

# Community Assembly – Minutes

**June 4, 2020**

Virtual Webex Meeting

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Kevin Freibott

## Attendance:

- Neighborhoods Present: Audubon/Downriver, Balboa/South Indian Trail, Bemiss, Browne’s Addition, Chief Garry Park, Cliff/Cannon, Comstock, East Central, Emerson/Garfield, Five Mile Prairie, Grandview/Thorpe, Hillyard, Lincoln Heights, Manito/Cannon Hill, Nevada Heights, North Hill, North Indian Trail, Northwest, Riverside, Rockwood, Shiloh Hills, Southgate, West Hills, and Whitman.
- Neighborhoods Absent: Latah/Hangman, Logan, Peaceful Valley, Minnehaha, and West Central.
- City Council Members and Staff Members Present: Kevin Freibott, Gabby Ryan, Annie Deasy, Annica Eagle, Louis Meuler, Carly Cortright, and Council Member Cathcart.
- Visitors: Jason Lien (SRTC), Sabrina Marshall (SRTC), Mike Tressider (STA), Fianna Dickson (City of Spokane Parks Department).

## Administrative Agenda:

### **1. Online Meeting Tips and Procedures (Facilitator)**

- The facilitator asked for permission to record the meeting in order for ONS staff to provide accurate minutes. This request was approved and the recording was begun.
- Brief overview on virtual meeting etiquette.
- Ask questions in the chat window.

### **2. Agenda Overview**

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

- Andy Hoyer motioned to approve the March Minutes with the correction of Nevada-Heights being in attendance. Tina Luerrsens seconded. Approved-19, Not approved-1, Abstained-1.
- Greg Francis motioned to approve the May Minutes with the correction of Nevada-Heights being in attendance. Andy Hoyer seconded. Approved- 21, Not approved-0, Abstained-0.

## Legislative Agenda:

### **4. City Council (City Council Member Cathcart)**

- CM Cathcart said he wasn’t sure when we would open up to Phase III, it depends on the number of the new COVID cases. People who have come down with COVID have been contacted.
- The recent protest had thousands of folks peacefully protest. Only a small group made it disruptive. Another protest is expected to take place this weekend and it’s expected to be huge. CM Cathcart mentioned, “The Spokane Police Department is doing a good job.”

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- The 6-Year Street Plan includes an addendum and includes additional streets from the three City Council districts. The list of additional streets was included in the Plan Commission Liaison report included in the agenda packet.
- Fees are being waived during this time for streateries and parklets so restaurants can offer outside seating and follow social distancing guidelines.
- The Arena now is a temporary homeless shelter. We need to find a permanent shelter structure.
- City Council is preparing to extend an offer of employment for a Public Information Officer and Equity and Diversity Coordinator.
- The Centennial Trail modifications in West Central are on hold while additional options are explored.
- New parking meters will be released this year.
- U-District along Sprague and Sherman is getting an overlay.
- There is talk of splitting up the Neighborhood and Planning Division into two departments; Planning and Neighborhoods.

#### **5. Division Connects – Jason Lier, Spokane Regional Transportation Council**

- A presentation was given on the Division Street Corridor study (attached).

#### **6. Special Events in the Park Update – Fianna Dickson, Parks Dept.**

- Special events in City parks are currently not allowed.
- Parks recommends submitting special events permits to tentatively hold events preparing for Phase III (50 people) and IV (more than 50 people) when Parks can confirm.
- Restrooms in Parks are closed because Parks is operating with minimum staff right now. Portable toilets have been placed near restrooms of the more frequented parks.
- Questions should be directed to [spokaneparks@spokanecity.org](mailto:spokaneparks@spokanecity.org)

#### **7. Comp Plan Amendments Update – Kevin Freibott**

- Currently, Planning has six private applications and three City-sponsored amendments.
- All relevant proposal details are available on the project site at <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2019-2020-proposed-comprehensive-plan-amendments/>
- The public comment period ends August 7, see the website for information on how to comment.

#### **8. Current ONS Program Status**

- Mobile Feedback Signs: some signs were vandalized and are in for repairs.
- Traffic Calming: deadline has been extended to June 21, by 11 p.m. Ten applications have been submitted. It was suggested to list 1<sup>st</sup> priority and 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. The meeting minutes requirement are being waived. Questions on Mobile Feedback or Traffic Calming should be directed to Annica, [aeagle@spokanecity.org](mailto:aeagle@spokanecity.org).

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- Community Engagement: deadline has been extended to June 21, at 11 p.m. Nine applications have been submitted. Meeting minutes or email from board showing approval should be included with the application as well as the 2019 Performance Report. Questions should be directed to Annie, [adeasy@spokanecity.org](mailto:adeasy@spokanecity.org).
- Neighborhood Cleanup: The Clean Up program has changed this year and will occur as a dump pass-only program until we know we can accommodate neighborhood pickups like we have in the past. Passes are being mailed this week beginning with low-income to higher income neighborhoods per the Census Data. Discussion ensued. Details regarding the 2020 Dump Pass program can be found here: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/clean-up/>. Questions should be directed to Gabby, [gryan@spokanecity.org](mailto:gryan@spokanecity.org).
- Discussion in opposition was undertaken as to whether to issue a letter to City Council pertaining to the decision to amend the cleanup program, however this discussion was continued until the next Community Assembly meeting by a vote of the members in attendance.

#### **9. Letter to Mayor – Greg Francis**

- Kathryn Alexander and Greg Francis met with the Mayor and asked for a director of ONS to allow for direct leadership to CA and Neighborhood Council. A letter was prepared by the Admin Committee, as authorized in the May meeting, and was attached to the agenda packet.

#### **10. Other Written Reports**

- Committee Reports, Agendas, Minutes, etc.
  - Administration Committee
- Liaisons and CA Representation on Outside Boards and Committee Report
  - Plan Commission Liaison Report

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Community Assembly scheduled for **Thursday, July 2, 2020. Location TBD.**

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