

# Townhouse Development on Ash Place Meeting #10 AGENDA

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:00 pm-7:00 pm

## Since our last meeting:

April 25:

Land Use Meeting:

April 22:

Bundinger & Associates – Proposed Ash Place Townhouse:

1. On site marking the property for utility location to be followed by drilling for geotechnical analysis
2. No date or time given for geotechnical analysis.
3. Have not been on site since, that we know of.

April 18:

Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council Meeting a few items of interest (updated with data from subsequent City Council meetings):

1. August Levy for General Fund (“Safety”):
  - a. General Fund / “Safety” Levy
  - b. Will be on August “special election” – chosen because they know it’s a low voter turnout and so they hope to pass this with a small # of voters voting
  - c. \$1 per \$1,000 assessed value
    - i. \$40 - \$70 more per month in property taxes
    - ii. NO EXPIRATION – it’s a “forever increase”
  - d. The City has not eliminated one program or even one employee
  - e. The Council just voted to raise salary for several positions by 7% - 10%
  - f. The Council is establishing a commission to identify if the Council members should get a raise
2. February Levy for Parks & Recreation (see attached flyer):
  - a. Cost to City of Spokane residence (*if levy passes*) 0.29/\$1,000 assessed property value. Means \$7.98/mo for home valued at \$330,00
  - b. Park improvements mean more people/families will use the parks – ripple affect would be safer neighborhoods.
  - c. Speaker mentioned Drumheller Springs Parkas being important and have thought about purchasing the lots to make it part of the park AND they would like to merge all of the lots that the City owns into one, which would keep that section of the park “safe”
  - d. NOTE: at the 4/29/2024 City Council meeting, they voted to defer the Parks levy until the February special election
  - e. NOTE: if the General Fund (“Safety”) Levy passes, the Parks will get more \$ because our City Charter specifies Parks get a specified % of General Funds, so they might reduce what they request in February
3. Flett Middle School
  - a. Traffic problems – before/after school pickup
  - b. Possibly use some of these issues when we are writing about our traffic concerns

April 15:

1. Michele wrote/sent a letter to *Out There Outdoors* magazine: Derrick Knowles & Lisa Laughlin. Have not heard back. Resent letter April 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. Dennis wrote/sent a letter to the *Inlander* magazine suggesting follow-up articles to “Six, Please”. Have not heard back.

## Agenda:

Updates from anyone?

Prepare for Public Examiner Letters, focusing on three topics:

1. Traffic and pedestrian infrastructure improvements.
2. Euclid – dead end. Need an evacuation route.
3. Escape route for proposed project.

Letter by Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council – possibly use format & wording (see attached)

**Brainstorming Words from last meeting:**

<b>Automobiles</b>	<b>Pedestrians</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
increased traffic	sidewalks	destinations
speeding	no pedestrian markings	shopping center
speed bumps	major corners	schools
intersections	crosswalks	finch
problems at intersections identified in analysis	safety concerns	two schools
existing problem spots - exacerbated by what's identified in trip generation map	children	library
cochran/alberta		pool
roundabout		audubon park
one bus stop		shadle park
dead end street		parks
traffic analysis		grocery stores
deliveries		post office
		guild school
		CHAS
		services

**Density:** what does this mean to the proposed build site and the impacts it has on the neighborhood, environment, existing structure, infrastructure, etc.

Density places limitations on property development by controlling the number of structures in a given area to control population density. **No limitations for developers – why? Pushes the little guy out.**

City determines which neighborhoods are most appropriate for zoning changes. **Why was our neighborhood chosen?**

**Future Mgs:**

1. Environmental concerns ... conservation, native lands, wildlife, etc.
2. Evaluation of appropriate storm water runoff – effects environmentally and to neighbors and their foundations. Water will go somewhere.
  
1. Bond for damages to current homes due to excavation, construction, and other related activities that impact the existing flow of natural fluids water and gas (radon).
2. Foundations and footing damage to current homes caused by drilling.
3. Cracks in foundation, ceilings, walls – things falling off the walls due to drilling.

Next Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council Mtg is Thursday, May 16 @ Shadle Library, 6:30 pm

<https://audubondownriver.spokaneneighborhoods.org>

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 22 @ 6:00 pm

**For All ... Check-List/To Do:**

- Work on “your” letter to the Notification Board – make copies if you want to share it with everyone
- Continue to talk to neighbors – refer them to the website
  - o Ask them to also write letters to City Council
  - o If they live outside of notification area, please have them contact Melissa Owen
- KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR PUBLIC NOTICE! If you see a big sign go up, please email the group ASAP so we can start writing letters. \*If we don’t write to the notification board, then we will not have a voice at the next community meeting.
- Neighborhood Council Meeting. May 16 @ Shadle Library – 6:00 happy hour/6:30 meeting starts