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Agenda Wording

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Southgate Connectivity and Parks/Open Space Elements as a declaration of the neighborhoods priorities and desired future condition, which provides direction for City service delivery and capital planning.

Summary (Background)

In 2008, the Southgate Stakeholders Planning Committee (SSPC) was designated by Southgate Neighborhood Council to conduct neighborhood planning. The SPCC created a mission statement based on the discussion at a community workshop. The mission of the Southgate Stakeholders Planning Committee is to "create a neighborhood plan that promotes a sustainable environment, social equity, a viable economy, and reflects the values and vision of the Southgate Community."

Fiscal Impact

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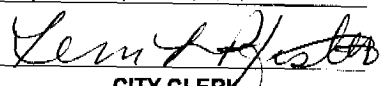
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 CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-0008

A **RESOLUTION** recognizing the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Connectivity Element and Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element as a declaration by the community members of the City of Spokane Southgate Neighborhood Council area of the priorities and desired future condition of their neighborhood which provides direction for City service delivery and capital improvement planning.

WHEREAS, per Article VIII of the Spokane City Charter, the City Council recognizes distinct neighborhood areas as neighborhood councils through the Neighborhood Councils Program and the Community Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2007 the City Council allocated \$550,000 to be used for planning activities by neighborhood councils; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2007 the Southgate Neighborhood Council submitted to the Planning Services Department a letter of intent to plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2008 the Southgate Stakeholders Planning Committee ("SSPC") was established by means of a memorandum of understanding with the Planning Services Department; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2008 the City Council adopted Resolution 08-100, accepting the work of the Community Assembly Neighborhood Planning Action Committee as identified in the Neighborhood Planning Guidebook Abbreviated Neighborhood Planning Process and the Neighborhood Planning Guidelines 2.1; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2008 the SSPC, in collaboration with graduate students and faculty members of the Eastern Washington University Planning Department, conducted an all-neighborhood "strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats" exercise at the Southgate Neighborhood Council ("SNC") regular monthly meeting, and subsequently presented a findings report at the December 10, 2008 SNC meeting; and

WHEREAS, early in 2009 the SSPC adopted as a mission statement, as follows: "to create a neighborhood plan that promotes a sustainable environment, social equity and a viable economy, and reflects the values and vision of the Southgate Community;" and developed a work plan with an accompanying budget to address the issues of greatest interest established by the SNC; and

WHEREAS, from January to June of 2009 the SSPC prepared, in collaboration with planning graduate student interns, a current conditions survey of demographic, land use and transportation infrastructure information about the SNC area for planning purposes and, coupled with a detailed survey of the applicable goals and policies of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan, prepared a report entitled Southgate Neighborhood Background and Principles upon which to base its further planning activities which was submitted to the Planning Services Department; and

WHEREAS, from July, 2009 to January, 2010 the SSPC prepared the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element, which was presented at the October SNC meeting and accepted by the SNC at its meeting of February 10, 2010 for presentation to the community; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2010 the SSPC presented a neighborhood issues report to the City's Neighborhood Action Committee as a requirement of the abbreviated neighborhood planning process; and

WHEREAS, from January to December of 2010 the SSPC prepared the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Connectivity Element, which was presented at the November 10, 2010 SNC meeting and accepted by the SNC at its meeting of December 8, 2010 for presentation to the community; and

WHEREAS, at its May 11, 2011 meeting the SNC and the SSPC announced an all-neighborhood open house to be held during its June 8, 2011 meeting to present the Southgate Neighborhood Plan elements to the Southgate area community, including the adjacent urban growth area of Spokane County, the Moran-Glenrose Joint Planning Area ("JPA"), for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Southgate neighborhood plan open house was made to the Planning Services and Neighborhood Services departments of the City of Spokane and the Planning department of Spokane County, to the adjacent Lincoln Heights and Comstock neighborhood councils, to all addresses in the Neighborhood Services database for the SNC, to all addresses in the Moran-Glenrose JPA, and by a notice published in the June 2, 2011 Pacific Northwest Inlander weekly; and

WHEREAS, at the June 8, 2011 SNC open house members of the SSPC made a presentation of both Southgate Neighborhood Plan elements and solicited comments and discussion; and

WHEREAS, at the July 13, 2011 SNC meeting the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Connectivity Element and Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element were accepted by the SNC for presentation to the City of Spokane for adoption; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2011 the SSPC presented the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element to Spokane Park Department staff; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2011 the SSPC presented the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element to the City of Spokane Plan Commission, which suggested the SSPC create an executive summary [attached]; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2011 the SSPC presented the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element to the Spokane Park Board Land Committee; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2011 the Spokane Park Board adopted a resolution [attached] supporting the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element and recommending it be accepted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Connectivity Element and Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element contain a significant body of documentation detailing the existing conditions of the Southgate Neighborhood Council area and outline enhancement opportunities designed to foster a vibrant, healthy, active, safe, and better connected community; and

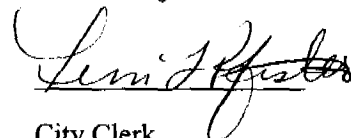
WHEREAS, the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Connectivity Element and Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element do not direct nor commit City resources for any specific action or project implementation; and

WHEREAS, per Spokane Municipal Code 04.12.010, this resolution is not an action to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan or development regulations upon a recommendation of the Plan Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Southgate Neighborhood Plan Connectivity Element and Southgate Neighborhood Plan Parks and Open Space Element are recognized as:

- o credible representations of the desire of Southgate Neighborhood Council area community members to evolve and sustain a vibrant, healthy, active, safe, and better connected community, and as
- o consistent with the planning principles of Washington's Growth Management laws and of the goals and policies of the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan, and as
- o providing direction appropriate to their level of specificity for City service delivery and capital improvement planning in the Southgate Neighborhood Council area.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 30th day of January, 2012.


City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Assistant City Attorney



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Southgate Neighborhood Council Connectivity Plan and Parks & Open Space Plan

CONNECTIVITY

The purpose of the Connectivity Element of the Southgate Neighborhood Plan (Connectivity Plan) is to identify and propose solutions for issues related to the safety, convenience, and character of vehicular, mass-transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

The Southgate Stakeholders Planning Committee (SSPC), as directed by the Southgate Neighborhood Council, identified connectivity as a critical planning issue for the neighborhood. The Connectivity Plan was developed to:

- present the goals, objectives, and policies of the Southgate neighborhood as related to connectivity
- communicate the methodology for inventorying of and proposed solutions to neighborhood connectivity issues
- present a master plan for connectivity solutions and strategies for plan implementation, including design guidelines and connectivity principles.

Goals

Based on initial data gathering in November 2008, the SSPC began identifying issues with neighborhood connectivity and translating them into actionable goals for the Connectivity Plan. Key goals and supporting projects identified were as follows:

- Link (Open Space) underserved neighborhoods to existing parks, as well as commercial centers, and schools
 - Projects include a Green Ring that follows the proposed Hazel's Creek elements and links neighborhood parks and open spaces, as well as the Ben Burr trail extension
- "Complete the grid"
 - i.e. sidewalk in-fill especially around schools and road improvement from dirt to paved
- Improve the bike/pedestrian network
 - Development of a Ferris/Adams Student Trail connecting the schools to the District Center via Hazel's Creek natural area.
 - Extend the Ben Burr Trail north toward its origin in Liberty Park and south towards the Palouse.
- Resolve barriers to east-to-west connectivity in the neighborhood
 - Find ways to improve the movement of multi-modal transportation east and west between 37th Ave. and 57th Ave. along approximately the 44th street alignment (East-west Connector)
- Seek opportunities to create an identity for the neighborhood via connectivity

The goals and projects are also represented in the overall Connectivity Master Plan that incorporates existing trails and bicycle plan elements, the above project concepts and selective

proposed street re-designations. In addition, the Master Plan includes proposed design sections for each street type, based upon existing regulations.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

The Southgate Stakeholders Planning Committee (SSPC), as directed by the Southgate Neighborhood Council, also identified Parks and Open Space as a critical planning issue for the neighborhood. The Parks and Open Space plan was developed based upon both existing Comprehensive Plan goals and polices as well as inventory and analysis of existing parks and open spaces in the neighborhood.

The vision of the Southgate Parks and Open space plan is as follows:

The Southgate neighborhood desires to preserve and enhance the parks and open space system and provide a range of diverse recreational experiences.

Goals

The goals of the Parks and Open Space are:

- Provide an open space system that preserves and enhances significant environmental resources and features to preserve habitat, agricultural lands, and protect water resources.
 - Preserve open space and sensitive areas in the neighborhood
 - Support projects that maintain and enhance natural drainage systems
- Ensure there is adequate park land to meet Southgate's existing and future park needs.
 - Identify and acquire new parks in underserved areas of the neighborhood
 - Enhance existing parks with amenities that meet the needs of the neighborhood.
 - Equalize park accessibility throughout the neighborhood.
 - Continue to coordinate with the School District to utilize school lands as park land after hours and in summer months
- Coordinate with the City of Spokane Parks Department and Spokane County Parks, Recreation, and Golf Department to implement this plan.
- Explore effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining facilities and programs that accurately distribute costs and benefits to public and private interests.

Specific objectives and concepts are detailed in the full plan. In addition, implementation strategies that address potential funding and other aspects of implementation are also included in the plan.