

District One Consolidated Meeting Notes (Quarter 2)

April 19, 2017

Northeast Community Center, 5:00 pm

Introductions/Meeting Goals: Reminder about what Spokane Matters is: a pilot program whereby City teams and Community stakeholders coordinate efforts on a District scale. It is an opportunity for interaction across City departments and the Community so that, as a greater group, we have the resources to work on a solution to District specific issues.

Today we begin Quarter 2, and it is the responsibility of our existing six teams to report back and make adjustments. At the Community stakeholder meetings, we got a list of inspiration that we can refer back to (short/long term concerns). So, this evening we'll ask ourselves: Are we satisfied with the work we are doing? Then, we will determine, as a group, where to go from there.

Review of ground rules. Group agrees and accepts.

Overview of existing Projects:

1. GIS Target Map for Abandoned Properties, Paul Trautman, CHHS:

- About a month ago, held a Bemiss Meet the Neighbors meeting, and were able to select a specific area where there are several community assets that the team thought could benefit from addressing the abandoned properties.
- Additionally, have learned a tremendous amount from having selected a target area and being able to watch the constant changes within the target area. For example, the two foreclosed properties that were initially selected are no longer in foreclosure, and the group has now decided to focus on two boarded up homes. Having a selected area has also allowed the group to walk the area and get an on-the-ground perspective to contrast with mapping data they are seeing.
- The group is also looking to coordinate the work on the two boarded properties with security improvements being made around the target area, thereby changing Walking School Bus routes and asset use in the targeted area.
- The group is pleased to report that some of this work they are doing is facilitating work throughout District 1 to address similar problems.
- For more information on this team, contact Team Leader Paul Trautman, ptrautman@spokanecity.org

2. Junk Vehicles – Pilot to move to proactive enforcement, reported on by Heather Trautman, Facilitator from ONS:

- Current system is complaint based, and the specified vehicle is addressed. Street crew are now prepared to report and identify vehicles they believe to

be abandoned.

- Moving to a public official towing program, and in the process of drafting an ordinance that would use services of Code Enforcement and Parking to be empowered to facilitate towing.
- More coming in the Summer and Fall as a draft and then beginning the legislative process
- This doubles the number of empowered individuals to enact a towing
- For information on this team, contact Team Leader Justin Harding, jharding@spokanecity.org

3. Solid Waste –Reported on by Rod Minarik, ONS, for Alicia Ayars, ONS:

- Appliance removal in District 1, occurred April 8th, by RK Appliances on East Sprague, included Logan, Bemiss and Nevada Heights neighborhoods
- 1000 postcards sent out, 22 responses saying please pick up
- Scott Windsor, Director-Solid Waste, can work with people to continue this type of work- the value of the goods can go to your neighborhood
- Facilitator: This is the first project that has been fully executed. Does the group think this project met its benchmark?
- Discussion: Group's response was yes, but maybe should be expanded, different types of reminders and more than one, utility bill notices, maybe moving around the District, a few neighborhoods per quarter? If you do refrigerators/freezers, doors much come off. Salvation Army will take televisions. Perhaps there's interest in an app that is absolutely free and explains where around you can take what kind of materials.
- Facilitator: Permission from group to adjust agenda timing. Granted.
- Facilitator: Around the table, gauged all stakeholders' votes.
- Project will run a second time and look at expanding resources, expanding notification, and expanding the area.
- If you're interested in being part of this team and/or including your neighborhood in the second go of this work, contact Rod Minarik, rminarik@spokanecity.org, 625-6737, to coordinate.

4. Resource Guide, Karen Sutula, East Central:

- Selected to focus on a resource guide that would help with capacity building efforts for Neighborhood Councils, particularly to combat the capital that is lost when NC leadership turns over and/or to help with educating up new members

- Going to create both a physical resource, so that people have information on hand and a digital resource via Google Docs whereby information can be centrally located in one resource and multiple stakeholders can update as needed
- This resource gets shared to all Neighborhoods in District 1, and there will be a commonly shared Events calendar so as to keep District 1 informed
- This will facilitate better communication between neighborhoods
- Also discussed having a training on using Next Door, and looking into further trainings that may be available with different City departments
- Colleen Gardner (Chief Garry Park) shared a list of resources (distributed through ONS via e-mail on 4/20/2017)
- Will have resources housed at the library as well
- Next steps include meeting again, creating the physical and soft copies
- For information on this team, contact Team Leader Karen Sutula, eastcentralneighborhood.chair@gmail.com

5. Blockwatch, Donna Fagan, Bemiss:

- Made contact with head of C.O.P.S., Patrick Snyder, and he thinks collaboration is a great idea and he is on board with the concept of the project
- Still looking for contact names/team participants from Chief Garry Park neighborhood and Logan neighborhood
- Both neighborhoods are sending over participant names after their next Neighborhood Council meetings
- Jamie MacIntyre from SPD is on the team as well
- For information on this team, contact Team Leader Donna Fagan, donnaf34@gmail.com

6. Alleyways, Eric Lester from Integrated Capital Management presented for Alexandra Stoddard, Nevada Heights, who was out of town:

- Team is looking at addressing three issues: the alleyway surfaces, lighting in alleyways, and security in alleyways
- Reviewed a typical alleyway and explored providing homeowners with asphalt/concrete grindings and then homeowners could do alleyway repair themselves as needed at zero cost, additionally explored looking at crushed base gravel which would cost about 45k per alleyway, additionally explored paving which would cost about 80k per alleyway, lastly explored a closure or partial closure which would cost 3.5k per gate

- Regarding lighting, LED would be \$14 per month per pole, including installation and removal and the City *might* pay for a small scale pilot
- Security cameras are not allowed on AVISTA poles, but could be affixed to homes/garages- a strictly local recording is about 3k per camera
- Discussion from stakeholders: Maybe neighborhoods could decide on their own fence arrangements? Bemiss would like to be a pilot. Is there a method for neighborhoods to apply to be involved? Solar? Streets is happy to close alleys and move collection to street. When construction is taking place, this project could take advantage of putting asphalt/concrete grindings on the alleyways
- Next steps for the group include checking in with SPD about having a locked gate, checking about what's possible from discussion suggestions
- For information on this team, contact Team Leader Alexandra Stoddard, Alexandra.nevadaheights@gmail.com

Update from City on District 1 specific initiative:

The YARD, Melissa Owen, Planning

- Rebranded area of District 1
- The North Spokane corridor yields a great opportunity for this work, as it moves from strategies to projects, two interchanges are coming to The Yard off Wellesley
- Very low vacancy rate in this area
- Some challenges in the area include lack of infrastructure, mostly due to gravel streets across the area; regional competition from West Plains, the Valley, Central Spokane and North Spokane; environmental challenges in the area, mostly from old railyards
- The YARD solicited a lot of community feedback, especially at the Hillyard Festival
- Currently exploring financing for the 20 year vision to be realized
- Ultimately projects include connections between Esmerelda, former railyard, North Yard, Ranch, and Wellesley corridor
- Tentative hearing date on plan in July
- The YARD ties in with the long term community concerns heard over the course of the District 1 meetings
- For more information, contact Melissa Owen, mowen@spokanecity.org

Conclusion and Next Steps:

Facilitator wraps up by soliciting stakeholder feedback on whether to continue with the ongoing five projects and repeat the Solid Waste project. Consensus amongst group to continue on this trajectory.

Next meeting will be the Quarter 3 meeting at the Northeast Community Center in the main room on the lower level, from 5-6:30pm on July 26th. Each team will meet as needed in order to continue their work and make sure they are prepared to report back to the group at the next meeting.

In attendance:

Melissa Owen (Planning); Council Member Mike Fagan (District 1); Colleen Gardner (Chief Garry Park); Charles Hansen (Whitman); JD Anderson (SPD); Gary Kaesemeyer (Streets); Hazel Jackson (Logan); Dave Richardson (NECC); Rod Minarik (ONS); Jason Conley (Parks); Kathryn Alexander (Bemiss); Scott Windsor (Solid Waste); Ryan Carstens (SCC); Clara Strom (SPL); Tim Benn (Minnehaha); Eric Lester (ICM); Christy Jeffers (North Hill); Jamie McIntyre (SFD); Donna Fagan (Bemiss); Gretchen Chomas (SRHD); Barnetta Bindewald (Minnehaha); Nick Velis (Logan); Joe Carter (Hillyard); Karen Sutula (East Central); Paul Trautman (CHHS); Abbey Martin (ONS); Heather Trautman (ONS);