friend or foe? Ready or not, here they come.

Presenters:

Teela Mickles, Founder/CEO, Compassion in Action, Inc., *Omaha, NE*

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WORKSHOP SESSION 3 • THURSDAY // MAY 25 // 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

(3-A) Living with Others & Welcoming Diverse Neighborhoods

Workshop Description: 75 years ago many new neighbors were greeted with plates of cookies, baked goods, or a casserole. How do we introduce ourselves to those we live next to? Why is it important to know other people? Chaplain Royal from *The Inclusive Life Center* will lead a discussion about being mindful, and having intentional connections with those whom we may consider the others in our neighborhoods, including those who identify as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender, or queer. Panelists will also share information on how the immigrant resettlement process works and share stories of transition from refugee and immigrant families. Learn about the challenges and collaborative programs to assist these newcomer families in their transition to their new neighborhoods in Omaha.

Presenters:

Rev. Royal D. Carleton, Chaplain, Inclusive Life Center and Chapel, *Omaha, NE*

Rhonda R. Uher, Education and Outreach Manager, City of Omaha Human Rights & Relations Department

(3-B) Energize Our Neighborhoods: Developing Vibrant Neighborhoods Through Resource Alignment and Community Empowerment

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Energize Our Neighborhoods is a collaboration between Boise's residents, public and private partners and the City to keep our neighborhoods unique and desirable. It focuses on aligning community resources to improve livability and making measurable change based on neighborhood-level data. By focusing on individual neighborhoods, the program increases economic activity, improves safety, and creates more vibrant and connected neighborhoods.

Presenters:

Melinda McGoldrick, Energize Our Neighborhoods Coordinator, *Boise, ID*

Leon Letson, Associate Planner, *Boise, ID*

(3-C) Branding Your Neighborhood Through the Arts: Painting the Town

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Participants will learn the basics of branding your neighborhood with the arts and how to apply for a grant in creative placemaking and place branding.

Memphis has received several grants to use the arts to help revitalize the city's neighborhoods. This is your chance to learn how the arts can strengthen your neighborhood using Memphis as a case study.

This workshop will share how neighborhoods can revitalize by doing public art projects such as community murals. Presenters will share the story of the South Omaha Mural Project and the ongoing work to create a community mural within each of 10 neighborhoods all with different ethnic nationalities.

Presenters:

Linda Steele, Chief Engagement Officer, ArtsMemphis, *Memphis, TN*

Chris McLeod, Principal, CLM Marketing, *Memphis, TN*

Richard Harrison, Artist, South Omaha Mural Project, *Omaha, NE*

Additional Artists from South Omaha Mural Project

(3-D) Neighborhood Traffic Safety: It's No Accident!

Workshop Description: As reported by local law enforcement, speeding, distracted driving, and running through stop signs are all major concerns in neighborhoods throughout the country. Most drivers speeding on residential streets live in the neighborhood. "KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25" is a safety campaign that proactively engages residents making streets safer for all who walk, cycle, play, and drive. Be a community that dares to care!

Presenters:

Tom Everson, Executive Director and Founder, Keep Kids Alive Drive 25; Chair of the Westwood Heights Neighborhood Association, *Omaha, NE*

(3-E) Grassroots Organizing for Neighborhood Improvement

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: This workshop will provide suggestions and fundamentals for grassroots organizing and is intended for beginners and advanced neighborhood activists, practitioners, elected officials, and others interested in organizing and sustaining viable neighborhood groups and organizations. Simple steps will also be presented to assist organizations in planning and implementing neighborhood improvements.

Presenters:

Dr. Elton Gatewood, Ph.D - Elton Gatewood Consulting, *Tacoma, WA*

WORKSHOP SESSION 3 • THURSDAY // MAY 25 // 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

(3-F) Show Me How to Get My Neighborhood's News on TV

Workshop Descriptions: The purpose of this workshop is to provide neighborhood leaders with the steps for getting their events on television. Often, neighborhoods put forth great effort for their events but the turnout and the return are sometimes little to none, simply because people just did not know about the event. This workshop will reveal the secret to pre-promotion for neighborhood news and events, as well as how to get cameras to the event. Important “newsroom roles” will be discussed, especially those that determine what stories do and do not make it in a newscast.

Presenters:

Sybil Scarbrough, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, *Birmingham, AL* & **Media Consultant, Birmingham, AL**

(3-G) Urban Vacant Land Stewardship

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Local neighborhood vacant properties can be a productive space for food production and nature habitat with a little bit of community maintenance efforts. With much less money and less social coordination, vacant properties can be passively managed in a way that looks dignified & natural when adorned with tasteful curbside appeal. This workshop will address the educational topics of mowing less, yard waste management, and perennial edible landscaping. It will also explore how the Benson Plant Rescue / Community Produce Rescue (BPR-CPR) builds community bridges by repurposing all types of organic “waste.”

Presenters:

Gus Von Roenn, Executive Director, *Omaha Permaculture, Omaha, NE*

Graham Herbst, Vice-President, *Omaha Permaculture, Omaha, NE*

Dr. David Hibler, Sr. (“Dr. D.”), President, *Benson Plant Rescue/Community Produce Rescue (BPR-CPR), Omaha, NE*

(3-H) Making a Difference in Our Neighborhoods by Promoting Student Leadership

Workshop Description:

The South Omaha Community Care Council (SOCCC) is a networking organization that includes over 100 community organizations and neighborhoods. These groups communicate, connect, and collaborate as a way of improving the community. One of the special initiatives of SOCCC is to support the development of student leaders. SOCCC has joined with two leadership programs in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) to harness the talents of high school students to be positive change agents in their neighborhoods.

Presenters:

Susan Mayberger, Chair, *South Omaha Community Care Council (SOCCC)*

(3-I) All About NUSA: Running for the NUSA

Workshop Description: Ever wonder how the spirit and magic of Neighborhoods, USA stays alive? This workshop will present an overview of the NUSA organization on and what is involved in joining the volunteer Board of Directors. If you ever thought of being involved in the neighborhood movement on a national level, this is your invitation. This workshop is a prerequisite to running for the Board. This workshop will be conducted twice on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 9:45am and 2:30pm.

Board of Directors

Beryl McCadden-Pritko, NUSA Board Member, *Gardena, CA*

WORKSHOP TRACKS

WORKSHOP SESSION 4 • THURSDAY // MAY 25 // 3:45 AM – 5:00 PM

(4-A) Comparing Social Function of Neighborhood Councils in Japan and the United States

Workshop Description: The workshop will provide an interactive and participatory exchange of information and compare the Social Functions of Neighborhood Councils in Japan and the USA. It will focus specifically on neighborhood involvement, crime prevention, partnership among citizens, and local and central government involvement and collaboration.

Presenters:

Dr. Elton Gatewood, Ph.D - Elton Gatewood Consulting, Tacoma, WA

Dr. Soichiro Maeyama, Ph.D - Professor at the Graduate School of Urban Management, Fukuyama City University and with the Japan Association for Community Policy

(4-B) From Death Valley to Hope's Alley: Building Community Through Positive Neighborhood Events

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: For the last twenty plus years, Apostle Vanessa Ward has been fighting against crime and violence in her Omaha neighborhood with her annual Community Block Party. In this workshop, Apostle Vanessa Ward, along with Ryan Morrissey and Ken Lyons from NeighborWorks Home Solutions, will speak on the history of the block party and how you can create positive neighborhood events that have long lasting effects.

Presenters:

Apostle Vanessa Ward, President, Central Park Neighborhood Association, Omaha, NE

Ryan Morrissey, Director, Community Building & Engagement at NeighborWorks Home Solutions, Council Bluffs, IA

Ken Lyons, President and CEO, NeighborWorks Home Solutions, Council Bluffs, IA

(4-C) When Generations Meet

Workshop Description: The N.O.I.C. (North Omaha Intergenerational Campus) is a unique space that serves youth in the Juvenile Justice System as an alternative to detention and community seniors at the same site. Both

seniors and youth are offered opportunities to learn, grow, share and socialize through structured programming, healthy meals, community networking, and professional advocates in a warm, reinforcing environment.

Presenters:

Tami Treloggen, CTRS, Recreation Therapist, Heartland Family Service, Omaha, NE

(4-D) Omaha 360 - A United Front to Reduce Gun Violence and Build Stronger Police/Community Relations

Workshop Description: As evidenced by daily news coverage, the nation is simultaneously dealing with the devastating impact of gun violence and strained police/community relations. This workshop will describe how community organizations, faith leaders, law enforcement, neighborhoods, residents, and hundreds of organizations have come together to identify and implement solutions to successfully reduce gun violence and build stronger relationships between police and community.

Presenters:

Police Chief Todd Schmaderer, Omaha Police Department
Pastor Bruce Williams, Senior Pastor, Hope of Glory Church
Tom Warren, CEO, Urban League of Nebraska and former Omaha Police Chief

Eric Burgin, Monmouth Park Neighborhood Association and North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance

Teresa Negron, Consultant and retired Sergeant, Omaha Police Department

(4-E) Connecting the Dots: Local Government & Community Working Together

Workshop Description: Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationally funded program through the U.S. Department of Justice that is working to keep communities safe by reducing gun violence. This workshop will discuss five strategies for building and sustaining engagement in an effort to reduce crime in communities:

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- Partnerships
- Strategic Planning
- Training
- Community outreach and public awareness
- Accountability

The strategies are applicable to neighborhoods across the country. The workshop will also discuss local prevention efforts for reducing violence in the Charlotte, NC area.

Presenters:

Ronnie Devine, Violence Prevention Manager, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, *Charlotte, NC*

(4-F) Find It Here! How Neighborhood Associations Can Leverage Public Library Resources

Workshop Description: Neighborhood associations focus on creating a sense of community, and public libraries are about communities. In this session, the Omaha Public Library (OPL) will describe the wide variety of essential resources available free from the library for communities, and provide examples of how OPL and neighborhood associations have worked together through partnerships, outreach, and community engagement efforts.

Presenters:

Amy Mather, Adult Services Manager, Omaha Public Library
Martha Grenzeback, Subject Librarian - Genealogy & Local History, Omaha Public Library

(4-G) The Future of Transportation in Omaha: Bus Rapid Transit

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) utilizes many of the same streamlining features of a light rail system at a fraction of the cost. By utilizing cutting edge tech, upgraded vehicles, transit-oriented roadways, and amenity-rich stations, Omaha's BRT will offer a fast, streamlined transportation option that is truly an investment in the city's

future. At this session, attendees can expect to learn about transportation in the city – where it's been, where it is, and where it's going; how the BRT system will operate and benefit public transportation in Omaha; and what attendees can do to incorporate multi-modal transportation in their lives, including utilization of the Omaha Metro Transit system.

Presenters:

Jason Rose, Outreach Coordinator for Metro Transit, *Omaha, NE*

(4-H) Partnerships to Build Community Driven Change

Workshop Description: Created from a partnership of organizations and residents, the "Land Use Colonia Housing Action" (LUCHA) is a community education and capacity building initiative in the Texas Rio Grande Valley that builds resident capacity to change land use and development policy. Through partnership, education, training, advocacy, and action oriented planning, LUCHA creates community driven change and in turn safer, healthier, and more resilient communities. Attendees will learn how this unique partnership and initiative came to be so that they may be able to create one of their own, discuss strategies for identifying needed technical information, and learn ways to engage community members around technical topics.

Presenters:

Lisa Neergaard, Senior Policy Associate, buildingcommunityWORKSHOP, *Dallas, TX*
Josué López, LUCHA Leader, A Resource In Serving Equality (ARISE), *San Juan, TX*

WORKSHOP TRACKS

WORKSHOP SESSION 5 • FRIDAY // MAY 26 // 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

(5-A) Neighborhood Rehab Project

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Maintaining the vitality of a neighborhood can become difficult when the residents are getting older and cannot physically and/or financially maintain and repair their properties as they once did. This session will provide details on how to develop a neighborhood rehab project for your jurisdiction. You will leave with information that covers all the questions and challenges the City of Arvada, CO has encountered in developing and managing the Neighborhood Engagement program.

Presenters:

Greg Carr, Neighborhood Services Manager, Arvada, CO

(5-B) Creative Placemaking: Using Cultural, Design, and Planning Assets to Stabilize and Grow Communities

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: This moderated panel features professionals in the arts, architecture, and planning sectors to explore how creative placemaking can transform communities. This session highlights the unique role of artists and cultural anchor institutions in transforming communities; the role of architects and preservationists in shaping the built environment; and the role of local government in planning for the economic viability and growth of corridors and neighborhoods.

Panelists:

Jeffrey L. Day, AIA, Principal, Min | Day; Professor and Director, University of Nebraska Architecture Program
Martin Janousek, Senior Architect, Leo A Daly and Senior Associate, American Institute of Architects, Omaha Chapter and Gifford Park Neighborhood Association
Brigitte McQueen Shew, Founder and Executive Director, Union for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
Todd Swirczek, AICP, City Planner/Urban Design, City of Omaha, Omaha, NE

(5-C) Seniors & Volunteerism: Connecting Passions to Purpose and Community Impact

Workshop Description: Today's seniors want to feel relevant, valuable and important. With available time and great abilities, seniors can make a significant difference in their neighborhoods through volunteering. Activate the volunteer power of your seniors by helping them discover their passions and interests, and connect these to meaningful areas of contribution and impact. In most other cultures seniors are honored and revered. In our culture, many seniors are ignored or forgotten. Helping seniors feel relevant, valuable, and important improves their lives and provides a great untapped resource for neighborhoods and communities.

Presenters:

Jay Forte, President and Founder, The Greatness Zone, LLC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

(5-D) Healthy Homes for Healthy Neighborhoods

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Unhealthy homes in our country are making people sick. Issues such as lead-based paint hazards, lead-contaminated water, radon, mold, toxic chemicals, asbestos, trip and fall hazards, and poor indoor air are major problems in homes everywhere. While many communities are focused on creating affordable housing, the word decent is often left out resulting in poor housing conditions for those in the greatest need. This workshop will highlight the work that Omaha has been doing to create Healthy Homes. Attendees will learn how to implement these programs in their own communities.

Presenters:

Kara Eastman, President and CEO, Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, Omaha, NE
Mike Battershell, Board Member, Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, Omaha, NE

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(5-E) Engagement and Shared Decision-Making - Working Together to Transform Communities Through Collaboration, Alignment, and Strategic Reinvestment*

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: The *Empowerment Network* was launched in 2007 by African-Americans and North Omaha residents with a goal of transforming a community with high unemployment and poverty. The collective results are measurable. This workshop will focus on community engagement, collaboration, aligning efforts, advocating for important policies and generating large scale investments. The initiative now includes partners and residents throughout Omaha.

Panelists:

Willie Barney, Founder & President, African-American Empowerment Network, *Omaha, NE*
Councilmember Ben Gray, Omaha City Council, *Omaha, NE*
Carl Christian, North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance, *Omaha, NE*
Teresa Hunter, Executive Director/CEO, Family Housing Advisory Services, *Omaha, NE*
John Ewing, Douglas County Treasurer and Board Chair, African-American Empowerment Network, *Omaha, NE*

(5-F) Using Your Past as a Bridge to the Future: Discover the Benefits of Promoting Your Neighborhood History

Workshop Description: There is no such thing as an “uninteresting” neighborhood. There are only neighborhoods whose history has not yet been effectively told. Producing a well-told neighborhood history can focus the attention of participants young and old, enhance a sense of community, bring recognition from your city, and generate revenue for your organization—all on a minimal budget.

As a workshop participant, you will pose questions, brainstorm opportunities, share your experience, and receive specific guidance.

Presenters:

Eric Chiel, Founder and Chair, Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization, *Palm Springs, CA*; **Neighborhood Representative**, Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS); **Co-Chair**, ONE-PS Communications Committee
Jeannie Kays, Director of Library Services, *Palm Springs, CA*

(5-G) Urban Agriculture: Education, Innovation, and Collaboration

Workshop Description: Are you interested in food security and urban agriculture? Do you need help determining how to bring these ideas and projects to your city? Join us for an interactive session featuring knowledge and insights from city planners, community garden organizations, urban farmers, teachers, and board members from Omaha’s many urban agriculture projects. Participants will have an opportunity to break into roundtable discussions based on their areas of interest and ask questions directly to the presenters.

Presenters:

Cait Caughey, Education Director, The Big Garden, *Omaha, NE*
Albert Varas, Executive Director, Latino Center of the Midlands and **past Board President**, City Sprouts, *Omaha, NE*
Athena Ramos, Community Health Program Manager, University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, Center for Reducing Health Disparities
Joey Vickery, 4th Grade Teacher, Fontenelle Elementary School, *Omaha, NE*
Riannon Bell, Food Specialist, Nelson Mandela Elementary School, *Omaha, NE*
 Representatives from Omaha area urban agriculture and food justice/security organizations

(5-H) Learn the 3 Secrets of Communication & Public Engagement to Build a Strong Community: Inform, Involve, & Empower!

Workshop Description: When you are committed to building a strong community, your efforts never end. There are always inspiring insights that unite us, new resources to be discovered, and innovative partnerships waiting to be formed. Discover the valuable communication and public engagement tools the 5th fastest growing city in the United States (Fort Worth, TX) uses to *inform*, *involve*, and *empower* neighbors and neighborhood association leadership.

Presenters:

Catherine Huckaby, Community Engagement Manager, *Fort Worth, TX*

WORKSHOP TRACKS

WORKSHOP SESSION 6 • FRIDAY // MAY 26 // 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

(6-A) The Prospect Village Initiative: A Holistic Approach to Neighborhood Revitalization

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: The City of Omaha Planning Department partnered with 25 local organizations to create and implement a holistic neighborhood revitalization model. The initiative was launched in Prospect Village, a distressed, racially mixed neighborhood in North Omaha. Activities included new housing construction, housing rehabilitation, healthy home/energy-efficiency upgrades, gardens, art projects, parenting classes, gang prevention initiatives, and the formation of a viable neighborhood association.

Panelists:

David Thomas, PhD, Assistant Planning Director, Omaha, NE
Rondae Hill, President, Prospect Village Neighborhood Association, Omaha, NE

Rosie Schuman, Director of Operations and Programs, Abide, Omaha, NE

Mike Gawley, Executive Director, Holy Name Housing Corporation, Omaha, NE

Teela Mickles, Founder and CEO, Compassion in Action, Omaha, NE

(6-B) The Case for the Smaller Bite: Dividing Deeper into Defined Neighborhoods

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: In Omaha and many other cities, distressed neighborhoods are often lumped together irrespective of their individual characteristics and traits. This collection of unique communities ends up being referenced as the “north side” or the “east end” or some other euphemism for the place where poor people live. This presentation will explore the way a local organization, *Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp.* is implementing a national model pioneered by Purpose Built Communities, that emphasizes a comprehensive holistic approach within very defined boundaries.

Presenters:

Othello H. Meadows III, President, Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp., Omaha, NE

(6-C) Turn Up To Vote: Bridging the Generational Voting Gap

Workshop Description: The right to vote is a cornerstone of our republic. One of the most effective ways we can bring about lasting and substantial changes in our neighborhoods is to be politically active. We elect dedicated public servants to craft laws and policies that help our causes. Statistics tell us that a significant percentage of younger members of our society are not politically active, and do not even see the value in voting. This workshop was developed by college students at the University of Memphis, and reflects their opinions on the issue. The workshop will offer reasons for voter apathy, and offer practical solutions for how to reverse the trend.

Presenters:

Candace McRae Walsh, MPA and CNP, Instructor of Nonprofit Management and Public Administration, University of Memphis

(6-D) Closing the Gap - Bridging the Future: Six Strategies for Connecting Clients to Community Mental Health Resources

Workshop Description: In this session, you will learn six strategies to create a collective community plan to improve the coordination of services, increase access to comprehensive care, and provide holistic mental health services. Help close the gap for those experiencing mental illness by linking them to quality mental health services and resources.

Presenters:

Chetekia Morris, Founder & Interim CEO, I AM WILL Mental Illness Awareness, Omaha, NE

Catrice Jackson, M.S., LMHP, LPC - Mental Health Mentor, International Speaker, and Best-Selling Author, Omaha, NE

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(6-E) Engaging Your Community: How to Get the Biggest Bang for Your Budgeted Buck!

Workshop Description: The City of Riverside, CA is comprised of 26 defined neighborhoods that take up approximately 81.5 square miles and has a population of around 324,000. Currently there are two full-time employees dedicated to the city's neighborhoods program. Riverside has found many ways to engage the community in fun and effective ways while being fiscally responsible. We will share the initiatives and activities that that have created huge impacts and have resulted in increased neighborhood pride throughout the city.

Presenters:

Yvette Sennewalk, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator in the Community & Economic Development Department, Neighborhood Engagement Division, Riverside, CA

(6-F) Lessons Learned: Using Citizen Science to Bring Awareness to Dangerous Intersections

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Descriptions: Intersection safety is a huge problem in many areas, but how do you raise awareness for unsafe intersections in a way that causes the city to take action? Why does your definition of a safe intersection differ from the city's? These are some of the questions Mode Shift considered when they decided to bring attention to dangerous intersections around Omaha. This workshop will focus on Mode Shift's Safe Crossing Campaign and their experiences in creating an Intersection Analysis Tool to collect data on intersection safety and how this project went from a concept to a tool for citizens to use, and lessons learned along the way.

Presenters:

Jennifer Kephart, Mode Shift Omaha

(6-G) Green Infrastructure

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: Rain and snow falls from the sky on communities just as it does on natural forests and prairies, but there is an important difference, our communities have roofs, driveways, parking lots, etc. In this workshop, learn about managing stormwater runoff with green infrastructure and how it can improve the quality of communities and their environments.

Presenters:

Andy Szatko, MS4 Program Coordinator, Stormwater Program, Omaha, NE

Steve Rodie, Professor of Biology & Environmental Studies University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Omaha, NE

(6-H) The Care & Feeding of Successful Leaders

Workshop Description: You are passionate about the work you do, but does it sometimes feel like you are just herding drunken monkeys all day? In this informative and inspiring session, you will learn tools to:

- Get clear about your purpose and design as a leader
- Protect your valuable time, energy, and resources
- Take care of YOU while you are taking care of everything else
- Make decisions from a place of strength and calm
- Enjoy the journey - life is meant to be good!

Presenters:

Meg Davies, Founding Partner, Demanding Joy, Omaha, NE

Taliesha Goodwin, Life Advisor, Beton Rose Living, Omaha, NE

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WORKSHOP SESSION 7 • FRIDAY // MAY 26 // 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

(7-A) North Omaha Village Revitalization Plan

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: This workshop will describe the process of community organizations and residents coming together to proactively and simultaneously develop a comprehensive vision and plan for revitalizing North Omaha. The panelists will outline the process, issues and solutions identified, and the plan which resulted from the engagement. It will share strategies and catalyst projects which have been generated through collaboration.

Panelists:

Ted Simpson, Director of Development, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Vicki Quaites-Ferris, Director of Operations, African American Empowerment Network

Michael Maroney, President, Omaha Economic Development Corporation (OEDC)

Timothy R. Kenney, Executive Director, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Carl Christian, former President, North Omaha Neighborhood Alliance

(7-B) The Bridge from Blight to Thriving

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: In this interactive workshop, panelists who represent the Ivanhoe neighborhood of Kansas City will share their dynamic story of revitalization as they organized and worked to decrease crime, implement over 100 community change initiatives, establish themselves as a Community Development Corporation, and become one of Kansas City's most viable resident-led neighborhoods. Workshop participants will engage in dialogue and an evaluation exercise.

Presenters:

Margaret J. May, Executive Director, Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, *Kansas City, MO*

Alan A. Young, Sr., Board member, Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, *Kansas City, MO*

Yolanda Young, Youth & Family Life Outreach Specialist, Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, *Kansas City, MO*

Neil Rudisill, Healthy Initiatives Manager, Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council, *Kansas City, MO*

(7-C) Culture as an Animator of Intergenerational Gathering Places

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: This presentation highlights the value of arts and cultural institutions for intergenerational gathering places. Success depends not only on their specific design, but also on how they “animate” diverse gatherings of young and old to associate and mingle. The intergenerational arts programming at the North Omaha Intergenerational Human Services Campus will be featured as a case study. Participants will learn: the basics of the Aging in Place concept and the unique role of arts, culture, and heritage within it; the importance of intergenerational animation as an indicator of quality of life and economic competitiveness; best practices for creating arts-based, intergenerational programming.

Presenters:

Jessica Scheuermann, Director of Publications, Partners for Liveable Communities, *Washington, D.C*

Carolyn Anderson, Director, WhyArts, *Omaha, NE*

(7-D) Citizen Patrols and Neighbors on Watch: Community Crime Prevention Programs

Workshop Description: A citizen patrol is a group of volunteers in your neighborhood who are willing to become trained to help in the fight against crime. Citizen patrollers police the neighborhood in visibly-marked vehicles, observe conditions, and report any suspicious activity or perceived danger to law enforcement. Workshop attendees will learn what a citizen patrol is, what the benefits are, and how to start a citizen patrol in their neighborhood. The Vancouver Police Neighbors On Watch (NOW) program is a successful community-based crime prevention partnership between the department and community. This workshop will encompass how the NOW program began in 2008; the process to select and train quality volunteers; and the direct benefits to the city, department, public safety, businesses, neighborhoods and citizen volunteers.

Presenters:

Officer John Supeh, Omaha Police Department, *Omaha, NE*
Kelly Cheney, Program Coordinator & Volunteer Services Coordinator, Vancouver Police Department, *Vancouver, WA*
Anne McEnery, Mayor Pro Term and Vancouver Police Neighbors on Watch (NOW) volunteer

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(7-E) Building Bridges between Government & Neighborhoods Through a Culture of Public Participation

* AICP CM Credits

Workshop Description: A fundamental principle of our nation is that people should have a say in the decisions that affect their lives. In many cases, decisions are made on behalf of neighborhoods rather than in collaboration with neighborhoods. This workshop will highlight the attitudes, skills, and practices that can be developed to build a culture of genuine respect and capacity for public participation.

Panelists:

Andy Wessel, Community Health Planner, Douglas County Health Department, *Omaha, NE*

Kim Roth Howe, Principal, CoCreative Labs, *Omaha, NE*

(7-F) Community Compass: Mapping for Neighborhoods

Workshop Description: With a focus on increasing civic capacity, this session promises a participatory approach to identifying issues in any community, identifying potential partners, and creating action plans to address the issues on a neighborhood level. By examining key civic indicators and facilitating a community asset mapping exercise, attendees will learn about clearly articulated action items and newfound partnerships. Discover how to access the Community Compass to find information on exempt organizations in Nebraska and Western Iowa, including basic financial comparability tools and historical data. Attendees will also learn how to spatially relate this information against existing U.S. Census database information to analyze potential gaps in social services coverage for the purposes of targeting or expanding services.

Presenters:

Amanda Barker, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Civic Health Programs, Nebraskans for Civic Reform

Kelly Koepsell, Member Services Manager, Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, *Omaha, NE*

(7-G) Grow in Gifford Park

Workshop Description: This workshop tells the story of how the Gifford Park Neighborhood Association and Big Muddy Urban Farm (BMUF) work together to create a vibrant neighborhood. Covered topics include the community garden, youth garden, adventure playground, neighborhood market, community bicycle shop, and other programs that strengthen the neighborhood. The workshop will discuss the theory of “rhetorical cartography” and (Re)Mapping Urban Spaces. Omaha’s Gifford Park neighborhood is an older, very diverse urban neighborhood just west of downtown Omaha; the neighborhood association has been active for 28 years. Hear about Gifford Park’s story and learn about ideas for strengthening your own neighborhoods.

Panelists:

Brent Lubbert, Executive Director, Big Muddy Urban Farm (BMUF), *Omaha, NE*

Samantha Senda-Cook, PhD, Associate Professor, Creighton University, *Omaha, NE*

Chris Foster, Gifford Park Neighborhood Association, *Omaha, NE*

Martin Janousek, Senior Architect, Leo A Daly and **Senior Associate at the American Institute of Architects, Omaha Chapter and Gifford Park Neighborhood Association**, *Omaha, NE*

(7-H) How to Improve Your Meeting with 5 Simple Principles

Workshop Description: Join Omaha Public Library’s facilitation team as they share tips and techniques to make your future meetings more successful and dynamic. Facilitators will present five simple principles that can be applied to any meeting to make it more purposeful and productive. Learn tips for organizing meetings, writing purposeful agendas, and adding interactive techniques to refresh any meeting.

Presenters:

Megan Klein-Hewitt, Adult Services Librarian, Omaha Public Library, *Omaha, NE*

Micki Dietrich, Community Engagement Librarian, Omaha Public Library, *Omaha, NE*

Explore a city filled with history, culture and adventure. Take time to visit Omaha's hottest tourist attractions like Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Lauritzen Gardens, Joslyn Art Museum, and Durham Museum. Take a tour of Boys Town to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Experience Omaha's diverse neighborhood districts for shopping, art, food and entertainment that is easily accessible. Omaha provides a unique balance of urban activities and Midwestern hospitality. In the evenings, you can enjoy our city's nationally renowned music scene including live music nightly across the city, from local jazz to indie folk.

CONFERENCE SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

Mix and Mingle – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Start your NUSA conference experience by reconnecting with acquaintances and making new connections at the Liberty Tavern Lounge in the Hilton Omaha lobby. Food and beverages are available at your cost.

Film Streams movie screening – 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm

Citizen Jane: Battle for the City

Tickets: \$9/adult, \$7/senior/student/teacher/military
(cost of movie ticket not included with registration)
1340 Mike Fahey Street; www.filmstreams.org

In 1960, Jane Jacobs' book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* sent shockwaves through the architecture and planning worlds with its exploration of the consequences of modern planners' and architects' reconfiguration of cities. Jacobs was also an activist who was involved in many fights in mid-century New York to stop "master builder" Robert Moses from running roughshod over the city. This film retraces the battles for the city as personified by Jacobs and Moses, as urbanization moves to the very front of the global agenda. Many of the clues for formulating solutions to the dizzying array of urban issues can be found in Jacobs' prescient text, and a close second look at her thinking and writing about cities is very much in order. This film sets out to examine the city of today through the lens of one of its greatest champions.

Film Streams is an 8 minute walk (0.3 miles) from the Hilton Omaha

Go to VisitOmaha.com/Neighborhoods-USA for more information about Omaha area sights, attractions, entertainment, and events.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017

Live Well Omaha Morning Walking Tour

6:45 am to 7:30 am

Take a morning walk on the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, a one of a kind 3,000 foot-long suspension bridge connecting Nebraska and Iowa, and explore Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park and walking trails along the Council Bluffs riverfront.

Meeting location: Hilton Omaha lobby, Time: 6:30 am

Mayor's Reception at Hilton Omaha – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Join us for decadent hors d'oeuvres, refreshing beverages, and music by local entertainers at the Mayor's reception in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Omaha hotel. Meet up with old friends and make new ones! Celebrate along with Mayor Stothert when she presents the City of Omaha's 2017 Community Excellence Award to Neighborhoods, USA.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance Morning Walking Tour – 6:30 am to 7:30 am

Take a morning walk down the historic South 10th Street corridor highlighting the history of the Little Italy Neighborhood. Learn how the Dahlman Neighborhood Association, Old Market South, non-profit organizations, the real estate community, and residents collaborated to bridge old and new and ensure neighborhood vitality in the 21st century.

Meeting location: Hilton Omaha lobby, Time: 6:15 am

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Loessfest 2017 at Tom Hanafan's River's Edge Park Council Bluffs, IA

Free concerts on Friday and Saturday nights.

Loessfest is an annual celebration of the unique landscape and all of the great things happening in Council Bluffs. Established in 2013, Loessfest kicks off the summer season beginning Memorial Day weekend and offers a wide array of free events with something for everyone to enjoy. In the festival's first two years, Loessfest has drawn more than 66,000 people from all over the region to the riverfront. The hub of Loessfest activities, Tom Hanafan River's Edge Park is an 85-acre preserve and recreational area located at the foot of the Iowa side of the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, stretching both north and south along the Missouri River.

Transportation is on your own. Tom Hanafan's River's Edge Park is a 35 minute walk (1.7 miles) from the Hilton Omaha.

PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Omaha Community Playhouse

Superior Donuts

Tickets: \$36/adult, \$20/student

6915 Cass St, Omaha, NE 68132

Thursday, May 25 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Friday, May 26 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 27 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 28 – 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Superior Donuts, by Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning playwright Tracy Letts (*Bug, August: Osage County*), takes place in the historic Uptown neighborhood of Chicago, where Arthur Przybyszewski runs the donut shop that has been in his family for 60 years. Franco Wicks, a young black man and Arthur's only employee, wants to update the shop with healthy choices and music, but Arthur remains set in his ways and reminisces about his Polish immigrant father. This provocative comedy, set in the heart of one of Chicago's most diverse communities, explores the challenges of embracing the past and the redemptive power of friendship.

Omaha Community Playhouse

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Family-friendly

Tickets: \$42/adult, \$25/student

Friday, May 26 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 27 – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 28 – 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Step into the enchanted world of the beloved musical, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. This classic story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress, is guaranteed to entertain all audiences. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self — but time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity. This "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costumes and sets and is a must-see for the whole family.

Bluebarn Theatre

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert - The Musical

Tickets: \$35/adult, \$30/student

(tickets go on sale Monday, April 24)

1106 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68108

Thursday – May 25: 7:30 pm

Friday – May 26: 7:30 pm

Saturday – May 27: 7:30 pm

Based on the smash-hit movie, *PRISCILLA* is the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends, Tick, Bernadette and Adam, a glamorous Sydney-based

performing trio who agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback. They hop aboard a battered old bus "," searching for love and friendship and end up finding more than they could have ever dreamed of.

Benson Business District // Maple Street 58th to 64th Street

Live music, arts, and craft beer at multiple venues including The Waiting Room, Barley Street Tavern, The Sydney, and Reverb Lounge.

Jambo Cat // 4916 Underwood Avenue

Live Jazz music on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings

Love's Jazz & Art Center // 2510 N. 24th Street

Live Jazz music on the first and third Friday of the month; permanent and temporary art exhibitions

The Backline // 1618 Harney St, Omaha, NE 68102

Various improv shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights

Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum

28210 West Park Highway, Ashland, NE 68003

Family-friendly

Black Holes: Space Warps & Time Twists temporary exhibit; daily Black Holes immerses visitors in the modern search for black holes—the most mysterious and powerful objects in the universe — through a variety of interactive and multimedia experiences.

Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum

Helicopter Day on Saturday, May 27 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outdoor activities are free; indoor admission: \$12/adult

Helicopters begin landing promptly at 10 AM and visitors can watch while these choppers fly over the horizon and land right in front of them. Law enforcement pilots join commercial and private helicopter pilots to talk about career in aviation and give close-up views of the machines. Helicopter rides will be offered!

Durham Museum, 801 South 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68108

Family-friendly

Permanent exhibits on the history of Omaha and Omaha's Union Station

Top Secret: License to Spy temporary exhibit

Tickets: \$11/adult

Attendees will need to find their own transportation to all pre- and post-conference events.

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American Planning Association (APA), American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification Maintenance (CM) credits are available for selected tours (3 hours/tour).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS

PC-1 Loess Hills

Get away from...everything. When it is time to escape from the hustle and the bustle of your everyday life and finally spend some time in serenity, the Loess Hills are your destination. The Loess Hills tour will be an exciting opportunity for tour participants to learn about unique businesses in western Iowa along with a brief history of what makes the geographic area a "one of a kind in the world" experience. If you have never experienced a lavender farm or know what sugar clay soil is, then you are in for an experience of a lifetime. Participants will ride in a motor coach throughout the region and travel on scenic byways of western Iowa. Register for the pre-conference tour and reserve your seat today!

Walk Score: 4

PC-2 Urban Agriculture Tour

This tour will focus on how neighborhoods can be transformed by urban agriculture and floriculture. Participants will visit representative neighborhood gardens as well as several very unique organizations with missions of education and "growing community, not just plants."

Walk Score: 3

PC-3 Blue Barn Theatre/KETV 7 Burlington Station

3 AICP CM Credits

11:00 am: Blue Barn Theatre, Boxcar 10:
Roof Ground Water

Conceived as a new arts hub in a rapidly changing district near downtown Omaha, an experimental theatre opens to the city outdoors through a public open space anchored with a mixed-use building. Three related projects share an integrated half-block to transform the relationship of cultural facilities and public / private space towards a collective urbanism. These are buildings and spaces designed to transform through inhabitation. This tour will feature the Blue Barn Theatre, Boxcar 10, and Roof Ground Water projects with a special focus on the Blue Barn Theatre.

12:00 pm: Lunch Break at Via Farina

01:00 pm: KETV 7 Burlington Station Tour

One of the cornerstones of Omaha's Little Italy revitalization is the transformation of the landmark 1898 Burlington Station into a state-of-the-art broadcast headquarters for Omaha ABC station KETV. After many failed attempts, the Burlington was saved from demolition, preserved, and adapted to tell the stories of Omaha and bind the neighborhood architecturally. This tour, led by the architect and engineer of the renovation, will help professional and administrative audiences appreciate the challenges and opportunities presented by historic renovation projects, delivering both a practical and conceptual understanding of adaptive reuse.

Limit 30 people

Walk Score: 5

Walk Scores of 1 to 5 (1 = low amount of walking; 3 = moderate amount of walking; 5 = high amount of walking)

PC-4 Bike Tour

Significant and prolonged bicycling involved

4 AICP CM Credits

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The session will feature a bicycle tour of neighborhoods and business districts that combine history, contemporary analysis, and neighborhood development. It will focus on the diverse eastern part of Omaha, including neighborhoods of all ethnicities, and show the different approaches and partnerships that have helped catalyze changes in the established parts of Omaha. In the process, participants will have the opportunity to view major residential redevelopment, neighborhood business district reinvestment, emerging innovation districts, and aspects of the interaction between downtown and neighborhood development. The tour route will include traditionally African American North Omaha including its historic core and a major new neighborhood being developed on the site of a former public housing project; business districts and neighborhoods that are transforming through unusual business combinations; and the impact of the appeal of city life to young populations. The four-hour tour includes some moderate hills and lunch in one of its focus neighborhoods.

Significant and prolonged bicycling involved

FRIDAY, MAY 26 CONFERENCE TOURS

T-1 North Omaha Village Revitalization Tour

The North Omaha Village Zone (N. 24th Street, N. 30th Street and Malcolm X/Adams Park) is the historic heart of the African-American community. After decades of neglect and disinvestment, the area is in the process of a major rebirth with neighborhood engagement and leadership as the core. Tour includes a one-hour walking tour of the 24th and Lake commercial district and bus stops to surrounding historic sites and neighborhood revitalization efforts. Tour attendees will receive a free 28-page tour booklet along with plenty of soul food and traditional American cuisine from area restaurants.

Walk Score: 5

T-2 Historic Midtown Neighborhood Tour

Tour landmark buildings, architecturally unique and diverse homes, historic churches, a war monument and memorial, lush green spaces in notable parks and boulevard system, community gardens, a former race track redevelopment and hear about and see Midtown Neighborhood Alliance's ReTree program all in the heart of Omaha's Midtown neighborhoods. Enjoy food from some of Midtown's well-loved restaurants at the end of the tour.

Walk Score: 4

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TOURS

T-3 South Omaha's Small Commercial Districts

Experience two small commercial districts that once provided services to immigrants working for the meat packing industry and now is home to a robust Latino community and an arts and maker's community. Tour goers can learn, shop, sample ethnic foods and experience life in Omaha's "melting pot."

Walk Score: 3

T-4 Minne Lusa and Florence Neighborhood Tour

Visit two historic neighborhoods in the midst of revitalization efforts. In Minne Lusa you'll discover Miller Park established in 1897, tour a restored home on Florence Boulevard and visit the heartbeat of the neighborhood, the Minne Lusa House, a hub of community and creativity opened and operated by neighbors. In Florence you'll tour the lovingly restored Florence Mill, home to art exhibits and community events, the Morman Trail Center and end at No More Empty Pots for food and tours of their collaborative, community-centered food hub.

Walk Score: 5

T-5 Gifford Park

Gifford Park is a neighborhood that suffered from years of inner-city disinvestment, the strong hand of large institutions, the ravages of Interstate construction and urban crime. Through the hard work of many people, Gifford Park has quietly become home to five community gardens, an Urban Farm that houses approximately 100 chickens, Omaha's first Community Bike Shop, two theatre groups, a Neighborhood Market, numerous youth programs and many other activities. Tour these facilities and hear from the people who are making this neighborhood one of Omaha's most active places to live.

Walk Score: 4

T-6 Northwest Neighborhood Alliance

Travel from the East Coast (Missouri River) to the West Coast (Elkhorn River) of Omaha via the Northwest neighborhoods and return along the main street of Omaha. Learn about the humble beginnings of Omaha and the extraordinary expansion west; the redevelopment and preservation of the older portions of the city; the collaboration among neighborhoods, and public and private initiatives; the annexation process and development districts unique to Nebraska; and historical and significant locations along the route. Visit indoor and outdoor locations, including the Country Club Hills neighborhood, which collaborated on several development projects; the nationally respected Nebraska Humane Society; the Saddlebrook Building with an elementary school, public library, and community center; Heron Haven Nature Center; and the Elkhorn neighborhood that is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Walk Score: 3

T-7 Historic North Omaha

What do Buffalo Bill and Malcolm X have in common? They both have a presence in the North Omaha community which also housed the Trans-Mississippi Expo of 1898—a site you will see on the tour. We will tour the new nationally designated historic business district of North Omaha that once saw greats such as Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong on the 'chitterling' circuit of the early 1920's. Learn about Omaha clarinetist Preston Love, Sr. who ran Duke Ellington's band as well as see works designed by Omaha's First African-American Architect Clarence Wington. Older properties as well as new community development projects such as Habitat for Humanity houses are included on this tour. Drinks, meal, charm, and t-shirts all included!

Walk Score: 4

T-8 Reborn-Transform-Renaissance (Benson-Fontenelle-Central Park)

Come visit three mid-city neighborhoods: Fontenelle View, Central Park and Benson. This tour will showcase 3 separate areas in midtown Omaha: The rebirth of an organization as a result of the revitalization of a local park through public funds; the transformation of a crime infested residential neighborhood known as "Death Valley" to the now nicknamed "Hope's Alley"; and the renaissance of a commercial, entertainment and artistic mecca viewed as a popular destination location for the entire Midwest region.

Walk Score: 2

T-9 Blackstone Neighborhood

Blackstone is a newly revitalized neighborhood district close to downtown Omaha. We have a lot to offer in regards to what it takes to transform a blighted urban area into one of the most desired destinations to live, work and play.

Walk Score: 5

T-10 Boys Town

Over the last 100 years, Father Flanagan's Boys Town has 'changed the way America cares for her children and families.' On this tour, you will learn about Boys Town's rich 100-year history and experience Boys Town's work with children and families today. Visit the Boys Town museum and Father Flanagan's Home.

Walk Score: 3

T-11 Kaneko-Community Engagement Center-Do Space

Universities and community colleges are uniquely placed to change the lives of their neighbors. Visitors will tour three unique community/campus collaborative spaces to learn more about how they can pursue similar ideas in their own cities.

Walk Score: 2

Walk Scores of 1 to 5 (1 = low amount of walking; 3 = moderate amount of walking; 5 = high amount of walking)

T-12 Dahlman Neighborhood Association - “Blending New With Old”

The Dahlman neighborhood was platted in 1854 and serves as one of the oldest residential areas in Omaha. It was once home to the original Gold Coast neighborhood and to the early settlements of “Little Italy” and “Little Bohemia.” The tour highlights recent additions and renovations, including how new businesses, housing, and architecture have been successfully integrated into an older neighborhood. The Dahlman neighborhood continues to promote unity, pride, and revitalization. The successful mixing of old and new as well as renovation, reuse, and repurposing of properties is resulting in a healthy, vibrant, and growing neighborhood that attendees will see firsthand.

Walk Score: 3

T-13 Historic Council Bluffs

Three historic Council Bluffs neighborhoods give you a glimpse of “Old Town,” the epicenter of a city that was once the jumping-off point for the settling of the American West. Tour the General Dodge House—a nationally registered landmark—as well as several beautiful Victorian homes and a refurbished City Park (formerly the site of the City’s first high school). You will drive by the original business district, a Carnegie library building, the one-of-a-kind “squirrel cage” jail, and more on this scenic journey. This tour will require moderate walking.

Walk Score: 3

T-14 Lincoln Fairview Historic District

The Lincoln Fairview Neighborhood Association would like to share a treasured area of Council Bluffs. The neighborhood includes three historic monuments and the city’s oldest cemetery, founded in 1846. A walking tour of the Fairview Cemetery will reveal the graves of many prominent citizens. A sidewalk tour will showcase homes with a variety of architectural styles, dating from 1850. Included in the tour will be a drive-by of the Historic Downtown 100 Block and the recreated Kanesville Mormon Tabernacle.

Walk Score: 5 (limited handicap accessibility through cemetery)

T-15 Long School - May Day Celebration Tour

The Long School Neighborhood Association is a unique addition to the NUSA tours because of its unmatched historical importance, seamlessly blended with contemporary architectural advances. Two examples of this amazing mix (merging old with new) is the Omaha Star, built in the late 1930’s which is now the newly constructed “Fair Deal Village MarketPlace.” Our community works together to accomplish our mission to create financial wealth for our residents and businesses and we have seen tremendous growth over the last few years. Many local shops and churches uphold this neighborhood vision and residents continually welcome new and innovative ideas.

Walk Score: 4

T-16 Park Avenue

Park Avenue, or as some describe the “melting pot of Omaha,” is an incredibly dynamic urban area experiencing rapid redevelopment and economic growth. This tour highlights recent redevelopment projects (both market-rate and low-income), historic preservation, nonprofit initiatives, and collaborative neighborhood planning efforts.

Walk Score: 5

T-17 The Spring Lake Park Team

NUSA is all about sharing what we are doing to make our neighborhoods the best they can be and the Spring Lake Park Team has a lot to share! The tour focus is the Spring Lake Park Pond Project but we will include the Veterans Memorial Bridge Walking Path, 13th and Missouri Ave Beautification, the 24th Street as well as the Vinton Street business districts, and some of the beautiful ethnic murals. Each element of the tour will showcase Historic South Omaha and Spring Lake Park Neighborhood residents’ and businesses’ pride of place as accented via inclusive, community-based improvement initiatives past, present, and future. Our neighbors from across the country will see the power of positive partnerships working to realize community goals for neighborhood public spaces. The tour meal will be at a South Omaha ethnic restaurant, where we will be joined by the folks from the Ethnic Murals Tour, which will offer an opportunity for some great conversations about what you have seen on the tours.”

Walk Score: 2

T-18 The South Omaha Mural Project

The South Omaha Mural Project tour will showcase six unique murals that were created through collaborative design with culturally significant neighborhoods of South Omaha. The murals highlight the stories of the Lithuanian, Czech, Polish, and Mexican experience in the area. The tour will be rich with interesting historical facts and personal anecdotes about what makes South Omaha so wonderful. Tour guides will discuss what it took to make the South Omaha Mural Project happen, and how tour participants can replicate the project in their hometown.

Walk Score: 2

meetings!

Register today and join hundreds of people who are passionate about improving neighborhoods and building stronger communities. Gather together to share information with one another, attend and actively participate in educational workshops, tour neighborhoods and recognize achievements of neighborhoods across the nation. Early bird registration ends April 15th.

The City of Omaha is proud to host the 42nd Annual Neighborhoods, USA Conference (NUSA) May 24th-27th and YOU are invited! NUSA is a national organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhoods. The yearly conference attracts neighborhood leaders from across the country, as well as internationally, to share ideas and experiences with the goal of building stronger and more vibrant communities.

Local committees comprised of neighborhood, business, and government leaders have been preparing for this conference since the announcement of Omaha's selection in May of 2015. Planning committees have prioritized ensuring that the conference is affordable to local residents.

Omaha residents will have the opportunity to register between February 10th and April 15th for only **\$50 per resident** or **\$25 per student**. The Registration Fee for residents outside of the city of Omaha is \$200.

In order to take advantage of the temporary reduction in registration fees, Omaha residents must **register here**.

Registration includes four days of conference activities

- Wednesday pre-conference events (bike tours, urban agriculture tour, Loess Hills tour, and more)
- One of 18 Neighborhood Pride Tours on Friday afternoon including transportation and meal
- Two meals and entrance to the Mayor's Reception at the Downtown Hilton Ballroom
- Attendance to 7 workshops of your choice. 56 workshops will be offered and lead by local and national presenters in categories including: Neighborhood Stabilization, Growing Green Neighborhoods, Grants and Government, Safe and Healthy Communities, Emerging Leaders and more!

For residents who would prefer to fill out a paper registration form, they are available here, at the City Planning Department, or can be requested by email at nusa2017omaha@gmail.com. Paper registration forms must be completed and mailed or delivered with payment to the City Planning Department at 1819 Farnam Street, Suite 1100, Omaha, NE 68183 by April 15th.

For more information about registering for NUSA, conference details, or how you can volunteer for the 2017 Neighborhoods, USA conference in Omaha, please email nusa2017omaha@gmail.com or contact Roxanne Nielsen, Conference Coordinator, (402) 345-401 ext. 112.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Consider becoming a member of NUSA today

Membership Dues

Individual (Youth)
\$25 per year

Individual (Adult)
\$50 per year

City / County
\$100 per year

Corporate
\$150 per year

For more information or to
purchase your membership,
please visit our web site at

www.NUSA.org

A Declaration of Neighborhood Roles, Rights & Responsibilities

We come together as neighborhood people working to preserve and improve our neighborhoods.

As neighborhood people, we have the right to self-determination and empowerment; to be advised and consulted on public policies and public-private initiatives affecting our neighborhoods; to have our neighborhood values, culture and history recognized and respected; and to have the authority and the resources to establish neighborhood organizations.

As neighborhood people, we have the responsibility to advise governments and others of neighborhood values, culture and history; to listen to the views of all residents; to help one another to care for children, the aging and others in need; to promote self-sufficiency of residents and economic and social development of the neighborhood; to guide our youth; to look out for the safety of our homes and streets, maintain our properties, and make proper use of public facilities; and to strive diligently to achieve liberty and justice for all.

As neighborhood people, we look to a variety of governments, voluntary organizations, businesses and philanthropy to meet neighborhood needs for personal, social and economic development; to fund neighborhood organizations and services; to respect neighborhood values, culture and history; and to be held accountable for how their actions affect our neighborhoods.

As neighborhood people, we ask that the actions of neighborhood residents and organizations, governments, businesses and philanthropy be guided by the principles of equity, participation and accountability.

Adopted May 16, 1993 by the membership
of Neighborhoods, USA



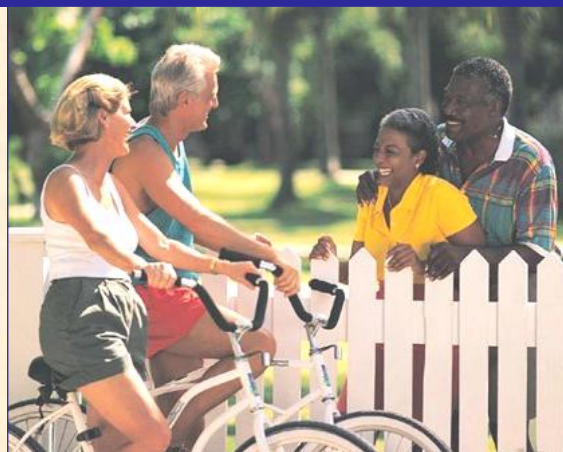
We are



Building Stronger Communities since 1975



Neighborhoods are the building blocks of every city in our nation. Communities are at their strongest when neighbors look out for one another and work together to improve their surroundings. Strong grass-roots groups not only have a positive impact on our quality of life, but they are popular vehicles to affect positive change and revitalization.



In 1975, a small group of neighborhood leaders across the United States came together to form a national organization that would provide the guidance, encouragement and educational tools for community activists and civic officials to organize neighborhood groups and bring them into the local decision-making process.

And for the past 41 years, Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) has been on the front lines of building stronger communities across the United States.

Neighborhoods face a menu of complex problems every day, whether it be fighting crime, getting more people involved or just being heard by their local elected officials. NUSA helps provide the knowledge and skills that leaders and neighborhood groups need to strengthen their base of support, build efficient partnerships and create a new synergy.



OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Working with local host cities across the nation, NUSA is best known for its annual conference held every May.



At our conference each year hundreds of people, who are passionate about improving neighborhoods and building stronger communities, gather to share information with one another, attend and actively participate in educational workshops, tour neighborhoods of the host city, and recognize achievements of neighborhoods across the nation.



OUR ANNUAL AWARDS

At NUSA's annual conference, we recognize the work being done in neighborhoods across the United States in a variety of ways.

Neighborhood of the Year Awards - NUSA's oldest awards are presented to groups who have developed creative grass-roots solutions to problems in their communities.

Best Neighborhood Program Awards - NUSA recognizes outstanding programs in neighborhoods that have been implemented by local government departments, businesses or corporations.

Neighborhood Newsletter Competition - Newsletters provide valuable information and keep neighbors informed about what's happening in their community every year. NUSA recognizes the best of the best of these newsletters and the work leaders put into their publications.

Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods - NUSA's newest award competition recognizes individuals who have made significant achievements in their local communities and whose work mirrors the mission of NUSA.

STAYING CONNECTED

The work of NUSA continues throughout the year, not just during the annual conference. To achieve our goal of helping neighborhoods and local governments build stronger relationships, we communicate regularly with our membership through a variety of methods.



Web site - visit NUSA's site on the internet at **www.NUSA.org** for regular updates about the organization, our annual conference or neighborhood-related news.

Social media - NUSA engages their membership throughout the year on social media via **Facebook** (facebook.com/NeighborhoodsUSA) and **Twitter** (@NUSAConference).



NUSA E-News - We also frequently communicate throughout the year with our membership through the use of our e-mail marketing platform, regularly sending out updates about the conference, our organization and other news. To sign up for these updates, visit our web site at **www.NUSA.org**

Quarterly Newsletter - NUSA publishes and mails a newsletter, **NUSA NEWS**, to its members three times a year. Each edition features educational information for neighborhoods, articles about neighborhood programs and achievements across the nation, and helpful information about the annual NUSA conference.



V. CA Committees

A. The function of CA committees shall be to research issues designated by the CA and report their findings and to propose recommendations to the CA for appropriate action.

B. All committees must include a minimum of three (3) assigned representatives in order to have standing.

C. When a committee is initially established by the CA, one of the representatives shall be appointed the interim chairperson by the CA. At the first committee meeting, there must be an election of officers.

D. Types of committees:

1. Standing committees are established by the CA for ongoing work to address citywide neighborhood issues.
2. *Ad hoc* committees are established by the CA to address specific issues that do not fit within the charge of any standing committee. An *ad hoc* committee, e.g. a grievance committee, shall sunset after its work has been completed.

E. Standing Committees

1. Administration
2. Budget
3. Building Stronger Neighborhoods
4. Community Assembly/Community Development (CA/CD)
5. Land Use
6. Liaison
7. Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT)
8. Public Safety
9. Retreat

F. Membership and Officers/Terms

1. In addition to the CA representative, committee membership shall be open to all interested Spokane residents and representatives of agencies, businesses, government, organizations and property owners.
2. Each committee shall have a minimum of two (2) elected officers. These officers shall be a chairperson and secretary.

3. Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the committee and as determined by the committee thereafter.

4. Each officer of the committees must be a member of a neighborhood council.

G. Committees shall follow the CA's decision-making process. (See Section IV. D.)

H. Committees shall present a report to the CA on a quarterly basis or more often if requested by the CA. Each standing committee shall be encouraged to present a report in person to the CA at least once a year.

I. Recommendations from a committee shall be presented to the CA for the CA to determine appropriate action.

J. Standing Committee Policies and Procedures:

1. Each committee will complete/review/modify a Policy and Procedures Committee document in accordance with the Committee Policies and Procedures Template prior to the November CA meeting.

2. The document shall include its charge, goals, membership, meeting times, officers and terms, reporting, decision-making process and calendar. (See Section XI.)

VI. Administrative Committee:

A. Duties: The Administrative Committee shall:

1. Set CA meeting agendas. In the time between an Administrative Committee meeting and the next scheduled CA meeting, the Administrative Committee may adjust the draft agenda through an email discussion.

2. Sign CA communications.

3. Notify neighborhood council executive committees of the absences of a representative at regular CA meetings. (See Section IV.D. 7. b.)

4. Keep and maintain a yearly calendar of recurring CA business and events.

5. Manage the use of the City Council placeholder position.

B. Positions

1. There shall be five positions. An individual may serve only two terms in any one position.

Section 71: Neighborhood Councils Program – Creation

A neighborhood councils program is hereby created which shall consist of the following bodies: Neighborhood councils, the community assembly and the office of neighborhood services which shall be established in accordance with the rules and procedures designated in the following sections.

Effective Date: November 2000
Ordinance C32687 Section 1

Section 72: Neighborhood Councils Program – Organization

- A. The neighborhood councils and community assembly shall have the power to make bylaws and rules for the conduct of their business.
- B. The neighborhood councils and community assembly shall act as advisors to the city council and the mayor.
- C. The office of neighborhood services shall act as the staff support for the neighborhood councils program and as the liaison between the neighborhood councils, the community assembly, the city council, the mayor, and the various city departments. The office of neighborhood services falls under the administrative branch of the mayor and shall report to the mayor.**
- D. The neighborhood councils program shall operate within the management structure of the Spokane City government as a separate department.**
- E. There shall be established a position within the office of neighborhood services designated as the director of neighborhood services.

Effective Date: August 31, 2011
Ordinance C34629 Section 1

Section 73: Neighborhood Councils Program – Establishment

- A. In order to foster communication between the citizens of Spokane and all facets of City government neighborhood councils may be formed or existing associations may be recognized by the city council when they meet the minimum standards for recognition. Neighborhoods wishing to form recognized councils are encouraged to do so and may request assistance in the process by the City's office of neighborhood services and the community assembly. A neighborhood council must meet and continue to maintain conformity with the following minimum standards:
 - 1. Clear geographic boundaries.
 - 2. Adherence to established bylaws that ensure democratic deliberative and voting procedures.
 - 3. Periodic meetings.
 - 4. Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
 - 5. Copy of the bylaws and all amendments filed with the office of neighborhood services.

6. Membership consisting of persons who are sixteen years of age or older and reside, own property, or operate a business within the neighborhood council boundaries.
- B. Initial boundaries remain fixed for one year. After a year, a neighborhood council may propose an amendment to its boundaries to the community assembly for its review and recommendations.
- C. The geographic boundaries of a neighborhood council may extend to areas beyond the city limits but only members who reside, own property, or operate a business within those portions of the neighborhood council as are within the City may participate in official decisions of the neighborhood council.
- D. Each neighborhood council designates at least two individuals to receive written documentation and other information from the City's office of neighborhood services and to be responsible for disseminating this information to their respective neighborhood councils.

Effective Date: November 2000
Ordinance C32687 Section 3

CA Land Use Committee
March 16, 2017
D R A F T Minutes

Recorder: Melissa Wittstruck
Facilitator: Barb Biles
Quorum present

Introductions:

- Terry Black – Comstock (1st Mtg as Rep)
- Kelly Cruz – West Central
- Patrick Rooks – West Hills
- Barbara Biles – Emerson Garfield
- Taylor Phillips – Emerson Garfield
- Greg Francis – Rockwood/Plan Commission Liaison
- Robynn Sleep – Cliff Cannon
- Melissa Wittstruck – ONS
- Guest Kathryn Alexander - Bemiss
- Guest Lisa Key, Nate Gwinn and Omar Akkari – Planning and Development
- Guest Colleen Gardner – Chief Garry

Approval of Agenda: Approved as written.

Approval of Minutes – February minutes approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approved updates to the Land Use Policy & Procedures. Passed

Approved 2017 Land Use Executive Committee Members: Teresa Kafentzis, Taylor Phillips, Patrick Rooks, Barbara Biles, Margaret Jones. Passed

NEW BUSINESS –

- **Neighborhood Design Review** – Colleen Gardner w/Greg Francis
Colleen provided background from Fall of 2016 concept development. The idea is to educate both neighborhoods and developers. Short term is through possible workshops for neighborhoods such as “Developer 101” on how to provide specific input to development issues instead of generalities. Possibly something similar in a workshop for Developers on how to work with neighborhoods. The long term plan is to develop workshops that would combine neighborhoods and developers. Planning Director Lisa Key is working to elevate this idea in the development community.
Tentative timeline is Fall 2017 to produce an “FAQ” for neighborhoods. Kelly Cruz brought up that public agencies also have projects with design issues affecting neighborhoods so should be included in this effort.

Colleen presented a draft action plan or program proposal to get the concept started – it includes suggested survey questions that could be included in the general survey Land Use is working on to send out to neighborhoods later this Spring. Greg Francis and Lisa Key had reviewed this draft as well. Colleen volunteered to remain involved and lend her expertise as “Neighborhood-Developer Relationships” (looking for a good name) launches. Greg commented that developers are in the driver seat so it is important to articulate how this concept would add value to them; it is important to bring developers in early. Kelly suggested putting together a survey for developers too.

- **Development Opportunities Mapping Site** – Planning, Nate Gwinn, Omar Akkari, & Director Lisa Key

The PowerPoint presentation outlined how the future GIS-based Development Opportunities Mapping Site is intended to highlight areas where incentives, infrastructure, amenities, and services intersect with vacant/underutilized land. Planners demonstrated several of the layers used to drill down to the opportunity site (examples included improvement value per sq ft, divisible acreage etc) and assigned values for ranking the positivity for development.

The opportunities are for both residential and commercial and is a tool for developers, but may also help citizens manage expectations about developable land.

Robynn Sleep asked if this was a tool to promote rezones. Lisa Key said it is separate from any current infill and regulatory projects. Intended to show where development is supported. The site will be in beta testing for several more months; training tools are also being developed. The PowerPoint will be sent out to Land Use.

- **Brainstorm Land Use Committee Survey** - All

There was some discussion of what the purpose of the survey would be and who the intended audience is. Also to make a decision about how many questions should be on it. Colleen Gardner’s 2 questions on Design Review concept would be included in the survey.:

1. If you have had occasion to work with a developer: What are the three primary road blocks you have had to deal with when working collaboratively with developers?
2. If you have not worked with a developer in the past: What three issues do you perceive to be the major road blocks to a successful collaboration?

Some of the questions that were suggested from LUC:

1. Do you understand zoning and how it impacts your neighborhood
2. Would you be interested in having clear access to land use.
3. Have you been surprised at something that was done in your neighborhood
4. Are you interested in learning about land use resources.

5. What are the top 3 things you would like to know about land development in your neighborhood
6. Do you know what infill development is and how it might impact your neighborhood
7. Would you like to have trainings offered
8. Do you know what infill development is and how it might impact your neighborhood.
9. How can LUC better serve you

Kathryn suggested finding out about rezoning to accomplish neighborhood goals. Kelly Cruz believes that people want to know zones are and what is permitted in them; Barb Biles agreed. Other thoughts were to find out what neighborhoods might not want to see. and putting in a question regarding neighborhood planning. There was also discussion about a ranking system of 10 items that neighborhoods would like more information about.

Actual survey

Nextdoor was not favored as a venue for the survey. Should it ask responders to identify if they are a tenant, homeowner, or business? Should it just go to a Neighborhood Council so that the responses are from "Nevada Heights, Lincoln Heights, etc" instead of individuals?

REPORTS –

Plan Commission – Greg Francis

Greg reported that only 4 people attended the Plan Commission hearing on the Comp Plan Update. LUC wanted to know if testimony was still open for deliberations which would be on March 22 (unknown). Greg said that the final draft to PC included reference to neighborhoods throughout the document and neighborhood plans are in the appendices.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

April 20, 2017 Meeting:

- If asked for agenda time LUC agreed to limit an outside presentation to 15 minutes and reserve the balance of time to work on the LUC Survey.
- Presentation from Colleen Gardner and Greg Francis regarding Design Review Board and building better relationships with developers
- Brainstorm on LUC survey

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Minutes submitted by Melissa Wittstruck, ONS, Recorder

Neighborhoods Eligible to Vote as of 3/16/2017

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| • Emerson Garfield | • West Hills |
| • Rockwood | • West Central |
| • Southgate | • Cliff Cannon |

DRB Neighborhoods
Proposal for further study
Presented to the LUC 3/16/2017

Colleen Gardner

- LUC initiate a ad-hoc committee to work on a program to implement a process
 - Suggested members of the ad-hoc committee: 2- 3 LUC members, Colleen Gardner, One member of Planning staff
 - Ad-hoc committee initiate a Neighborhood survey
 - Survey to be comprised of two questions:
1. Provided you have had an occasion to work with a developer: What are the three primary road blocks you have had to deal when working collaboratively with developers
 2. If you have not worked with a developer in the past: What three issues do you perceive to be the major road blocks to a successful collaborations
 - Compile data from survey to comprise a FAQ paper to be distributed to all 29 NC/CA
 - Based on the survey feedback initiate a NC workshop to delve into FAQ more in depth
 - Ask NC that have had successful relationships and positive outcome with development to send those how too's, to the committee to assist in setting up the workshop
 - Work with Planning to develop a process for helping developers understand the advantages to working collaboratively with NC
 - Long term goal work with Planning to establish a Developers workshop to help in dealing with NC
 - Additional long term goal to work with Planning to develop a joint workshop with NC/Developers

Colleen's work on the DRB (As the CA liaison) for 7 ½ years gives her insights to issues that she has seen NC face when dealing developers and gives her the advantage of having had hands on experience with NC and developers.

This involvement by Colleen provides a frame work that will help move this matter forward. Colleen has, in her capacity as DRB liaison worked with several NC on matters that where set to come before DRB and how the NC can be the most effective in being proactive in this process and productive. Colleen has 7 ½ years of being directly involved with both developers/NC with respect to how it can work towards a meaningful relationship that can benefit both the NC/Developers to providing a [positive outcome.

Community Assembly Liaison Report
Design Review Board Meeting held March 22, 2017
Submitted by Kathy Lang

Design Review Board Members

Austin Dickey, Architect, Board Chair
Charlene Kay, Civil Engineer
Ted Teske, Citizen at Large
Steven Meek, Urban Planner/Designer

David Buescher, Arts Commission
Ryan Leong, Real Estate Developer
Anne Hanenburg, Landscape Architect
Kathy Lang, Community Assembly Liaison

Projects Reviewed March 22, 2017

Southgate KXLY Development
Spokane Falls Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 26 Control Facility Plaza Project

Southgate KXLY Development

As part of the Southgate Integrated Site Plan, the KXLY development is the second of three projects to be completed in the Southgate neighborhood at Regal Street and the Palouse Highway. This was the second of two Design Review Board meetings for this project. The following recommendations have been submitted to the Planning Director.

Additional information can be found at the following webpage:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/southgate-area-development/>

Neighborhood Recommendations

- Continue discussions with Engineering on mid-block crossings, emphasizing the stated goals of a pedestrian oriented district. The vicinity of location number two as presented by staff or Concept Crossing Detail Option "C" as provided by the applicant is approved by the DRB.

Site Recommendations

- Straighten the meandering pathways where parking is along one side.
 - Applicant to implement recommendations in the staff report under tree preservation regarding tree establishment and replacement period of five years.
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Spokane Falls Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 26 Control Facility Plaza Project

As part of Spokane's Integrated Clean Water Plan, a 2.2 million gallon Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) tank will be installed at Spokane Falls Boulevard between Post and Monroe. The surface of this site will include a new public plaza. This was the second of two Design Review Board meetings for this project. The following recommendations have been provided to the Planning Director.

Additional information can be found at the following webpages:

- <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/cso-basin-26-control-facility/>
- <https://my.spokanecity.org/publicworks/wastewater/integrated-plan/>

Site Recommendations

- The applicant will develop a railing for the CSO 26 Plaza with a stronger link to the railing design at Huntington Park / Spokane Tribal Gathering Place in accordance to B-1 and B-3 of the Downtown Design Guidelines.
- The applicant will determine the paint colors on the north side of the project in accordance with 17E.060.820 Section D.
- In the event art is not associated with the utility building façade, the applicant will develop the utility building with façade modulation or articulation according to B-4 of the Downtown Design Guidelines.

**Citizen Advisory Committee
To the Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee
February 2017
Woodland Center, Finch Arboretum**



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 3:03pm on February 28th, 2017 at the Finch Woodland center

Attendees: Guy Gifford, Garth Davis, Paul Kropp, Hilary Nickerson, James Bergdahl, Angel Spell, Nancy MacKerrow, Carrie Anderson, Brent Berger, Joe Zubaly, and Tim Kohlhauff (late).

Ceremonies, Appointments, Announcements

Garth Davis and Carrie Anderson will speak to the Community Assembly at the March meeting about Ponderosa pines and the upcoming contest to find the largest pine in the city.

Joe Zubaly announced that Northwest Plant Healthcare Inc., is now a division of Bartlett Tree Care.

Consent Agenda

The minutes of the January 31st (February) meeting were approved as submitted.

Citizen Comments

Carrie Anderson invited committee members to the Spokane Sustainable Local Food Colloquium on March 25th from 1-4pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4340 W Fort George Wright Dr, Spokane, Washington 99224. Carrie also asked committee members to share the invitation with their contact lists.

Reports

Heritage Trees: The sub-committee is organizing to work with Spokane Historic to add heritage trees to their smart phone app.

Staff Report: Angel described Spokane Urban Forestry in a presentation called, "What is Urban Forestry?" All public plants are managed by the Spokane Parks Department, which includes UF. The presentation included a description of the organization and personnel, as well as the mission, scope of work, and typical job duties of city arborists, such as planting, pruning and removal of trees. Finch arboretum is managed through Urban Forestry, as well. New developments, extensive renovation of existing developments, and many types of street work all require design/plan review through urban forestry to protect existing trees where appropriate, permit removals when necessary, supervise tree protection during construction, and to approve required landscaping. UF also educates adjacent property

**Citizen Advisory Committee
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owners when their trees are not maintained to city code and they can issue citations if necessary, although education is the preferred method. Spokane UF will celebrate the city's 14th year as a Tree City USA in 2017.

UF works with many community partners including subcontracting work with private arborists; issuing tree work permits and educating property owners; grant work and education with Washington DNR; professional services and guidance for city golf courses; the Downtown Partnership for downtown street trees; the Lands Council to provide volunteers for larger replanting projects; and different neighborhood or community groups to plant or manage trees in their area. Angel recently completed work with the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Committee to develop their 10-year action plan. This will guide urban forestry programs for the next decade.

Questions that came up during Angel's presentation:

- Who developed the approved street tree list, and are these the only trees allowed?
Several attendees expressed their frustration at having a limited list.
 - Angel answered that the list is a guide and she is open to suggestions
- Does the city give citations for poor pruning work?
 - Angel answered that they can, but prefer to use it as a last resort.
- Why are so many trees in native areas removed?
 - Guy explained how fuels reduction projects create a healthier forest, and there was discussion of mixed ages forests vs. uniform (age) stands of trees.
- How many trees are purchased and planted annually by the city?
 - 100-200 trees are purchased annually and grown in mulch beds. Not all trees survive to be planted but most do.
- What is the value of Spokane's Urban Forest?
 - Angel answered that the replacement value is \$280,000,000 and the forest creates \$4,000,000 in environmental benefits annually
- Who is responsible for taking care of street trees?
 - Adjacent property owners are responsible.

Ponderosa pine: Carrie Anderson expressed strong concern that the CAC had not made progress protecting Ponderosa pines. She proposed a mandatory 30 day waiting period before removing a Ponderosa pine from private property. Angel suggested defining the different discussion topics for pine preservation, and identified possible topics to include (but not limited to) negative public perception of Ponderosa pines (partly attributed to

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recent windstorms); best avenues for protecting pines (education vs. incentive vs. regulation); and public vs. private Ponderosas.

Old Business

Private property trees: Becky Phillips was unable to attend the meeting so the comparison of how different cities approach regulation of tree care was put off until the April meeting.

Ponderosa pine contest: Guy showed a proposed entry form for the contest.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 4:11 pm



**Citizen Advisory Committee
To the Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee
April, mtg. 2017
Finch Arboretum, Willow Room.
Woodland Center 3404 W Woodland Blvd**

**MEETING AGENDA
CALL TO ORDER**

April 4, 2017 3 PM

ROLL CALL

CEREMONIES, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes.

COMMITTEE AND REPORTS

Heritage Tree- Tim K.
Ponderosa pine group
Staff Report – Angel Spell

Old Business

Community Assembly
Ordinances – Becky Philips

New Business

Spring Field trip – for June meeting, ideas or Theme?

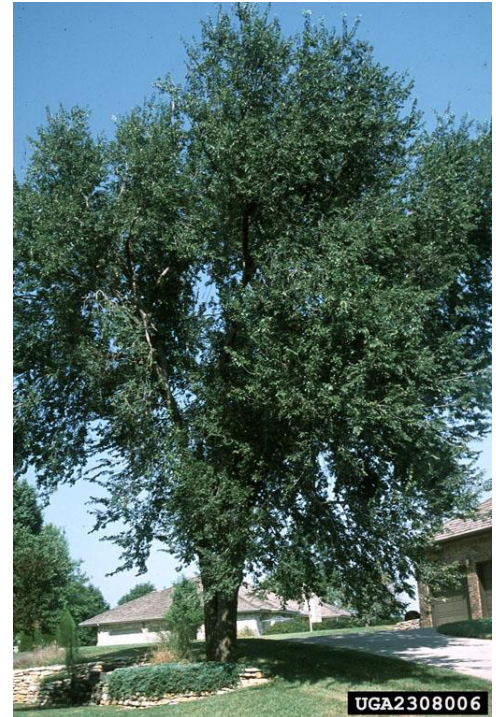


Figure 1: Ulmus pumila - photo by Patrick Breen

ADJOURNMENT

Tree of the month: Siberian Elm, Ulmus pumila

- Height: 50 to 70 feet
- Spread: 35 to 50 feet
- Non-native to U.S.
- Fast Growing tree

Spokane tree inventory.

- Broadleaf Deciduous Large tree.
- 2,509 trees in the inventory.
- 16 trees greater than 42" dbh



Figure 2: Ulmus Pumila - photo by Steve Dewey



2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT MENU

Application **Due**: Friday, June 30, 2017 at 5:00pm



Neighborhood Council: _____

➤ Date application was approved by neighborhood council: _____

NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please identify the project(s) your Neighborhood Council wishes to support with their CDBG allocation. Place a checkmark next to the project and identify the total amount of funds your Neighborhood wishes to allocate to that project(s). Questions regarding how to complete the Neighborhood Project Menu should be directed to George Dahl (gdahl@spokanecity.org or 625-6036) in the Community, Housing and Human Services Department.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

☐ [Myrtle Woldson Institute Elevator](#) - \$131,425.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$____, _____.00

☐ [O'Malley Low-Income Apartments Window Replacement](#) - \$144,005.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$____, _____.00

☐ [St. Anne's Roof Replacement](#) - \$58,775.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$____, _____.00

EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER

☐ [Roof Replacement](#) - \$217,500.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$____, _____.00

☐ [Fencing Improvements](#) - \$79,550.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$____, _____.00

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER

☐ [Hillyard Senior Center Renovation](#) - \$42,400.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

CITY OF SPOKANE - PLANNING

☐ [Napa St. Gateway Project](#) - \$70,000.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

PROVIDENCE HEATH CARE FOUNDATION

☐ [North Spokane Community Dental Clinic](#) - \$240,000.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

SHALOM MINISTRIES

☐ [ADA Chair Lift](#) - \$61,606.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

SINTO SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

☐ [Accessible Facility Entrance](#) - \$50,000.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

SPOKANE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PARTNERS (SNAP)

☐ [Pacific Apartments Play Equipment](#) - \$22,000.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

THE GATHERING HOUSE

☐ [Building Improvements](#) - \$26,000.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

TRANSITIONS

☐ [Transitional Living Center \(TLC\) Flooring Improvements](#) - \$81,230.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

☐ [Women's Hearth Facility Improvements](#) - \$15,100.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER

☐ [Security Improvements](#) - \$15,565.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FREE RESTAURANT

☐ [HVAC Improvements](#) - \$41,816.00 Requested

Neighborhood Commitment \$_____, _____ . 00



2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK APPLICATION

Application Due: Friday, June 30, 2017 at 5:00pm



Neighborhood Council _____

Date Application Approved by Neighborhood Council _____

NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

SIDEWALK NEW

| Office Use Only | |
|-------------------|---|
| Tract _____ | Address <u>1234 E. Somewhere Ave.</u> |
| Block Group _____ | Description <u>North Edge of Park, uneven dirt path</u> |
| % LMI _____ | Length of Repair <u>190'</u> |
| Condition _____ | Obstacles <u>Tree, Fence, Storm Drain & Stop Sign</u> |
| Tract _____ | Address _____ |
| Block Group _____ | Description _____ |
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SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

| Office Use Only | |
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ADA Ramps

Office Use Only

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COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Community Development Program Allocations

Program Year 2018

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

The Following table represents an estimated amount of funds the Community, Housing and Human Services Department (CHHS) has allocated to the Neighborhood Community Development Program. Funding comes directly from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is subject to funding priorities of the federal government. For additional information about the Neighborhood Community Development Program, please contact George Dahl at gdahl@spokanecity.org.

| Neighborhood Council | PY 2018 (Estimates) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Audubon/Downriver | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Balboa/South Indian Trail | \$ - |
| Bemiss | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Browne's Addition | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Chief Garry Park | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Cliff-Cannon | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Comstock | \$ - |
| East Central | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Emerson\Garfield | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Five Mile Prairie | \$ - |
| Grandview/Thorpe | \$ - |
| Hillyard | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Latah/Hangman | \$ - |
| Lincoln Heights | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Logan | \$ 25,000.00 |
| Manito/Cannon Hill | \$ - |
| Minnehaha | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Nevada Heights | \$ 45,000.00 |
| North Hill | \$ 20,000.00 |
| North Indian Trail | \$ - |
| Northwest | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Peaceful Valley | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Riverside | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Rockwood | \$ - |
| Shiloh Hills | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Southgate | \$ - |
| West Central | \$ 45,000.00 |
| West Hills | \$ - |
| Whitman | \$ 10,000.00 |

All totals are estimates and subject to change depending on final CDBG allocation from HUD.

2018 Neighborhood CDBG Program

Timeline





PEDESTRIAN, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION (PeTT) COMMITTEE

* A Committee of the Community Assembly of Spokane Neighborhood Councils *

March 28, 2017

West Central Community Center – 1603 N. Belt Street

6:00 – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS (See Attendance Table Below)

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION -- SIDEWALK FUNDING PROPOSAL

The Proposal

Ask voters to approve a sidewalk levy that would raise a fixed amount of money over ten years. The funds would be divided equally among four geographic areas: the downtown core, and Council Districts 1, 2 (excluding the downtown core), and 3.

The funding would also be divided by purpose: 75% of funds raised via the levy would be used for sidewalk repair, and 25% would be used for the construction of new sidewalks or pedestrian upgrades. The funds could not be used to replace existing plans to repair or install sidewalks via the street levy, CDBG funds, traffic calming funds or TBD funds - thus preserving those existing funding streams, especially the current street levy funds being used to repair and improve sidewalks on arterials.

Criteria for project funding would be similar to what is used in the Pedestrian Plan, with projects in high pedestrian traffic and critical mobility areas (schools, parks, bus routes, libraries, etc.) receiving priority. City staff would propose the actual sidewalk work with advice from advisory councils from each of the four construction districts. One option to leverage further funding would be to allow individual groups of property owners that create local improvements districts to repair their sidewalks to access a percentage match from the pool of sidewalk tax funds.

The cost of the overall initiative would depend on the political will of the stakeholders but would likely be \$5 million per year at an estimated corresponding cost of \$27/\$100,000 of assessed property value. Assuming a current median home value of \$168,000, a typical assessment would be \$46/year. At the end of ten years, there would still be more work to accomplish and the voters could renew the program at a scale of accomplishment and taxation that seems appropriate.

DISCUSSION TOPICS TO DETERMINE GROUP'S PREFERENCES AS BASIS FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS

- Area Allocation: By Council District or Neighborhoods and/or Separate Downtown Center
- Purpose Split: 75% Sidewalk Repair and 25% Sidewalk Infill or Other Formula
- Citizen Advisory Councils and Pedestrian Plan Guidance for Annual Construction Program
- Target Levy Rate, Annual Revenue Estimate, and Sunset Term
- Ballot Timing

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| <p><u>Neighborhood Councils Represented (16)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audubon/Downriver • Bemiss • Browne's Addition • Chief Garry Park • Cliff/Cannon • East Central • Emerson/Garfield • Five Mile Prairie • Grandview/Thorpe • Nevada Heights • North Indian Trail • Peaceful Valley • Rockwood • Southgate • West Central • Whitman | <p><u>Neighborhood Councils Not Represented (13)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balboa/South Indian Trail • Comstock • Hillyard • Latah/Hangman Creek • Lincoln Heights • Logan • Manito/Cannon Hill • Minnehaha • North Hill • Northwest • Riverside • Shiloh Hills • West Hills <p><u>Other Attendees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Spokane Staff (4) |
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NEXT PeTT MEETING -- April 24, 2017



Please join the District 1 Neighborhood Councils as we present the 2nd in our series of “Community Conversations”

Bart Logue Spokane Police Ombudsman

April 11th, 2017

East Central Community Center

500 S Stone

6-8 pm

Bart will help us with our questions and concerns related but not limited too:

- How to interact with his department
 - How to better engage with SPD
 - When to call his office
- How to be proactive rather than reactive
- And All those burning questions you have with respect to the Office of Police Ombudsman

Free refreshments

“The District does not sponsor or endorse this Event/information and the District assumes no responsibility for it.”