

Spokane Matters

District 2, Quarter 4

November 29, 2017—5-6:30pm

East Central Community Center

Introductions

Background by Abbey Martin, facilitator from ONS. Overview of the pilot program, looking at district specific solutions to district issues. This is our 4th quarter meeting. Meetings started last year at this time. Projects have begun and died off or revitalized and resolved, and we're looking, in this meeting, to give a project update for the existing projects throughout District 2. Additionally, we're looking to wrap up loose ends and then position ourselves for reflection on what could be done differently and our next steps going forward. Thank you for being here, and please don't hesitate to reach out to Abbey Martin with questions or additional thoughts. You can also find information on Spokane Matters here:

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

Project updates

- **Safety around Lewis & Clark High School**

Lieutenant Overhoff, Spokane Police Department, provided background information and efforts on the project of increasing lighting around the school in an effort to provide a safer environment for students and teachers. The project is complete with all lighting installed. While it's too soon to tell about data-driven impacts, all inclinations are that it's going to make the desired impact. Council Member Beggs spoke up as a parent of children who attend the school and said it feels better for all. Question about how the rocks place under I-90 influenced the area, and Lt. Overhoff responded that their impact has greatly enhanced the safety of the environment. The flashing lights for traffic control are also helping a lot. Considerations are being made to expand the campus and thereby better control the area. Multicare is interested in collaborating with the school and district, as the institutions directly influence one another.

- **Workshops at the Library**

Ellen Peters, Spokane Public Library, presented on this project, now completed. The library was trying to address some of the safety concerns brought up initially and was able to hold a series of workshops throughout the year on a variety of issues and for a variety of age groups. The library partnered with SPD, COPS, and Fire in order to keep the safety workshops up to the latest expertise and standards and also put people in contact with professionals themselves. Turnout was positive throughout the year, and the library struck a balance between repeating workshops in order to accommodate schedules and switching topics to keep engagement up and interest up. After reflection, the library feels as though they have an important role to play in keeping the community safe and so they have already started talking about how to continue a form of the safety workshops in 2018.

- **Parking Solutions for the Perry District**

Shauna Harshman, Planning, provided the update to the group. A survey launched yesterday on the City's website to begin gathering public input about the concepts addressing parking in this area. Important to emphasize that there isn't funding or a schedule for this work and the public input sought includes asking whether this work should move forward. Discussion arose as to whether authentic input was available via the survey. There is space in the survey to provide individualized, qualitative feedback. Discussion arose as to whether this was a true stakeholder process, and the group was reminded that the work began out of coordination amongst City departments and is now beginning to seek input. You can find the blog, laying out the various concepts and providing background information, and the survey [here](#).

- **Community Court to East Central**

Council Member Beggs, City Council District 2, provided the update for the group stating that Community Court had settled on North East for its expansion. December 12th is the start of the new programming there, and programming will be one day per week. Discussion continued stating that one of the reasons East Central wasn't selected was because there was determined to be not as high of a need as North East Spokane. This is not to say that East Central doesn't continue to be a plausible expansion site.

- **District 2 North-South Arterials**

Council Member Beggs, City Council District 2, updated the group. Underway is a traffic study on the South Regal corridor and there are sites for additional studies to address the diversity of issues with North-South arterials throughout the district. One issue is continued high-density development, not necessarily in the City, but impacting City streets and motor safety by contributing to such an increase in volume. The group continues to look at a menu of possible interventions around North-South arterials in District 2.

- **CSO 34 and IO 7 Surface Area**

Eric Lester, Integrated Capital Management, updated the group. This project was picked up at the Quarter 2 meeting with a goal of predetermining, proactively, what to do with the surface area after construction was completed. The idea is to create a space that is attractive and of positive use for the community as opposed to creating a problem (attractive nuisance) and having to address it (fence it off) later. Construction is underway and public input will be sought. The surface is designed to be able to withstand a two-story building. Currently the city does not allow for a permanent structure to be constructed atop tank, however:

- The CSO tanks are constructed with a venting system that occasionally emits sewer gas odor. Although the vent exhausts to the outside air and should not pose a direct health hazard, people that may be living or working on the lot may find the smell objectionable. This is basis for the use restriction.
- City Planning and ICM will be having internal department discussions to find potential path allowing for a business concern(s) to occupy lot under a lease agreement. It should be noted that the City will not entertain sale of property since it will retain tank ownership and its required maintenance.



Update on Next Door and Neighborhood Resource Officer coordination

At the Quarter 3 meeting, Council Member Beggs mentioned he was looking into getting the Neighborhood Resource Officers to be utilizing the Next Door platform in order to be even more responsive and coordinated with the community. The coordination would also allow the community to be more in touch with their NROs. This is currently being piloted with a couple neighborhoods and one NRO and the results are positively indicating that this is a new medium of community policing: it's personal, allows police to follow up on information and get to know people and the community better. Lt. Overhoff maintained that utilizing Next Door for police access should not replace Crime Check or 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.

Next Steps

After all districts have met for their 4th quarter meeting (early December), all can expect a survey via email to provide feedback on this pilot program and reflect on this process. Additionally, look for an invite from Abbey Martin for a meeting with all other district teams to connect on projects happening City wide, December 12th, 5-7pm at Indian Canyon golf course. After the showcase of projects in each district, next steps will be determined based on the feedback from the survey. Projects should continue to wrap up loose ends and Abbey will be in touch about final reports. Thank you for your efforts!

In Attendance

Abbey Martin (Office of Neighborhood Services), Heather Trautman (Office of Neighborhood Services), Greg Francis (Rockwood), Robynn Sleep (Cliff/Cannon), David Overhoff (Spokane Police Department), Jamie McIntyre (Spokane Fire Department), Sally Phillips (Lincoln Heights), Cody Weed (Sacajawea Middle School), Ellen Peters (Spokane Public Library), Eric Lester (Integrated Capital Management), Mike Harves (Browne's Addition), Council Member Lori Kinnear (City Council, District 2), JJ Jelinek (East Central Community Center), Deb Conklin (Liberty Park UMC), Colleen McCalip (resident), Ian Sullivan (South Perry Business and Neighborhood Association), Council Member Breean Beggs (City Council, District 2), Chris Wherity (MultiCare), Jennifer Hanson (Spokane Regional Health District), Shauna Harshman (Planning)