

**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
- [Transportation impact fees](#): resets on Monday, 9/9.
- 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.
 - **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
 - **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
 - **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
 - Discussion: neighborhoods could have a sit-down with the Mayor to see what capital projects need to be done.
 - 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

- Public comments are being collected on the [2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report \(CAPER\)](#) through September 23rd.

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:

<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Audubon/Downriver Bemiss Balboa/South Indian Trail Nevada Heights Manito/Cannon Hill Logan East Central Grandview/Thorpe Lincoln Heights Northwest Peaceful Valley Rockwood Shiloh Hills Southgate West Central West Hills Whitman Riverside Cliff/Cannon Chief Garry Park Comstock Emerson-Garfield Minnehaha North Hill North Indian Trail</p>	<p>Not in Attendance:</p> <p>Browne's Addition Hillyard Five Mile Prairie Latah/Hangman</p>
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