Community Assembly
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2019

1. Introductions (Facilitator)
2. Proposed Agenda
   - Add 5-minute item seeking folks for Nominating Committee
   - Approved
3. Approve/Amend Minutes (Facilitator)
   - Approved; North Hill and North Indian Trail abstained

Open Forum
4. Reports/Updates/Announcements
   - Gentrification update
   - September 24th deadline to send in receipts for the Community Engagement Grant
   - “Strong Towns” event invitation (9/10/19). Opportunity to talk about neighborhoods and keeping a city solvent.
   - Community Assembly/City Council (CA/CC) on 8/29/19 discussed how to open up traffic calming and school safety to larger projects and types.
   - Pedestrian Transportation and Traffic (PeTT) meeting emphasized greenways, and a potential committee name change.
   - Request for Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) staff to explain acronyms in CA minutes.
   - Police Advisory Committee Public Forum—Sept 19th, 5:30 pm, West Central Community Center
   - Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO)/Community Workshop—Oct 1st, 6 pm, Northeast Community Center

5. City Council - City Councilmember (Mike Fagan)
   - Thanked CA for their support during his term.
   - Logan neighborhood block party on Sept 7. Dunk tank with City Council members
   - West Central is getting a golf cart zone
   - Hillyard: water contamination issue. City handed out water for a couple of weeks, replaced 97 water meters, did a chlorinated flush. Found hydroseed material that got into a closed redundant water line that does not connect with city main. The City reset everything.
   - Upcoming Council meeting: looking at vacation requests and the 1st reading of the Browne’s Addition guidelines 9/16/19. No testimony.

6. 2020 City Budget (Mayor Condon)
   - Mayor Condon and Gavin Cooley (Chief Financial Officer) presented
   - 6-year capital plan
   - The three-legged stool of income for the City: sales tax, property tax, and utility tax.
   - Program budget
   - 2nd Monday in October (10/14/19), the Mayor will present to City Council. They will have 60 days to deliberate, hold hearings, ask questions before passing
   - Strategic plan: urban experience
• **Budget philosophy**: affordability, accountability, and alignment
• One Spokane: Safer, Smarter, Healthier.
  o **Safer**:
    ▪ Discussion of the import of Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs) and Community-Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) shops
    ▪ Discussion of property values and taxes; and outcome measures: how can we increase property value
  o **Smarter**:
    ▪ West Plains, U District, and Hillyard; logistics operations. Part of our economic development strategy
    ▪ Forecast—we need to make sure our reserves can carry us through
    ▪ Comparing one time dollars vs. recurring money
  o **Healthier**:
    ▪ Targeted, low-barrier emergency shelter
    ▪ Volunteers Of America (VOA), Hope House, Family Promise successful models;
    ▪ Adults without dependents—looking at more than one location to bring overcrowding down and reducing the impacts on the individual as well as the surrounding areas.
    ▪ Pilot program of co-locating services at the EnVision Center
    ▪ Continued work on South Gorge Trail—plan is to reach Riverside.
    ▪ Next-generation libraries construction launch; Liberty Park is next
  o Discussion: neighborhoods could have a sit-down with the Mayor to see what capital projects need to be done.
  o Discussion: homeless shelters
    ▪ Mayor proposed looking at metropolitan solutions
    ▪ Mayor warned that we cannot conflate homelessness with illegal activity
    ▪ The original plan for the proposed shelter was right on the City's edge which would allow us to partner with the Valley.
    ▪ Mayor suggested we should have a regional solution to people experiencing homelessness. It should not all be in the core
    ▪ Boise comparison is flawed—they have a state university and a state capitol, each with their own security/police beyond that of their city.
  • Door hangers: October is public safety month. Maps with police stations, fire, COPS shops, etc. Mayor would love to partner with folks to walk their neighborhoods to deliver these door hangers.

7. **CHHS Report and NCDP Update (Melody Dunn)**
   • October 18th is the upcoming deadline for when neighborhood priorities are due into CHHS. October 11th—Melody is requesting a copy of every Neighborhood Council’s minutes to turn in to CHHS along with the priorities list. And moving forward—who will be contact person representing each of the three districts
   • Looking ahead: if housing is a priority that is identified, partnering with Community Based Development Organizations (CBDOs) like Habitat for Humanity and AGH
8. Report on Abandoned Houses Conference (Kathryn Alexander)
- Look at systems currently in place in the City and how they can be used
- City of Spokane has 5 code enforcement officers for maybe 3000 abandoned houses. For a city our size, we should have 27.
- Painting houses. To make a physical difference in the neighborhoods (even 4 in a row). That will require a partnership, Community Frameworks and AGH so that folks are getting training. No vote has happened yet, but District 1 is currently talking about it.
- Important to take a caring approach.
  - A fun challenge to do a house in every district
  - Veteran Affairs—funds to target vets in their houses
  - If the NCs could bring these people together, getting high schools and colleges involved (with outreach days, etc.).
  - Clean up money—set aside portion for cleaning 1-2 houses in each neighborhood?
- CA Retreat: Indigenous People’s Day, October 14th. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at West Central Community Center.

9. Status of PC Liaison Open Position (Paul Kropp)
- Need a Plan Commission Liaison
  - Code language is that CA will elect a rep from CA to go to Plan Commission
- Mary Winkes put her name forward. Doug Engle (Comstock) and Rachelle Bradley (Emerson/Garfield) are also interested.

9A. Nominating Committee (Greg)
- 3 folks needed for Nominating Committee.
- Each September, this committee forms and puts together ballot, which is brought to CA in October, with a vote in December
- Kelly is willing to be chair of nominating committee. *(Note: if you serve on this committee, you cannot be on Admin committee for 2020.)*
- Colleen (Chief Garry Park) and Deb (East Central) put their names in

10. Neighborhood & Planning Services Update (Melissa Wittstruck)
- Comp Plan Amendment Hearing Announcement: Wednesday Sept. 11, 4 pm. Public testimony will be taken. Send comments to Kevin *(kfreibott@spokanecity.org)*.
- South University District Planning Update (Chris Green)
  - Open House Oct 2nd, 4-7pm at Pride Prep Charter School
    - Draft vision, goals, and zoning/development code changes
    - From that, draft package before heading to plan commission and city council for review

11. Roundtable Discussion
- CA Retreat: Monday Oct. 14th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at West Central Community Center.
  - A conference/retreat format with 3 workshops and a lunch break
  - Keynote speaker from our community to attest to the different things they’ve witnessed in Spokane
  - Potluck lunch: volunteer sign up to Kelly (like a soup, chili, or baked potato bar).
    - Maybe a Sign Up Genius link so that folks will sign up for different items.
- Riverside NC is working with Code Enforcement and Peaceful Valley to paint over graffiti.
  - Sept. 18th, 5-6:30. “Spot cleaning from the corridor. “ (Along the east stairs).

Community Assembly Representatives Roll Call:

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