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**To:** Elaine Thorne; Deb Barnes; John Schram; Whitney Welch; Hal Ellis; Paul Kropp; Kathleen Watson; Cheryl Closson; Tim Williams; Caro, Jackie; Snyder, Jon

**Subject:** RE: Comstock was not included to have a planned Pedestrian Priority Zone

It appears the DRAFT Spokane Pedestrian Master Plan inadvertently omits the 29th & Grand District Center and 14th & Grand Neighborhood Center from its Pedestrian Priority Zones narrative on pages 34-36. However, I would suggest that BY DEFINITION district and neighborhood centers are priority pedestrian zones. As long as the omission of these centers does not prevent future investment by the city of Spokane, I do not see a fatal flaw here.

The following Plan language suggests the city cannot use omission as an excuse for preventing investment:

page 48 - "The Pedestrian Priority Zones were identified using the pedestrian needs analysis. The Pedestrian Needs Analysis compares pedestrian demand indicators with existing pedestrian infrastructure, and is used to compare different locations to help make data decisions that are equitable and fair. This is only one tool to assist with prioritizing locations for pedestrians projects; **it should not be used as the sole determinant for making decisions** *[my emphasis]*. An integrated approach that includes availability and stipulations of funding, community support, and cost sharing opportunities with other planned projects will be considered in the decision making process."

I hope the Comstock Neighborhood Council and South Hill Coalition will continue to work with the city to improve the pedestrian environment at the Grand District and other centers.

Best,

Jon Galow

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Date: Fri, 2 Oct 2015 22:37:29 -0700

Subject: Comstock was not included to have a planned Pedestrian Priority Zone

From: elainethorne

To: All we need to email the PeTT Committee to insure that Comstock Center and Corridor is represented in the Pedestrian Project Plan. I had missed this last meeting of the PeTT Committee because I had injured myself from biking and needed to recover. Apparently they discussed and named Pedestrian Projects for Spokane but South Hill Corridor was not listed. Yes I did attend the Public hearing for the Pedestrian Master Plan on Sept 23 at the City Council Chambers but there was so much presented that I did not take in the fact that Comstock did not have a zone designated as much information revolved around the pedestrian walkability with discussion of pedestrian density and other matters. I had even read most of the draft of the Master Pedestrian Plan as I was also thinking about

sidewalks and other issues but missed that Comstock was not included in the big picture - from the Centers and Corridors meetings long ago, I knew Comstock is considered for centers and corridors concerns as citizens discussed what was going to happen to the establishment that later became Brain Freeze on 32nd and Grand when all we knew was that another establishment was coming into our community and had no answers. The Centers and Corridor folks explained concerns about traffic flow, landscaping and design etc. for future corridor construction. 29th and Grand Intersection area should be a corridor based on the map but you need to enlarge see this--- Please view the enlarged map view attachment taken at 200% magnification of the Citywide Pedestrian Demand Zone map.

The attachment Proposed Pedestrian Priority Zone Designation was a handout at the Community Assembly today, Friday Oct 2nd and reading the document in that context made it clear to me that Comstock was not being considered part of the proposed project for the future Pedestrian Plan. The entire document for the draft Planned Pedestrian Plan is also attached (Comstock is not mentioned on page 34 to 36 of the draft Plan)

Jon Galow had applied for a traffic calming measure to help establish a pedestrian corridor between 29th Avenue and 32nd Avenue. This application did not make the final cut but was discussed at the last Comstock Neighborhood Council meeting and Council Member Jon Snyder agreed that Comstock needed a pedestrian corridor and neighborhood connectivity to build our neighborhood in a manner that would gel the neighborhood similar to Perry District. This was something to work for in the future and to discuss.

Comstock has several businesses that are doing very well such as the Tap House and Republic of Pi on one side of the street with the Sterling Shopping Center (Rustic Moose, Wheel Sport, Great Clips) across the street that are neighborhood hubs with other establishments on the other side of 30th (Slick Rock Burrito, Subway, the Chalet) in that center. There should be more pedestrian traffic encouraged and we even have 2 bike shops that have much business to encourage bicycle usage. Then we have the Brain Freeze and small coffee shop (which even the survey for Jon Galow's application the engineers noted that students crossed the street at unauthorized crossings to get to the coffee shop). We also have Sacajawea Middle School, the church, and the post office in the vicinity. This center and corridor draws many pedestrians and much traffic throughout the day in Comstock.

I do not know what plan for the South Hill Coalition had envisioned but we need input to for the Proposed Pedestrian Priority Zone Designation and Project Identification for Comstock to Paul Kropp of the PeTT Committee, and Jacqui Halvorson (Project planner for the city of Spokane for the Pedestrian Priority Zone Designations and Project Identification). We do not want to be left out of an opportunity that impacts the future of Comstock Neighborhood.

Thanks for your support.

Elaine Thorne Comstock Neighborhood Council Chair.