

Spokane Matters

District 3, Quarter 4

December 6, 2017; 4-5:30pm

West 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 3. 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

- **Shadle/Walmart Safety Strategy**

Boris Borisov, Planning, kicked off the report for this team, utilizing the power point presentation embedded below. Pat Bonner, Spokane Public Library, explained that the group really focused on the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) strategies and allowed it to guide their work. Karen Kearney has been working on behalf of Excelsior in reaching out to the several businesses in this area, including WalMart. Next steps for this group include looking into ways to address the drug and shoplifting activity, connecting with Neighborhood Councils to have this area considered in the plans they develop, and working towards the \$15k estimate to be split between Water and Parks for lighting on the Shadle water tower. Karen Kearney is going to make sure small businesses in the area are included in the outreach.

- **Dutch Jake's Park**

Nick Hamad, Parks, presented on behalf of the group and introduced Mike Terrell, landscape architect, who is currently working on the re-design for Dutch Jake's Park. The group's formal public outreach begins next week and will continue through Spring 2018. Construction is due to begin in June of 2018 and will continue through the Fall of 2018. The group is working on beginning with CPTED work and using those strategies as the foundation for making the park feel safer and accessible to all. After the CPTED work, the work group is focused on securing routine activities within the park to, essentially, take it back from the criminal activity that has taken root there. The work group is benefitting from the private non-profit Trust for Public Lands and they have already solidified their Letter of Intent for things like programming and perhaps a park caretaker. An interesting note about the timing of these improvements is that Dutch Jake's is Spokane's first mini-Park and the work on it is coinciding with improvements to Spokane's flagship park created at the same time, Riverfront Park. Next steps for this group include getting as much stakeholder feedback as possible and researching programming that could be successful in the park. The park will open in 2019.

- **Health and Safety Outreach and Education**

Mike Miller, Fire Marshall, and Jamie McIntyre, Community Risk Reduction Manager for Spokane Fire Department, updated the group on this work. For background, this group has had a bit of a moving target since its inception last year, especially in its search for actionable benchmarks and next steps. As a result of the conversation around connecting the vulnerable populations in District 3, specifically in a certain area of West Central, the work group has decided to begin a canvassing initiative, knocking on doors and explaining to people the healthcare opportunities and resources that exist within their community as well as how to access them. They selected an area with the highest concentration of low acuity 911 calls. Canvassing and a corresponding health fair hosted by healthcare providers will occur on April 21st. The group is going to see how this works and then make arrangements to modify and/or replicate successes in other needy areas. Here is the area map:



- **Youth Services Coordination**

This project selected a team leader who had to step down. After the Quarter 3 meeting it was recommended that another team member take over, but no one was able to commit to this. Abbey Martin, ONS, was able to reach out to the Chase Youth Foundation, but they weren't able to come to the meeting. This is a project that was important to the group, but never got off the ground.

- **Hearing from Code Enforcement about Community Concerns**

Doug Prendergast, Northwest, led this effort and provided the group with the initial update, stating that there seemed to be areas of short and long term concern amongst this group that Code Enforcement could help address. Luis Garcia, Code Enforcement Supervisor, was brought to the table and introduced himself to the group. Luis explained that he reviewed the list of concerns and some of the areas Code Enforcement is currently addressing: education around snow removal of sidewalks, enforcement of complaints towards property owners that don't maintain their sidewalks, education around getting RVs and boats (non-winter seasonal items) off the streets ahead of snow season, enforcement of RVs and boats that fail to comply with notification for the need to properly store. He explained these campaigns and several neighborhoods noted the positive effect of these campaigns in their neighborhoods. Lastly, Luis explained the code enforcement complaint process, which can

be found here: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/code-enforcement/forms/>. He also noted that you can always call 3-1-1 to make a complaint.

- **Streets and Spokane Public Schools Coordination on School Zone Speed Safety in District 3**

Mark Davies, North Indian Trail, volunteered to lead this work group in an effort to make sure that school zones around District 3 were protected with appropriate speed zone signs. As an example, Mark mentioned Salk Middle School and that it wasn't marked a school zone even though Revised Code for Washington 46.61.440, <http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=46.61.440> states it needs to be so. Council Member Mumm, District 3, mentioned that traffic calming and school radar programming was expanding and could be helpful in addressing these concerns. Additionally, she mentioned that the Neighborhood Councils could continue to make requests, thereby sandwiching the problem from both sides.

Next Steps

All districts have met for their 4th quarter meeting, and 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, due by end of year (same time as survey deadline). Thank you for your efforts!

In Attendance

Abbey Martin (Office of Neighborhood Services); Heather Trautman (Office of Neighborhood Services); Luis Garcia (Code Enforcement); Jamie McIntyre (Spokane Fire Department); Eric Lester (Integrated Capital Management); Kelly Cruz (West Central); Pat Bonner (Spokane Public Library); Karen Kearney (Excelsior + Balboa/South Indian Trail); Mike Nilsson (Development Services Center); Adrienne Franklin (Globe Credit Union Shadle); Victor Frazier (Audubon-Downriver); Terry Deno (North Indian Trail); J. Douglas Prendergast (Northwest); Boris Borisov (Planning); Edie Rice-Sauer (Transitions); Ross Brooke Watts (Whitworth); Council Member Mumm (City Council District 3); Mark Davies (North Indian Trail); Nick Hamad (Parks); Mike Terrell (MTLA Landscape/Planning)