

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING MINUTES

May 21, 2009, Thursday

(Meeting held at Native Project at 6:30 p.m.)

## I. Welcomes and Introductions

**Attendees:** George Craig, Jen Hussey, Kelly Cruz, Toni Lodge, JoAnn Stewart, Chris Green, Melissa Owen, Annette Owen, Marcus DeWood, Luanne DeWood, Daniel Herbers, Kaye Turner, Rhosetta Rhodes.

## II. Approval of April Minutes

Luanne moved to approve the meeting minutes for April and JoAnn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## III. Housekeeping

**Treasurer's Report:** Tony advised that we have spent nothing out of the budget, at this time she does not know the exact balance, but believes it to be over 21,000.

**Copy of memorandum of understanding:** this is in our notebook. George has some problems with this, we agreed to the third page. We will accept the modified memo of understanding. George believes they discussed this at the beginning of the year. We want the city to understand that we have limited funds and do not want a meeting once a month that will cost us money. At this time we do not feel we need to check the checklist for every item. Kelly is trying to set up a meeting with the city. We need to make sure that this meeting time is valuable. We want the city to understand that we are still in the initial phase (see letter). The idea was also brought forth that if we sign the letter as is, our survey will be negated. This is our position, it is not hard fast. We chose track 3 which is the hardest track. It has been three months since we started and we are just now receiving the letter. Guidebook is adopted by the city council and now someone is making changes after we have already started. Kaye asked if we will have additional documents to sign as we continue in this process. Chris, from planning for the city advised that there are a lot of checkpoints, some of which are not necessary. He added that the intention of the checklist and the letter is to take some requirements out. He further added that the city cannot handle the additional workload that more meetings will bring. The question was asked if we are being negligent by not responding yet? It was noted that since we want an independent process we must keep abreast of these check points, this is one of those bigger checkpoints. The meeting that is scheduled for next week will entail what other requirements we need to do, there is a file for us that Kelly will be requesting to look at. Idea is to get us all on the same page. The city does not want to negate anything that we have done. We submitted a letter of intent in March through council and ONS. JoAnn made a motion to accept the new language, Kaye seconded.

JoAnn added, “we want to do the planning, not the city”. It was decided that the minutes would be sent to Chris at ([cgreen@spokanecity.org](mailto:cgreen@spokanecity.org)). We also asked Chris for a list of consultants.

#### **IV. Neighborhood survey update**

Discussion by Patrick Van Inwegen

See handout that has a breakdown of all answers on the survey. Students worked for two weeks, one week was on the phone, but only got three responses. Next week students divided up to do businesses and residences. Did 6 or 7 blocks and tried to get as many responses as possible. 30 surveys were completed for residences and 30 for businesses (Maple Monroe corridor). Patrick added that he has not yet done any interpretation of results. 12% of people said that they felt unsafe. Patrick picked randomized numbers with excel and did the phone book to find an address. The reason why business owners choose not to get involved included: time, that they were part of the Monroe business corridor, and some choose simply not to participate. Most business owners actually expressed an interest. Kelly notes that question 3 indicates that 50% of business owners may participate. Melissa asked if we went through the process for subjects, Patrick advised, yes. Patrick is open to assist in additional work, institution of surveys. For Whitworth will wait till next year. Thanks were given to Patrick and to his students.

#### **V. SWOT Overview**

Discussion by Rhosetta Rhodes

**Additions:** Pooper scoopers, hand out containers for poop.

We should be deciding how the SWOT will go tonight. Rhosetta hopes that everyone has had a chance to go through the SWOT.

Melissa graciously volunteered to add checks to the list.

**Strengths:** Melissa suggested that easy access to downtown in addition to land use is a strength. Kaye, housing is a strength in that area or social health, hospital, Housing under neighbor to help neighbor. Wildlife under parks and rec. Biking to parks, rec, and open spaces. Historic district for economic development. Neighborhood council can fall to capital, urban design, economic development, social health, neighborhoods, parks rec, and land use. Churches – capital facilities, housing, leadership, economic development. Young families – economic development, historic pre, parks rec. Non-profits – leaders, capital facilities, urban design. Diverse Zoning – economic development, leaders, Open spaces – social health. Inclusive – social health. Inner City – capital facilities, improve – historic preservation, social health. Grocery – economic development, urban design. College – economic development. Hospitals – urban design. Community leader – economic development. Trees – social health. Schools –capital facility. City blocks – open spaces, parks rec, nature, economic development, social health. Diversity – leadership, housing. City council – economic development, social health. Native Project – capital facilities, economic development, leadership, urban design, Health clinic – capital facilities, economic development,

urban design, Cops west – social health, neighborhoods, capital facilities, leadership, urban designs. WCCC – leadership.

**Weaknesses:** Garbage – parks and rec, natural environment, economic development. Bike lanes – urban design, social health, park, natural environment. Homes – economic development, historic pre, hoods, social health. Services – economic development. Streets - capital facilities, urban design, natural environment. Eye sores – economic development, housing, leadership. Dogs/cats – natural environment, parks rec. No respect – economic development, natural environment, neighborhood, leadership. Lack of retail – social health, Concrete – economic development, natural environment. No business organization – land use, urban design, Poor – economic development, housing. NC – social health, economic development, Sidewalks – land use, capital facilities, transportation. Racism – economic development, leader. Litter – parks rec. Little to no education – leadership. Lack of treatment – leader, economic development. Sex offenders – leadership. Infrastructure – land use and transportation. Community org – eco dev, hood. 57% - hoods, Alleys – natural environment, social health. Looks – natural environment, social health. Weeds – natural environment, parks. Gravel – natural environment, leadership. Dwellings – economic development. Animal control – natural environment, parks, leader. Dogs – nature, parks, health. Guard rails – urban design. Pedestrians –land use, capital facilities, economic development, hoods, park, natural environment. Yards – natural environment, economic development. Parking – land use. Dropouts – leader.

## **VI. Good of order**

Kelly - Go out June, July, August – meet and walk industrial areas. July – Monroe corridor. August – courthouse, river.

George - May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Institute of extended Learning from 3:30 to 6:30 EWU will be presenting on the Monroe Plan

New Banners are up on Broadway

NUSA Pride Tour 25 people signed up so far.

Rhosetta brought up that there is an entrepreneurial class interested in researching for business.

## **VII. Adjourn**

George motion to adjourn, Kaye seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM