



South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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APPROVED MEETING NOTES

Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, October 9th, 2018** at Emmaus Church:

Meeting called to order by Emily Wenzel at 6:45 PM

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

26 people were in attendance:

Melissa Anderson*
Linda Beckman
Charles Buscemi*
Deb Conklin*
Tamara Griffith*
Rex Griffith*
Jesse Hansen
Shauna Harshman*

Heidi Hash*
Kat Hawker*
Julie Jorgensen*
Sam Lux*
Tracie Meidl*
Kim Mortensen*
Peggy Parker*
Deborah Ritter*

Debbie Rowe*
Hal Rowe*
Bettie Stiritz*
Bob Supon*
Carol Tomsic
Emily Wenzel*
Lori Kinnear
Travis Nichols
Kathleen Weiland
Nick Hamad

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Emily, Shauna, or Deb):

Quorum

19 voting members in attendance (at time minutes were approved)

total voting members currently; 19 / 27 = 70 %

Quorum requirement is 25%

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings, Treasurer's Report, SPD Report, Neighborhood Connections, Committee/Working Group Reports

Distribution and adoption of September 2018 minutes, and Treasurer's Report for Sept 2018 were rescheduled to the November meeting in order to open agenda time for the annual October meeting. SPD Report, Neighborhood Connections and Committee/Working Group Reports were rescheduled as well.

SPBNA Elections Public Announcement

Emily Wenzel announced SPBNA board elections. Positions up for election are: Treasurer, Vice President and one At-Large Director. Shauna Harshman plans to run for Vice President of SPBNA. Candidate requests were solicited with no immediate suggestions. Follow up was requested via email.

III. Parking in Perry Survey Review

Shauna Harshman presented results of the survey for Parking in the Perry District. There were 151 responses at the time of the presentation. In general, they show that people are driving to the district a lot, as well as using other modes of transport including walking and biking. 28% were satisfied with parking, 19% were very satisfied and about 20% were somewhat satisfied -- Shauna noted this was an unexpected result and shows users of parking in Perry District feel it is generally satisfactory. In the free response section of the survey, respondents overwhelmingly reported parking in front of driveways was an issue. Common suggestions in the survey were to fix the parking lot behind the Lantern and expand, provide signs for parking lots, find underutilized spaces for parking. Bob Supon requested handicap spots are needed. Survey review was still in progress and results will be made available when complete.

Nick Hamad provided an overview of pedestrians and bicycle transit, and data Spokane is collecting by iPhone and Fitbit. He said if we want signage for the lots then this data will help design where to put signs. It was noted that this data captures a certain demographic only -- people who participate in tracking activities. It does not capture those who do not, or are unable, to participate in activity tracking.

Small Group Discussions: Participants broke into small groups for further discussion on the results, to review the print out of free text responses provided and to again vote on priorities for parking (via three sticker dots on a written sign with some of the top issues on the wall).

In general, respondents focused on red striping by driveways and parking striping on Perry and 11th to increase parking availability and decrease blocked driveways. In addition, a popular response in the meeting was to increase walking, biking, bussing.

IV. Other Modes of Transportation

Short segue discussion at the start of Other Modes of Transportation about how to encourage walk/bike/bus to Perry District? What incentives would be needed? One comment was to increase frequency of bus schedule -- Currently it is every 1/2 hour with 15 min service only between 6:30-8:30am and 4:30-5:15 pm. Participants were encouraged to think of additional incentives.

STA Transport: Kathleen Weiland, a transit planner with STA, discussed the proposed changes to bus routes and a survey located here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019changes>. RT45 goes through Perry District. STA is considering increasing frequency of service to 15 min weekday, 30 min weekend and open 5:30-10 pm weekday, 6:30-11:30 Sat and 8am to 7pm Sunday. Attendees were encouraged to respond to the survey.

Biking: Discussion of encouraging biking to Perry District. One issue is that Perry street is not biking friendly, there is no room and no marking for bikes. Participants discussed encouraging use of S. Helena as a Perry Street alternative. Discussion of increasing bike corrals. Shauna mentioned potential extra bike corrals from a downtown project. Businesses can turn one parking spot into a parklett, a parking spot with a dedicated bike corral. Marshall Powell put in a parklett at the Elk, he may be a contact for other businesses considering this. Shauna discussed the Bike Hub had sent suggestions of locations for bike corrals. From fwd email of Jon Amend from the Bike Hub, those locations are: gravel and weed triangle just south of grant school, corner of South Perry Pizza lot, empty lot across from Hi-Co.

Walking: Discussion centered on improving pedestrian features, including better crosswalks all along the pedestrian district, blue security call lights in the parking lots, a hawk light on 9th and Perry, and improving pedestrian amenities such as places to sit and enjoy. A question arose on having recycling in the trash cans since currently there is no recycling option.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS and CLOSING

The next SPBNA meeting is Tues Nov 13. The bylaws will be voted on at that meeting, and will go out to SPBNA listserv by November 3rd for voting at the November 13th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ritter, SPBNA Secretary*