

## 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement Initiative

### Stakeholder Meeting #2

November 23, 2019, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Carl Maxey Center

### Meeting Notes

#### Meeting Objective

Continue discussion with community leaders and City of Spokane to identify ways to re-engage residents and stakeholders in a neighborhood-led effort to revitalize East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Liberty Park and Thor/Freya.

#### Discussion:

- Need to identify the vision – work with City planning to figure out how to achieve what we want
- Focus on major themes
  - Retail, commercial
  - Housing
  - Parks
  - Cultural infrastructure – Where do you go in Spokane if you are Black? Where do have that cultural experience?
- Zoning Overview
  - Residential Two Family
  - Neighborhood Retail
  - What can we do with current zoning?
  - What is the process to change zoning?
- Children of the Sun Trail - NSCPlace.com
  - Three emerging alignments with Ben Burr Trail, Centennial Trail
  - Identifying special places – power of 10
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue is really critical in conversation
    - Really start to thrive when there is 10+ activities happening
  - Your Place Park – commitment to restore park
  - Vital for trail to come along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue – community has sited trail
  - South Collaboration Team – meeting in January
- What would be helpful in project? For the City to empower community to make revitalization possible
  - Empower the folks in the room to create the vision
  - Not bring in developers to revitalize
  - Learn from Carl Maxey Center – didn't feel partnered with City of Spokane
  - Allocate certain funding for cultural values, maintaining community values, population
- City Diversity Strategic Plan – part of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Initiative
  - City needs to look like who we serve
  - Advocate for bureaucracy to get through the policy process
- Initiative Outcome: Action plan – 18 months, next steps beyond that