

District One Consolidated Meeting Notes (Quarter 3)

July 26, 2017

Northeast Community Center, 5:00 pm

Introductions

Review of pilot program: ONS facilitates regular meeting of City personnel and Community stakeholders to seek out district-level approaches to unique district needs.

Review of last Quarter's discussion.

Project Updates

1. GIS Target Map for Abandoned Properties, Reported on by Paul Trautman, CHHS:
 - SPD, Business Analytics, Community Frameworks, Code, and others are part of the interdepartmental team to track data and utilize it.
 - Where we're at and where we're going. We're around Bemiss elementary, have learned quite a bit from that area, one of the main datapoints was a house right by Bemiss and it's actually moved through a private process and is now being renovated and re-occupied. Utilizing an advertising kind of approach.
 - September, Cleaning from the Corridor will be occurring in this same area and that could have another big impact around the elementary school, getting safe routes to school, and further by enhancing the assets in this area.
 - Map now tracks bank-owned properties in that status for status for 180 days because they could have the biggest impact on these properties and influencing a positive change. Constant inventory and consistent activity.
 - Will put the District 1 map online on the Spokane Matters page.
 - After September event with Cleaning from the Corridor, will refocus in another area based on concentration of sites and similar community assets. Will go around Rogers High School and extend about a ¼ mile in any direction.
 - Will continue to move based upon community asset opportunities.
 - Funding is coming via grants for rehabilitation and construction projects, to an end for low-income housing opportunities.
2. Junk Vehicles – Pilot to move to proactive enforcement, Reported on by Heather Trautman, Facilitator from ONS:
 - Proactive pilot for actually removing the vehicles. SPD has been very helpful with the program, but we needed further resources to respond to caseload. Public Towing Official identified and will continue working with other departments to move forward to continue to

enhance additional deployed program participants. Will utilize the Streets department and Solid Waste. These crews could report, as a second phase past the expansion beyond the current SPD based program. Hoping for an end of year program expansion. Code form is to be filled out and 311 can also be called.

3. Solid Waste, Reported on by Scott Windsor, Solid Waste:

- Solid Waste pick up
- Appliance pick up went fairly well, and was moved towards a recycling program. Would like to suggest e-cycle state program (televisions, electronics, computers, etc.) and tie utilization of that program with a neighborhood clean-up program. Feels as though that could be part of the neighborhood clean-up program. Additionally, last quarter mentioned a phone application that could be used to determine where to take what and when. The application provides reminders, etc. Last meeting there was some push back, but bringing it up again because Olympia and Tacoma were using it and Solid Waste is going to see about how that works for those municipalities, 3-6 month timeline to see about what/how those municipalities are doing. Solid Waste will talk to Salvation Army and Goodwill about how the logistics would work. Refrigerants continue to be problematic. Rod Minarik from ONS has a suggestion to target the Cleaning from the Corridor date and boundary.
- Moving forward, Scott Windsor will look at seeing whether there are groups that can/will coordinate with current neighborhood cleanups. Additionally, can tie into Cleaning from the Corridor because the information is already disseminated and the event is already so widely promoted. Solid Waste says the scope of the boundary really depends on the organization and the type of the clean up going on.
- Kathryn Alexander will join team under Scott Windsor's leadership. Rod Minarik remains on team. Donna Fagan will put poll on Nextdoor and let group know about interest in order to determine next steps and moving forward.

4. Resource Guide, Reported on by Karen Sutula, East Central:

- Karen Sutula, Resource Guide
- Shared resource guide. Username: spokanemattersdistrict1 Password: nclegacy
- Colleen Gardner will present to Community Assembly and share information with neighborhood councils.
- Project concluded.

5. Blockwatch, Reported on by Donna Fagan, Bemiss:

- Donna Fagan, Block Watch with Spokane C.O.P.S.

- Went over packet in an effort to make it more accessible to people. Neighborhood Councils could give information to C.O.P.S. and then could coordinate Block Watch information from there. Asking Neighborhood Councils across District 1 to be talking about Block Watch and having it as a regular part of the agenda. Additionally are disseminating brochures and helping groups coordinate.
 - Hosting a Block Watch themed party as part of Bemiss neighborhoods Concert Under the Oaks.
 - Will get funding questions answered but might consider just looking into the pdf and loading it to the Google Drive/Resource Guide.
 - Council Member Fagan, District 1, will use discretionary funds to initially distribute 500 brochures. Kathryn Alexander will get file to ONS and/or Karen Sutula, East Central.
6. Alleyways, Eric Lester from Integrated Capital Management presented for Alexandra Stoddard, Nevada Heights, who was out of town:
- Alexandra Stoddard, Nevada Heights
 - Eric Lester, ICM, will reveal material options, group has hit a wall in terms of funding options, including CDBG funds, etc. Economic circumstances around District 1 make funding options, like through an LID, very challenging for District 1. Despite the standstill, and utilizing a public safety lens, CPTED survey information came out and the group realized that some of their initial alleyway concerns are not as much of an issue. Many opportunities have arisen from this work- will allow Eric Lester to speak to materials, and then discuss opportunities for the Community Assembly's Public Safety Committee.
 - Options for materials: volunteer basis to utilize City of Spokane grindings, can join up with Spokane Gives/Cleaning from the Corridor work; additional option is a polymer soil stabilizer is used for mining and also around the 3rd world and material is utilized in Tacoma who will share the results with us when they're further into it. Council Member Waldref mentioned that City Council will be considering this issue Monday.
 - Need to follow up on possible volunteer program and/or Cleaning from the Corridor tie in, or polymer research from Tacoma, or City Council possibilities, and recommendation of group for Public Safety pursuit of lighting and safety consideration options. Prioritization of untended alleyways currently. Group will update in October.

Overview of Spokane Matters and reveal of website and resources

Discussion of Quarter 2 survey feedback- meant to be formative so that we can be incorporating responses into the pilot for the remainder of its execution throughout 2017. Then a summative survey will be distributed and we'll determine where to go from there and how the pilot fared in terms of its goals. Part of the feedback we heard was the desire for more information, so we created a website on the City webpage:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/spokanematters/>

At the site, you can find dates and times for upcoming meetings, a list of current projects and the contact information for the team leader, presentation materials, and minutes from past meetings.

Review of Long Term & Short Term Goals

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

Next Steps: Recommendation for closing out current projects successfully. Perhaps October would be a good time to think through additional possibilities, including the Zone and Northeast Community Center.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2017 5pm-6:30pm, Northeast Community Center

[Please note this was incorrectly listed on the Power Point, but this October 25th date is correct.]

In Attendance:

Captain Dave Torok (Spokane PD), Colleen Gardner (Chief Gary Park), Scott Windsor (Solid Waste), Dave Richardson (NECC), Gretchen Chomas (SRHD), Jamie McIntyre (SFD), Mike Fagan (City Counsel), Karen Sutula, Alexandra Stoddard, Charles Hansen (Whitman), Rod Minarik (ONS), Anna Everano (COS), Eric Lester (COS),