

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING MINUTES

December 3, 2009

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

## I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Attendees: Kelly Cruz, Jen Hussey, Jenny Mele, Rhosetta Rhodes, Toni Lodge, Kaye Turner, Annette Owen, Jason Wheaton, Jen Wheaton, Mike Terrell, Joe Frank, George Craig, Lauren Benson, Rachel Price, Larry Swartz, Bea Washoe

## II. Approval of December Agenda and November Minutes

- a. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda, George seconded, motion passed
- b. One correction to the minutes, Toni Lodge's name was misspelled, with this change.  
George moved to pass the minutes, Kelly seconded, motion passed.

## III. Housekeeping

- a. Meeting Date clarification  
Next meeting date 1/7/10 @ 6:30 PM, at the Native Project
- b. Contact list, send e-mail to all with a disclaimer will not have control over it, ask if people want to be on the list and then develop the list.

## IV. Subcommittee Reports

No Social Health Report

No Leadership Meeting in November or December, the committee will have one in January.

Economics met 11/19 @ WCCC they want to engage business members in creating a business association. There will be a second follow-up meeting in January with the business community and the committee wants to see more people at that meeting. The committee is also working with two students from Whitworth. Next meeting will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month. 12/17/09 and 1/15/10.

## V. Greenstone Development Update – Jason Wheaton – Conceptual Planning

Joe Frank, Mike Terrell, Jason Wheaton, Webber Thompson is the planner out of Seattle. Mike is really involved in the Centennial Trail and Gorge Project. The hallmark of the project is the desire to make the development mesh with the community. They want to draw everything together to form a fabric of the community, to create a compact and integrated neighborhood. They still plan on a mixed used design focus, ie: pedestrian and bicycle friendly, neighborhood connection, create a variety of price points because that is how a community is built. Half of Bridge St. will have cottage type housing and the other townhomes. 1980's plan identified Chestnut St. as pedestrian right of way. They want to leave rim of gorge avail for the Centennial Trail. Just like Olmstead brothers and River Gorge plan. They will also have spots along the way for benches and signs. They envision and parking lot at the end of access near Summit as well as the possibility of a 2 ½ acre park. They are asking for input from neighborhood residents. Retail will still be between Maple and Monroe. There will be the potential of 125,000 square feet store and the potential of a hotel near Monroe St. Parking in the rear to create a sort of town center feel and design. They still plan to mesh with the Downtown Spokane Plan and will be using step-backs. They also want

to mesh with the mall for the courthouse and even relayed the possibility of a farmer's market. It was mentioned that it would be nice to carry over the period lighting from Broadway, a sunset amphitheater, high bridge point, and a skyline park. They suggest and open play area, picnic area, and to build on planning that has already occurred like extending pedestrian access.

Name: Kendall Yards – people recognize the name so it is going to be kept so to speak.

Traffic – they will have one real grand boulevard, because people stick to ways they know how to go. They want to keep traffic out of the neighborhood.

Other – Health District monitor to get people active, combat obesity etc. maintain sacred space, multi-cultural outreach to encompass all ethnicity. Bridge St was where the Indian People moved towards Spokane to work with the railroads. Greenstone is a big supporter of heritage and history and they encourage us to share stories and suggestions. They feel that they fail if they do not improve the community.

#### VI. Good of the Order

Jen stated she is not contagious.

#### VII. Adjourn

Kaye motioned, George seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned @ 8:20 PM