



**Joint Neighborhood Council Meeting
Shadle Area Plan Presentation – Minutes
Shadle Park Library
September 10, 2019**

Special joint council meeting with AD and NW Neighborhood Councils to review and approve Shadle Area Plan Draft. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Fran Papenleur, ADNC Chair and Doug Prendergast, NW Neighborhood Council Chair. ADNC Board members present: Fran Papenleur, Victor Frazier and Andrea Kilgore. Jeff Stevens and Charles Robeson not present. Louis Mueller and Maren Murphy from City Planning Department attended. Guest speakers noted below.

Membership Report: ADNC had 12 active members at the meeting; NWNC had eleven, so both councils had quorums, with thirty five citizens signed in addition to council memberships.

Guest speaker: *Candace Mumm, City Council Member.* (Council Member Karen Stratton not able to attend). She spoke on Shadle Center being the “heart of the community.” The purpose of the neighborhood plan is to preserve the community and make improvements with meaningful input from residents.

Guest speaker: *Bill Grimes, planning consultant with SCJ Alliance,* presented overview of the Shadle Area Draft Plan. Full plan is posted online: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/northwest-and-audubon-downriver-neighborhood-planning/>

Background: Shadle is designated a district center in the City comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan guides policy but does not direct how to design a district center. Zoning provides rules for design. How do we encourage diverse mix of uses, reduce commute distance and improve walkability for kids, seniors and families in the district center?

Vision: People can live in the neighborhood for a lifetime without needing to move.

Public participation: Notice mailed to 7000 residents in ADNC and NW neighborhoods. Received 360 responses to the online survey. Responses are available online. Hundreds attended the design studio events to provide input. Priorities and goals emerged.

Core recommendations:

- Develop north side of Wellesley to provide townhouse development
- Develop commercial usage of parking lot space on south side of Wellesley

- Redevelop Glover Elementary (currently in process)
- Redevelop the retail space that is currently the Dollar Store and Cop Shop to add housing above retail spaces.
- Redesign middle of Shadle Park to promote community use of shared space.
- View Wellesley as a public space rather than just a street.
- Re-examine driveways of commercial spaces (re-design as streets)
- Enhance crossing and bus stop locations at Nettleton entrance to Shadle Center in order to create North/South access to Shadle Center.
- Enhance pedestrian crossing and slow traffic on Belt
- Safer pedestrian crossing at Ash and Longfellow (Add traffic control)
- Enhance intersection at Wellesley and Ash as an entrance to Shadle neighborhood
- Improve traffic flow on Alberta and Belt.
- Create neighborhood and city initiatives regarding development of retail space. Retail spaces are changing nationwide. City needs to plan and adapt to changing retail.

Discussion:

- Resident complained about school traffic at Belt and Garland. *Greg Forsyth, SPS Director of Capital Projects*, reports Glover Elementary redesign will shift school traffic off Longfellow into the space vacated by the current school. Glover redesign plan can be viewed at open house on Sept 19th from 5-7pm.
- Residents asked how to request a light, 4 way stop or roundabout at Belt and Garland. *Bob Turner, City traffic engineer*, explained process for changing traffic flow and adding signals. He suggested applying for Traffic Calming and School Safety funding. Fran suggested attending PeTT committee meeting on last Tuesday of the month at West Central Community Center or join neighborhood council traffic committee to work on neighborhood projects.
- John Edmondson, founder of *Growing Neighbors*, recommended adding food gardens and environmental sustainability to the plan (i.e., planter boxes on roofs, community garden space or fruit trees in the park, etc.). Paul Chapin, Shadle Library, reports new Shadle Library will include a demonstration garden that is a partnership with WSU extension and a new program focused on nutrition and healthy eating. Remodel will remove trees. They will plant two additional trees to for each removed tree.

Vote: Fran called for straw vote to approve the draft plan. 35 citizens approved, 2 opposed, 1 abstention. Louis Mueller and Maren Murphy from City Planning Department were available to answer questions. Louis states the draft plan will be forwarded to the City Planning Commission. Citizens can participate in the workshops with the Planning Commission on Sept 25th. Plan developed by the Planning Commission will be sent to City Council for hearing in November.

Announcements: Spokane Regional Health District survey on healthy living (distributed) is available online or at a library.

Next ADNC General Meeting: Sept 19, 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Meeting recorded by Andrea Kilgore.