

**Joint CA-CC Meeting Minutes  
City of Spokane  
May 29, 2013**

**Community Assembly Representatives Present:** (10)

Chief Garry Park	Cliff/Cannon
Emerson/Garfield	Five Mile
Logan	North Indian Trail
Northwest	Riverside
Southgate	West Central

**Community Assembly Representatives Absent:** (17)

Balboa/S. Indian Trail	Bemiss
Browne's Addition	Comstock
East Central	Grandview/Thorpe
Hillyard	Latah/Hangman Valley
Lincoln Heights	Manito/Cannon Hill
Minnehaha	Nevada/Ligerwood
North Hill	Peaceful Valley
Rockwood	West Hills
Whitman	

**Council Members Present:** (5)

Ben Stuckart	Steve Salvatori
Mike Fagan	Jon Snyder
Amber Waldref	

**Introductions**

CA-CC Communications Representative Colleen Gardner of the Chief Gary Neighborhood Council wanted to know how to ensure communication is received by City Council.

Councilman Salvatori advised to put a request for response on top of the email.

**The Photo-Red Program was presented by Kelly Cruz**

The cut-off date for the traffic calming program will not be continued to finish projects because it is estimated at 30% over cost.

Councilwoman Waldref gave an update on the City Council sub-committee process of reviewing the ordinance.

A handout was given by Blaine Stum on the program.

There will be a meeting with Officer Fuller and C.Cartright to go over the draft of the contract with ATS. The data appears to show a decrease in red light running. Next month at the Public Safety Meeting will discuss next steps and what should be included in the contract. There will be a conversation on if there should be any changes in where the dollars go.

Heather Trautman inquired as to the status of the 2013 project process.

Councilman Snyder inquired as to why there needed to be a study when crosswalks were requested. He would like feedback from the Neighborhood Councils.

Jay Cousins believes that there is a study showing crosswalks are safer.

Councilman Snyder pointed out that there are also studies that say that pedestrians are not safer in marked crosswalks.

Councilwoman Waldref would like a process to include dialog on the use of dollars.

Kelly Cruz pointed out that schools use crosswalks. Historically markings were used and that Councilman Snyder is correct in that markers should be used.

Colleen Gardner stated that she lived next to the intersection of Cook and Mission and that the intersection is not straight and she has seen children hit by cars as they do not cross at corners. She agreed with Councilman Snyder.

Kay Howard asked if red light money could be used to pay an officer to teach pedestrians to cross safely.

Councilwoman Waldref stated that there is small amount of money to use in education from photo red lights.

Council President Stuckart would like to set up the process at this meeting on review on how to involve the Community Assembly.

Councilwoman Waldref advised there would be a meeting at Logan with data on the program presented by Officer Fuller. She wanted to know if there could be a presentation at the Community Assembly or in the Neighborhood Councils on what the programs do and if we should continue it as the focus of the presentation.

Jim Bakke stated that North Indian Trail failed to get the yield sign they had requested. Councilwoman Waldref stated that the timeline goes through the end of June and had a conversation about the process.

Heather Trautman clarified that this request was made at the Community Assembly and PeTT volunteered to review this for them.

Paul Kropp stated that if there is a process then PeTT would be the place to review.

Councilman Salvatori advised that there may be room to speed up the process, but there needs to be balance and he is not sure of what is studied.

Shelley O'Rourke asked if the cameras can be moved.

Councilman Snyder said that criteria exist as to where they can be placed.

Councilwoman Waldref advised that week they will look at intersection data to determine if changes are needed at existing location and that Officer Fuller can come to PeTT.

Colleen Gardner suggested that each neighborhood should provide input of where they think money should be spent and keep in touch with PeTT. The Neighborhood Councils should have the conversations now.

Jay Cousins stated that this issue needs to go to the Community Assembly so they can get feedback from the Neighborhood Councils and that Officer Fuller should come to the Community Assembly.

Colleen Gardner, Paul Kropp and Jay Cousins would all like to have Officer Fuller come to the July Community Assembly Meeting.

Councilwoman Waldref asked if the subcommittee would come to full council with recommendations.

Councilman Snyder stated that recommendations could be brought to full council as well as to the Neighborhood Councils.

Councilwoman Waldref asked if that would be helpful.

Colleen Gardner thinks that the neighborhoods should start now and not wait for options.

Councilman Snyder stated that they will offer time at the July Community Assembly Meeting to Officer Fuller and simultaneously develop recommendations to present to the Community Assembly in August.

Councilman Fagan asked if all recommendations from the Community Assembly and from PeTT could be included.

### **City Council Issues and Topics**

Council President Stuckart stated that he needs agenda time on the Community Assembly Meeting in July and the Public Safety Meeting in June as two new ordinances have been proposed. The proposed change to the ordinance regarding graffiti would change from nuisance charge to class 1 - 25 dollars after 10 days, with each day a new violation. This was reviewed by the Downtown Spokane Partnership. He needs 10 minutes on the Community Assembly Agenda due to complaints of property owners by the railroad tracks. If there is opposition by the Neighborhood Councils this could be limited to downtown.

Kelly Cruz mentioned that 7 years ago the City of Liberty Lake adopted a process to show ID for proof of age and sign a form to purchase spray paint which created a 30-40% drop in problems. This would be a simple change to reduce graffiti. He was concerned with the proposed ordinance as this applies the penalty to the victim. Another idea would be to broadcast a graffiti grief ad on TV. He stated there are a lot of violations are on Avista and City facilities.

Jeannette Harras asked if this would apply to all properties.

Gary Pollard advised there should be a mechanism to help low income and disabled with assistance if this applies to all properties.

Councilman Snyder stated graffiti happens in his neighborhood.

Gary Pollard stated that he worked on creating the original ordinance and did look into the paint control process. The committee did not go along with this as it created problems for businesses. Other issue with control is that other stores not in the city can still sell the materials. Also people with materials found on them can be cited, if this was more enforced it may have a huge effect.

Council President Stuckart stated that a nuisance charge is much harsher than civil infraction. He expressed concern that we cannot exempt households that are low income.

Councilman Fagan advised that Frank Scalise is working on coordinating with the courts on process. He also found another ordinance dealing with spray paint that never went to legislative process because most offenders are between 18-26.

Councilman Waldref advised Gary Pollard that the paint control issue was lost.

Jim Bakke suggested they set aside ticket revenue to pay for paint for low income households.

Council President Stuckart stated he would do further research on spray paint and ticket revenue.

Next is the issue of drones. If SPD wanted to use drones then a public process would be engaged in and a policy established prior to issue. They would need plan of what the need would be and five minutes on the Community Assembly Agenda.

Shelley O'Rourke asked if drones were approved for crimes.

Council President Stuckart stated that this applies only to any non-crime use of drones.

Steve Spickard asked if airspace can be regulated.

Council President Stuckart stated he checked with the Federal Government and we cannot restrict air space but we can regulate our own process.

Councilman Salvatori advised he has been on a Fire Service Task Team over 20 years and there has been a 12% increase in population, decrease in fire calls, but medical calls have increased over the last 20 years. The purpose of the team is to look at how to handle medical calls in a twenty year time frame. Twelve people on task force are appointed by the Mayor. The committee will make recommendations to the Mayor by August 1st.

Curt Fackler asked how the public could give input.

Councilman Salvatori advised that the meetings are on Tuesdays at 1:00 at Fire Station #1.

Councilwoman Wadref suggested this issue be put on the PCED agenda and wanted updated on the Outdoor Storage Ordinance (put on the June PCED).

Heather Trautman stated that SEPA and State Notice had been issued.

Councilwoman Waldref brought up the Integrated Clean water plan and asked if the Neighborhood Councils were updated on it. Some tanks are being built and they are evaluating if smaller tanks and green infrastructure vs. grey could be used. She requested it be included on the Community Assembly agenda in August.

Jeannette Harras stated that Marlene Feist had a presentation.

Paul Kropp wanted to know the timing of the presentation and if it was for feedback and options.

Councilwoman Waldref advised there would be opportunity for feedback in the next couple of months and that Marlene Feist is working with vested stake holders at this time.

Councilman Salvatori stated the original project costs have been reduced from 660 million to 300 million and is the largest public works projects that City has ever done.

Paul Kropp requested he ask Marlene Feist of the timing for presentation in summer or fall.

Jay Cousins requested that involvement not come too late for meaningful involvement as the opportunity to cut costs can be lost if they are not working with the neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Waldref stated she has asked for stakeholder involvement and agrees with the suggestions.

Councilman Salvatori stated that 2017 is deadline for compliance with the federal government and standards.

Council President Stuckart provided clarification that they are to have the north side done by 2017. He would need updates on the changes in the plan.

Kelly Cruz advised of the stormwater gardens experiment in West Central. He would like to see integration in parking or other sites and a reliable program to track reductions. Parking garages have used this and water can be used for irrigation and potentially eliminate tanks or reduce the need for them. Kendall Yards is using a tank and using water for irrigation.

Councilwoman Waldref stated a grant was used to fund that.

Councilman Salvatori stated the Cochran basin may allow water to be put on Down River golf course.

Victor Frazier suggested the use of permeable pavement and pavers, for example Joe Albi by the school for the new parking area. This may have an impact if the district agrees.

Council President Stuckart stated the school has been out to neighborhoods on the Joe Albi issue, but there has been no conversation with the council on purchasing.

Councilman Salvatori stated that yes there are conversations going on with the City.

Shelley O'Rourke stated the School District also needs approval to purchase.

Councilman Fagan brought up Initiative 502 and asked what thoughts were on this.

Kelly Cruz stated he had attended a meeting on moderated conversation on this issue. Marijuana has an effect on the surrounding people, while alcohol does not. We cannot separate the effect on children which may result children attending school that are high.

Paul Kropp advised that Colorado's government signed new legislation this week.

Councilman Fagan asked if the initiative should be handled differently.

Kelly Cruz stated that medical marijuana was used as an opening for recreational use and wondered what will happen at one location.

Councilman Fagan asked if medical marijuana should be handled differently.

Kay Howard stated that in 1971 her father used medical marijuana due to a medical condition. She is in support of use for medical use based on personal experience, with a doctor's prescription.

Kelly Cruz stated there was an effect on stores (referring to the robbery in Garland).

Jay Cousins suggested we compare with liquor stores to see where the money is. It is time to transition from the previous position of an illegal drug due to cost in enforcement and how it affects lives. Alcohol is an example of the attempt to ban an item.

Kelly Cruz stated that due to federal regulation, banks will not accept money. They are cash businesses.

Council President Stuckart confirmed that this was correct. They will be cash businesses.

### **Open Forum**

Colleen Gardner inquired as to the status of the SPD Guild contract.

Council President Stuckart advised that he and Councilman Allen had asked for the council to be present at meetings as they can hear both sides of the negotiations. If there is no response by next week will it will be placed on the City Council agenda to add pressure on administration to come to a conclusion.

Colleen Gardner asked where she could submit a complaint.

Jonathan Mallahan stated it is in ongoing negotiations. Is a priority of the administration and has financial impacts. He will carry message back to administration.

Colleen Gardner asked how do we, as citizens say "get this done."

Councilman Fagan advised that the Administration and Council doing what they can, but the Guild not.

Jonathan Mallahan advised there are restrictions on discussions outside of bargaining table.

Jeannette Harras inquired as to the status of the Task Force several years ago on the Fire District. Where are the discussions of an RFA ?

Council President Stuckart stated it died in the legislature. He doesn't think there is enough support in the Fire Department and the Administration to separate the Fire Department as a district. There are legitimate concerns over several separate districts.

### **Adjournment**

Evaluations please