



NHNC Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2014, Willard Elementary School

Convened at 6:30 p.m. by Mike Flahaven

Guests: Ken Pelton, Boris Borisov, Candace Mumm, Steve Salvatori

Introductions:

City Council Update – Steve Salvatori reporting.

No council meeting next Monday. Was a town hall meeting last week.

Q: When does the animal ordinance take effect? A: 2 weeks after the final signature. Mayor has indicated he will sign it, probably in the next 2 weeks.

Mike attended the town hall meeting. Southgate brought up that ~ 70% of the developer agreement items are not being followed. Q: why? A: awaiting an answer from the city attorney. Not all developments happen this way though. A very successful one was just completed on Indian Trail. There may be more to the Southgate problem too. The Planning Dept. wasn't there to comment. Ken added that the dept. will be involved with looking into the issues too. Process took over 2 years to develop originally. The new McDonalds on Hamilton was brought up as another example. Steve pointed out that some of the form based codes that might have affected the McDonalds hadn't been voted in yet.

Spokane Gives is starting. NHNC Clean-Up is kicking off the week.

Milt Roland is being sent an e-mail on the Hollywood Video Erotic Boutique. There are no details yet there may finally be a hearing on the Garland & Division property soon.

Neighborhood Planning – Ken & Boris reporting.

The Plan of Spokane effort has been going on for a while now. Neighborhood involvement is now starting. Slides handouts were distributed. \$21,150 dollars were allocated by the city in 2007. Peaceful Valley, Grandview, and Thorpe are also involved with this. A consultant has been hired. Growth Management Act mandates this effort by 2017. City tours were conducted with the consultant in March. Opportunity assessment is being done in the next ~9 months. Public meetings will be held. The work program includes 3 meetings: 1) neighborhood profile & vision, 2) opportunity assessment & design charrette, and 3) priority projects & implementation program. In May/June, marketing opportunities, public facilities, etc. will be identified. In Sept., all input from

the first meetings will be blown up, posted on walls, shaped out, etc. for refinement. Issues, preferred solutions, and projects will be explored. Finally, the proposed plans will be presented back to the neighborhoods.

Last North Hill plan work was in 1989. Q: asked on what budgeting methods would be used and how priorities would be set. A: using grants and LIDs are options, the city street funds cycle, CD money, etc. Q: will the consultant be looking at plans proposed by other city depts. – Parks, Water, etc.? A: the intent is there. Help getting them as stake holders was requested. An observation was made about the Perry District improvements since they did their planning. How to get various businesses in the area involved was questioned. Candace and Steve proposed their support. Growth Management Act (GMA) was passed in 1990. City involvement started in 1993. There are 14 goals. Public participation is required. Next plan is due for Spokane by June, 2017. Good progress is being made. Garland area is one of 20 mixed use centers in the plan. Shadle and N. Monroe are too. Division and Francis are not. New building codes, environmental laws, preservation laws, etc. have been implemented since the GMA passed.

City has proposed a better notification method than just a postcard. Mailer to all property owners, houses, and tax payers is planned. Garland Theater display and social media were suggested as ideas. Stakeholder discussion followed. Next meeting will be May 8th, Willard Elementary, at 5:30, before the next NHNC meeting.

Clean-Up – Mike Flahaven reporting.

Event is next week. Dump passes, 50 curbside trash pick-ups, clean green, food bank donation, tree give away or sale. Volunteers should arrive at 8:30.

CDBC – Buzz Bellessa reporting.

HUD has changed the rules so it's harder to get funds allocated to non-residential items. There is still \$8000 in old funds available. May be able to do tree trimming, removals, and replants. Post and Monroe hills are probably off the CD funds availability now too. Meetings on CD changes are happening every 2 weeks. Suggestion was made that improvements could be made in their structuring. Next meeting is the 10th at East Central Community Center.

Other Business:

Fund-raiser is May 17-18 at the Sprague rest stop – 2 people/shift, 4 hour shifts.

Adjournment: 8:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Willard Elementary

Minutes submitted by Daniel Fears, NHNC Secretary. Corrections and additions welcome.

NHNC Meeting Attendees – April 3, 2014

Mike Flahaven – Officer at Large

Daniel Fears – Secretary/Treasurer

Sandy Gill

Buzz Bellessa

Shannon Davis

Bonnie Stewart

Bonnie Quinn

Dena Carr

Teresea VanDyke

Kristen Speller

John Lange

Boris Borisov

Ken Pelton

Randy Marler

Candace Mumm

Steve Salvatori