**5th 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 5th 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  
    - 5th 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 5th 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 21st 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