

**Community Assembly  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2019**

**1. Introductions (Facilitator)**

**2. Proposed Agenda**

- Kelly proposed postponing Nominating Committee report until next month
- Approved as amended; unanimous

**3. Approve/Amend Minutes (Facilitator)**

- Approved; Bemiss abstained

**Open Forum**

**4. Reports/Updates/Announcements**

- Community Engagement Grant: 87% of reallocation funds available. Further questions—contact Andy ([ahoye@comcast.net](mailto:ahoye@comcast.net)) or Gabby ([gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org))
- Emerson/Garfield Farmers Market looking for a new volunteer director (EJ is stepping down)
- Building Stronger Neighborhoods (BSN) has put together Community Assembly handbook binders over the past year with info and history. BSN plans to schedule a training for some of these resources—email coming soon.

**5. City Council - City Councilmember (Scheduled: Candace Mumm; Breean Beggs attended)**

- Councilmember (CM) Mumm is out of town, so CM Beggs came in her stead
- Gonzaga's leadership school: idea of designing a leadership plan for CA and commissions and boards. New GU dean has applied for grant funding. This training would include how to make an agenda, run a meeting, etc.
- Homelessness: Council passed a resolution on warming centers—they will be 24/7. Some storage and some shower access (might be off-site). Salvation Army will run a referral shelter for ~60 folks. Jewels Helping Hands will be opening a couple additional shelters—locations TBD. Also noted: CHHS's Kelly Keenan resigned.
- Co-deployed officer team police cars. Grant funding allows 2-4 more teams, which would double what we have. They divert 72% of folks from going to a mental hospital or jail.
- Sportsplex: Monday 10/7/19 is a hearing regarding vacating Cataldo Avenue.
- Saturday's [pop-up cycle track](#) (10/5/19—10/11/19).
- School Safety update—brainstorming stage. We're exploring ways to leverage money more effectively (ex: arterials can qualify for matching grants from state and federal levels).
  - Not meant to replace current program—meant to expand the options.
  - It is about the neighborhoods—their priorities and neighborhood-driven.

**6. Downtown Plan Update (Nathan Gwinn)**

- Andrew Rowles (Downtown Spokane Partnership) and Nathan Gwinn (City) presented
- Currently drafting up existing conditions, having public meetings, and will submit final existing conditions report, concluding in November. Final draft plan for May 2020.
- There will be multiple upcoming briefings to Plan Commission and Design Review Board.
- Oct 22, 6-8 pm: Downtown plan workshop at the Riverfront Park Pavilion interior meeting space. Will conclude with light show. Meeting information will be posted to Nextdoor.

**7. Nominating Committee (Kelly Lotze)**

- Postponed until next month

#### **8. Plan Commission Liaison Applications Update (Paul Kropp)**

- PC Liaison Application: deadline is next Friday (10/11/19). The Liaison Committee will interview the one applicant so far (Mary Winkes) on Thursday (10/10/19). Rachelle Bradley (previously interested) did not pursue an application due to scheduling conflicts.
- Design Review Board (DRB) position— next month Kathy Lang, the incumbent Community Assembly member on the Design Review Board will report on her experience serving on the DRB over the past three years. Kathy is interested in continuing with a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

#### **9. PeTT Committee—Possible Name Change (Paul Kropp)**

- Name change—Committee focus. *PeTT has been exploring the concept of “greenways,” and in particular neighborhood greenways which are continuous, bike- and pedestrian-friendly routes on local access streets between and among local destinations such as schools and parks. This has led to wondering if the label, “pedestrian,” for the committee might be reconsidered because in fact the focus of the committee’s work is on what planners call “active transportation,” which are the self-powered modes of getting around on the ground by foot or by pedal-powered vehicle and that provide health and other social benefits. This initial committee discussion of this resulted in the group favoring a potential name change involving the phrase “multi-modal” not “active transportation.”*
- Car tab fees—the \$20 vehicle registration fees levied by the city fund the repair of residential streets, for which they are the only current source in the city’s budget. Initiative 976 would repeal the ability of all jurisdictions to impose such charges. It would also reduce the state’s support of public transit agencies.

#### **10. “Putting a Face on Homelessness” (Barbara Brock)**

- Presentation on homelessness and the importance of remembering people’s humanity.
- Discussion:
  - Housing vouchers—cannot go towards renting a room—it must be a whole apartment or house.
  - EnVision Center: staff shortages. 16 providers listed, but they are not always there (it is volunteer-run).
- Main themes:
  - Homeless people are people.
  - Brutal conditions.
  - Security and bathrooms are needed and critical.

#### **11. CA Retreat Update and NUSA Budget Request**

- Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM, West Central Community Center. Lunch provided
- Theme: Finding your assets and getting to work!
- Open to neighborhood folks and chairs

#### **12. Neighborhood & Planning Services Update**

- **P&P Committee Announcement (Heather Trautman)**
  - Kirsten Davis is a new employee: Business and Developer Services (BDS), 311, Neighborhood Services, and Historic Preservation.
  - New CPC will start on Oct. 21—Annie Deasy. Taking over the Community Engagement Grant

- Policies and Procedures: if you have any suggestions, send those to Kevin Freibott ([kfreibott@spokanecity.org](mailto:kfreibott@spokanecity.org)). The committee will be forming soon.
- **School Safety Program (Annica Eagle and Colin Quinn-Hurst)**
  - Really neighborhood-driven
  - Leveraging funds into larger projects
  - Neighborhood needs, school needs, and the City’s needs will be layered together by a consultant to see what potential routes would look like
  - Then return to neighborhoods, school communities—anything missed?
  - Neighborhood engagement: walk audits, open houses, community workshops
  - This concept is one strategy that might make sense.
  - Discussion:
    - Children of the Sun trail—and the Walking School Bus. The CDBG funds, NCDP funds, could be other sources of partnership.
    - Bus stops included in School Safety/School Radar program
    - Existing work that the neighborhoods have done would still be part of the process.
- **Shadle Area Plan (Maren Murphy)**
  - Started in 2017 when Northwest and Audubon Downriver combined their funds
  - Project is looking at the area as a district center and how to enhance connectivity
  - Big focus on bike and pedestrian improvements. Exploring opportunities related to parks and schools and traffic calming.
  - SCJ alliance worked as consultant
  - Lots of neighborhood outreach.
  - Discussion

### 13. Roundtable Discussion

- Neighborhood priorities list. Those who have turned in priority lists—thank you. If they’re “shovel-ready,” some bureaucracy can be reduced—they can be sent on to committee.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of CEG starts now and ends in November. Andy is terming out, so he will need to be replaced.
- Paul Kropp, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, asked for a sense from the assembly on whether the committee should conduct an open application period or not, if Kathy Lange formally requests a reappointment to a second term on the Design Review Board. By verbal comments without dissent, the sense of the assembly was the committee should not.

### Community Assembly Representatives Roll Call:

<b>In Attendance:</b> Northwest Minnehaha Bemiss Manito/Cannon Hill Grandview/Thorpe Hillyard Browne’s Addition	<b>Not in Attendance:</b> Five Mile Prairie Latah/Hangman Audubon/Downriver Nevada Heights East Central Chief Garry Park Comstock
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