

## **Spokane Matters**

### **Downtown District, Quarter 3**

**July 20, 2017 --- 12:30-2pm**

### **Downtown Public Library**

#### **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 about what constitutes downtown and reveal of map showing a porous, dotted line around an area discussed to include Kendall Yards, the U-District, the Hospital district, etc.

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.

#### **Project Updates**

- **24/7 Homeless Shelter**

Kelly Keenan, CHHS, provided an update for the group. Currently, have a system in place and we know that we need more assistance. Household with and without children. Recently expanded 24 systems for 124 more beds. To create this system going forward we have committed 2.4 million. HOC relaunched services July 1<sup>st</sup>. Right now they have expanded hours and also will offer shelter for men starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor comments/Open Discussion: has SPD received increased or decreased call volumes due to the possible lack of services? Could be interesting to see the call volume for SPD when the 24 hour shelter system reopened? How to know the outcomes/goals are working? Possibility of a clinic at the HOC downtown? We need to monitor where is the homeless population coming from? RFP need to include interviewing those who have dealt with Homelessness. If you provide a shelter what needs to be provided?

This project moving forward: Report back to the group again at the next quarter meeting and watch the numbers and the flow throughout the system and what the benefit will be to those we are trying to serve. Make sure this project has input put into the RFP. Look at the Rapid Rehousing program also for the RFP. Opportunity to provide feedback and examine rehousing and have actual data from Police and Fire (last summer to this summer), where they are and then total number of homeless now.

- **Safety/Lighting I-90**

Gary Kaesemeyer and Adman Miles (Streets) presented. Budget: they are looking at the entire freeway and lighting should be ordered before school starts and spread out the lighting over 3-4 years to complete the entire project. Basic timeline: late August/early September to get all the lighting installed. DSP can possibly help- It may be outside of their service area but they are still interested in helping the downtown area. DSP will do the parcel work with the businesses in the surrounding area to help move this project along faster. Lewis and Clark also has some good connections with other businesses in this area too -would be able to help with any PR around this. Lights could be equipped to be motion censored for increased safety.

This project moving forward: update on parcel lights, connecting with DSP, keeping motion responsiveness, and working with LC, installation.

- **Downtown Construction**

Eric Lester and Katherine Miller, Integrated Capital Management, presented on the next five years of construction in the downtown from private, City, State and Federal projects. The desire was to better communicate construction to the public. Developed a web portal that goes through the City of Spokane website and this will advertise construction projects that go through 2018, including the ability to add events that may impact traffic in the Downtown. Current form is a representation of what can be brought back and finalized- wanted to get group's opinion.

Discussion: What's the best way to have this map/link/webpage be interactive, realistic, and user friendly. Is there a desire to see the level of impact without having the user drill down too far/be overwhelmed with information? Ask the community members what is the best use of this resource. This would be done by reaching out to Downtown business community and residents. Work with the DSP.

This project moving forward: Re-work map layout so that there's an option to have all information available. Incorporate discussion suggestions.

Mayor Condon presented campaign: Give Real Change

Options on items resembling parking meters to donate, round-up, etc. to causes that can help our population in need. Ties into many of the projects coming out of this working group and wanted to take the opportunity to preview it for the group as a complementary initiative.

## **Review of Long Term & Short Term Goals**

### **Short Term:**

- Understand the downtown residents and visitors
- How do we define and set the downtown boundaries? The group will continue to work together on what exactly the downtown boundaries should be. Should the downtown area include the boundaries of Lewis and Clark High school as well as portions of Gonzaga and Kendall Yards?
- Understand the pedestrian impacts from the new pedestrian bridge (Sherman corridor to Centennial Trail).
- Summer construction impacts and opportunities to provide a response about options for downtown including pedestrian crossings.
- The closing of Riverfront Park and how to address downtown events that are moving into the street – events are looking to go elsewhere and bleeding out into the streets. Streamline the permitting process.
- Riverfront Park – Pedestrians will not have a way to get through park – commuter issues and how to solve them.
- Create preapproved routes for downtown events.
- Look at the policy of street closure for special events just one time a year?
- Closure of Spokane Blvd. – what will the impacts be on business and City employees?
- Skate/Wheel Park – funding and a safe location?
- Impacts Ridpath, Macy's, and The Tower
- How to fund infrastructure programs in utilities
- Address runaway and homelessness projects
- Add to the GIS to map the “a point in time data” for homelessness

### **Long Term:**

- Central City line (42 blocks), construction from 2021 – 2022.
- 5 year construction impacts
- Downtown storm water – clean water drains
- Redeveloping downtown buildings
- Sportsplex
- Long term streets plan
- Long term low-income housing in downtown
- Lighting in downtown to increase safety (specifically under the freeway)
- Riverfront Park redevelopment
- Storm water downtown – clean water drains for all residents.
- Fund the infrastructure program – redevelopment of downtown buildings.
- Create a campus of long term homeless support housing services

**Next Steps:**

- 4 project updates, including today's three and an update on Communication throughout the construction season;
- Solid Waste would like to lead an additional project, in cooperation with the DSP and SPD;
- Already a project underway, and this team would like to add collaborators mentioned and present to the group in October at the Quarter 4 meeting
- Benchmark will be an examination of options for dealing with waste and service options in the downtown area;
- Contact Scott Windsor, Solid Waste, [swindsor@spokanecity.org](mailto:swindsor@spokanecity.org) to join this team

**Quarter 4 meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2pm, Main branch Spokane Public Library, Rm 1A**

**Attendees:**

Steve Braun (SPD); Dave Singley (SPD); Eric Lester (ICM); Fianna Dickson (Parks); Scotty Allenton (ICM); Marybeth Smith (SPS); Kelly Keenan (CHHS); Scott Windsor (Solid Waste); Katherine Miller (ICM); Jamie McIntyre (SFD); Julie Happy (Communications); Gary Kaesemeyer (Streets); Mike Piccolo (Legal); Nathan Mullaey (SFD); Bill Gonzalez (SFD); Chris Wherity (MultiCarx); Michael Lopez (SFD); Adam Miles (Streets); David Condon (Mayor); Katie Myers (ONS); Abigail Martin (ONS)