

## Spokane Matters

Downtown District, Quarter 4

October 19, 2017 --- 12:30-2pm

Downtown Public Library

### Introductions

Background by Abbey Martin, facilitator from ONS. Overview of the pilot program, looking at district specific solutions to district issues. This group understands the downtown as the general area with an amorphous boundary pertaining to whichever issues community stakeholders and city staff feel pertains to the general vicinity.

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 in the downtown area. 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

- **24/7 Homeless Shelter**

Tija Danzig, CHHS, provided an update on 24/7 shelter: looking for long-term rehousing for our homeless neighbors. In 2018 City will be releasing an RFP, transitioning into a 5 year funding cycle in CHHS, and creating more alliance with program goals. The RFP will target services for women and young adults, in addition to embedded services like meals and laundry that may be needed. Community stakeholder meetings are underway, and we're asking: What are the needs and gaps in our current system and asking non-profits and service providers for feedback and guidance to collaborate for solutions. Onsite services are easier for clients to access; this is a great way to keep clients engaged. CHHS is also looking into support needs for the LGBTQ community as well and will share the report with the group when it is completed.

- **Safety/Lighting I-90**

Kevin Freibott, Planning, presented regarding increasing safety in the downtown area via additional lighting project under I-90. All of the lights have been installed between Wall and Bernard. Lights are auto-dimming and detect motion, thus far none have dimmed so they are working on those issues. Checkout the new lighting when you can, the difference is palpable. Crime has decreased since the

lighting has been implemented. Combined with the basalt rock, SPD reported lower criminal activity and a safer atmosphere. Several Gateway improvements are also going in at this time, as this work goes on we will continue to see improvements in this area. This project's incredible outcome has been increased safety around Lewis & Clark High School. Mayor would like to track the crime for this area. Also bring a neighborhood resource officer from LCHS to see what their patrol is looking like now with the increased lighting. Going forward this project could look into partnering with surrounding property owners (Subaru, Hospitals) to also implement additional lighting to increase safety. Group asked team to provide a written summary of this project and crime prevention tactics going forward.

- **Communication for Downtown construction**

Michelle Vazquez, Engineering, updated the group about the construction season and steps moving forward. Considers the mission of this project to also include problem-solving, as in effectively communication in an effort to address issues, prevent issues, and resolve issues. Her role focuses on responsive service. Will e-mail Downtown Spokane Partnership this PowerPoint/report (as well as BID list directly) to get their feedback on this year's communication throughout construction season. This seems to be a successful year with the program. Would be interesting to put out data to see the effectiveness. Brandon Ropez-Betty, STA, also felt this year's communication was great. Are there any marketing resources that are available to post a broader marketing message? This question needs to be followed up on.



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- **Downtown Construction (map)**

Eric Lester, Integrated Capital Management, updated the group by walking through a web-based map that will be made available to the public. It's intended to provide the general public with what's coming up, basic information about downtown work and the infrastructure, residential, and recreational projects. Format is a little different than last quarter; this map should be easier to navigate. This map reveals a 6 year program – with greater detail in the current and upcoming two years and the thought that in the out years (2021, 2022, 2023) there won't be that level of detail because information changes, etc. Will we be able to put in the STA and state projects to this map? We will be talking with businesses in the area, STA and locations for bus stops to continue to update this map. Providing information about building projects (ex. Macy's, Riverfront Park Projects). Coming soon: a map system showing real-time street closures – that will be a benefit to those using this website. Would be great to have a handout of where this project began and where it is now and what next steps will be.

- **Solid Waste partnership between DSP and SPD**

Scott Windsor, Solid Waste, updated the group about where they are and where they're going, on-going opportunities. In partnering with the DSP, there are locked carts for the downtown businesses. Containers have been getting broken into and this is an issue that needs to be addressed. SPD will be

looking for people with equipment to break into locked canisters and that activity. Another tactic they're pursuing is larger-type canisters that are solar powered waste receptacles. They're working through an RFP process for these containers. DSP currently owns the bins in the downtown and those could be moved to the outer realm of downtown if we were able to get the large solar powered canisters in the immediate downtown. This will create a larger footprint for the downtown area. Started to collaborate with downtown players and are moving forward to implement new technology and a more comprehensive approach to waste removal and collection in the downtown area.

### **Next Steps**

After all districts have met for their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting (early December), all can expect a survey via e-mail 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. Next steps will be determined utilizing feedback on the process and takeaways and after the showcase of projects in each district. Thank you for your efforts!

### **In Attendance**

Scott Windsor (Solid Waste), Capt. Dave Singley (SPD), Steven Allenton (ICM), Michelle Vazquez (Public Works/Engineering), Eric Lester (ICM), Jason Conley (Parks), Tija Danzig (CHHS- on behalf of Dawn Kinder), Kevin Freibott (Planning), Michael Lopez (SFD), Jason Johnson (SPL), Chris Wherity (MultiCare), Sara Clements-Sampson (Providence), Brandon Ropez-Betty (STA), David Condon (Mayor), Jennifer Hatton (River Park Square), Sam Dompile (House of Charity), Lisa Key (Planning), Abbey Martin (ONS), Heather Trautman (ONS), Katie Myers (ONS)