

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING MINUTES

May 6, 2010

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

## I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Please sign in: Don Higgins, Jen Hussey, Melissa Moore, Jason Wheaton, Brenda Corbett, George Craig, LuAnne DeWood, Cassie DeWood, Rhosetta Rhoades, Kevin Brownlee, Louise Stamper, Brad Chinn, JoAnne Stewart, Bonnie McGinnis, Toni Lodge, Annette Owen, Melissa Owen, Kelly Cruz, Larry Swartz, Chris Green, and Tirrel Black.

## II. Approval of April Minutes

George moved to approve the minutes from April and Brenda seconded, minutes were approved.

## III. Subcommittee Reports

Social Health: convened a meeting and 27 out of the 32 social health/faith based services were represented at the meeting. They want these meetings to continue and talked about doing meetings quarterly outside of just the planning process.

Neighbor days: Kelly reported that at Neighbor Days he was able to meet a lot of people and was able to speak to more business owners.

## IV. Chris Lee City of Spokane: Overview of Land Use and the Comprehensive Plan

Following the Growth Management Act and Comprehensive Plan, it was the State that enabled the legislation for planning. Mr. Lee explained that only Oregon and Washington has gone into this level of detail for planning. The Growth Management Act started in 1990 and follows 13 goals. The City of Spokane was required the act in 1993 after a period of growth. There is the GMA because of rapid west side growth, limited citizen involvement and rapid land development. This Act encompasses a 20 year long range plan for growth with continuous public participation. The Act provides a foundation for all development regulations and capital budget decisions must conform with the plan. Spokane adopted it officially in 2001 and now no longer uses just specifics in a neighborhood plan. Spokane required elements in their plan include: Land Use, Transportation, Capital Facilities, Utilities, Housing, and utilities. Spokane also added: Economic Development, Urban Design and Historic Preservation, Natural Environment, Social Health, Neighborhoods, Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces, and Leadership, Government, and Citizenship. 21 centers and corridors were designated in the Spokane Comprehensive Plan: Neighborhood Centers, District Centers, Employ Centers, and Corridors. There are 3 in west central: West Broadway (Neighborhood Center) Maxwell and Elm (Employment Center), and North Monroe (Corridor). These were created to focus growth and not to look at existing corridors. Traffic counts do not help with establishing a Corridor. In the planning process we can change to establish new Corridors. There is a new group meeting to establish and look at new patterns of Corridors and hope to increase the growth of Corridors.

## Planing in West Central

2001 to 2003 – West Broadway pilot center project  
2003 to 2005 letters of intent and assessment  
2004 – streetscape design for West Broadway  
2004 - crime prevent through environmental design  
2005 – Nettleton’s addition  
2005 - Maxwell and Elm land use and zoning  
2007 - North Monroe land use and zoning  
2000’s - other planning processes: streetcar study, park improvements, Kendall Yards

Land Use: is a broad general description of what type of land use will go where and in what amount. The Comprehensive Plan contains the office adoption land use map

Zoning – refines the land use: height, bulk, setbacks and use.

Types of use: cc core, gen community, neighborhood retail, res 15+, reside 30+, resi 40+, light industrial, institutional, open space.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments are allowed once per year, map changes vrs text changes. 10/31/10 is the due date for amendments.

Changing land use: neighborhood planning process – must be consistent with exist policies, Comp plan amendments – citywide process and public participation will exist.

## V. Planning for Land Use/Zoning

Darren from WSU has a piece of land and wants to design a house for it in West Central. Greenstone has agreed to help fund it. Greenstone is funding an Internship for planning for the summer. The intern would facilitate the process, perhaps work on Comprehensive Plan amendmenst, help with city, etc. They would be supporting the efforts of this group. We would have an interview process for any planning students. Brenda made a motion and Bonnie seconded, Toni proposed a friendly amendment that we open it to all schools. Motion passed with the proposed amendment.

## VI. Good of the Order

Jen announced that she wants to start a historic archive for West Central. She is asking for photos, stories, and any additional information pertinent to the history of West Central. Important hearing for jail site meeting, this is a chance for public testimony. The Hearing will be 5/12/10 @ 5:30 PM.

## VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM