

District One Consolidated Meeting Notes (Quarter 1)

March 15, 2017

Northeast Community Center, 5:00 pm

Introductions/Meeting Goals: Brief overview of why we are here. We have already provided an orientation for Spokane Matters. Existing programs already are implemented that we can take advantage of how to better deal with problems across all three Districts, including District 1. This is a pilot program targeted at improving the process of delivering City services. There are numerous ways we can engage our community partners and increase collaboration and integration across the City and with community partners.

Tonight we will choose projects to move forward and have benchmarks to see progress on each project. This meeting is intended to give the group updates on pilot projects and measures, discuss next quarterly projects, implementation, and the appropriate participants for team work.

Overview of Data/Mapping Tool: This data has been a huge resource in identifying some of the internal pilot projects. It allows for real-time understanding and unique combinations of variables to be analyzed.

Overview of existing Projects:

1. GIS Target Map for Abandoned Properties
 - This started as a goal to identify abandoned properties in district 1. City staff mapped relationships between troubled property, crime, and code enforcement services. The resulting map revealed abundant amount of potential targets; A 6 block area was selected because of a focus on community assets and efforts to improve the citizen experience.
2. Junk Vehicles – Pilot to move to proactive enforcement
 - Junk Vehicles in residential streets – New way City crews can identify these junk vehicles and report to Code Enforcement and Parking Enforcement. To clear the roads of abandoned vehicles, the Streets department was brought in, which helps with the vehicle removal and also beautifies a neighborhood. Data was used in identifying this project and also utilizing existing programs and services to better serve around this issue.

3. Solid Waste – Identify highest concentration of solid waste with the easiest and most efficient way to remove it.
 - Appliance removal in District 1 - This was identified as the most productive way to remove garbage and waste. The appliance removal program was settled upon after working with the community stakeholders in District 1.

Timeline: Our goal is to have at least 30 days of notice before each meeting. Three dates have been offered and we are trying to schedule meetings that did not conflict with other meetings throughout District 1.

Overview Short and Long Term Concerns in District 1:

Short Term Goals:

- Increasing community building/connecting
- Increasing neighborhood council membership throughout District 1
- Build and increase collaboration with City staff and community partners
- Increasing refugee participation in Neighborhood Councils
- How to deal with construction
 - 3 larger construction sites in East Central (TIP project, CSO tanks and East Altamont Project (How to communicate this information out to the neighborhood residents successfully?))
 - How can the City address these projects with the neighborhood more smoothly (better notification and outreach)
- Abandoned homes and crime
- Pedestrian safety issues around Cooper Elementary
- Child abuse and neglect rates are very high in Spokane (short term and long term goal to reduce these numbers)
- Increased affordable housing throughout District 1
- Increased pedestrian safety for children and families walking to parks and community pools
- Revitalize and increase safety around Mission Park
- Increased safety around Logan Elementary

Long Term:

- Neighborhood Safety (property crime, domestic violence)
- Road Construction/Development in the Yard – don't have the funding for infrastructure
- Rochester Heights – revitalizing a park to increase safety and create a design that deters crime

- Increase hours and staffing at the Northeast Precinct
- Housing stabilization and revitalization

Quarter 2, 2017 Project Selection:

Proposed Strategy 1: Create a resource guide to increase community engagement including tools and how to use them.

Team Leader: Karen Sutula (East Central)

Project Team: Clara Strom (Library), Colleen Gardner (Chief Garry Park), Abbey Martin/Rod Minarik (ONS), Jo Anne Wright and/or Melissa Owen (Planning)

Contact Information for Project Team 1:

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Benchmarks: By April a plan; by July materials will be available for implementation.

Proposed Strategy 2: Increasing block-watch to address property crime and safety in District 1. Looking at the structure of the existing C.O.P.S. block watch programs in cooperation with C.O.P.S.

Team Leader: Donna Fagan (Bemiss)

Project Team: C.O.P.S. organization, Eric Lester (Integrated Capital Management), Volunteer from East Central NC, Chief Garry Park Volunteer, Sandy McIntyre (Spokane Police Department)

Contact Information for Project Team 2:

- Donna Fagan (Bemiss): donna34@gmail.com
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- Eric Lester (ICM): elester@spokanecity.org, 625-6894
- Volunteer from East Central Neighborhood Council: TBD
- Chief Garry Park Volunteer: TBD
- Sandy McIntyre (SPD): smcintyre@spokanepolice.org, 363-8281

Bench Mark: Measure current activity of block watch to determine next steps.

Proposed Strategy 3: Research the obstacles to improving the alleys and conditions (drivability) and the resources to change/improve the conditions.

Team Leader: Alexandra Stoddard (Nevada Heights)

Project Team: Charles Hansen (Whitman), Solid Waste, Avista, Eric Lester (Integrated Capital Management)

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- Solid Waste Dept: TBD
- Avista: TBD
- Eric Lester (Integrated Capital Management): elester@spokanecity.org, 628-6894

Bench Mark: Identify the obstacles/limits and timeline of when this could be done.

Those neighborhoods that have been listed as TBD had representatives present at this meeting that committed to finding a representative to participate in the project. Individual names have not been submitted at this time.

Next Steps: Set meeting dates, project teams are responsible for collaborating outside of these quarterly meetings. At the next quarterly meeting, teams will report back on the progress they have made and if they have reached their benchmarks.

As the dates mentioned [Quarter 2, April 19th; Quarter 3, July 26th; Quarter 4, October 25th] were amenable to all parties.

In Attendance:

Richard Bayhan (ECA Properties), Donna Fagan (Bemiss/North East Youth Center), Dean Giles (Developer Services Center), Dan Torok (SPD), JD Anderson (SPD), Charles Hansen (Whitman), Colleen Gardner (Chief Garry Park), Matthew Folsom (SPD/Legal), Clara Strom (Spokane Public Library), Jenifer Priest (Project Hope), Linda Ames (Spokane Community College), Dave Richardson (North East Community Center), Andy Schenk (Streets), Mike Miller (Fire), Gary Kaesemeyer (Streets), John Shasky (Northtown Mall), JoAnne Wright (Planning), Eric Lester (Integrated Capital Management), Karen Sutula (East Central), Gretchen Chumas (Spokane Regional Health District), Alexandra Stoddard (Nevada Heights), Lori Phillips for Lee Arnold (Secured Investment Corporation), Nick Velis (Logan)

