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REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND
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TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010, 3 P.M.
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<p>Manager to identify a staff person to make good things happen on the River, reach across Departmental boundaries, look for grants, develop community support, and emphasize entrepreneurial opportunities.</p>	X						X
<p>FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROACH - REFERRED TO COMMITTEE Following discussion, the City Council referred the recommendations of Mayor Loveridge and Councilmembers Gardner, Bailey, and Hart for the formal neighborhood governance approach to the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee.</p>						X	X
<p>MULTI-MODAL TRANSIT CENTER UPDATE - REFERRED TO COMMITTEE Following discussion, the City Council received and ordered filed the Multi-Modal Transit Center update and referred the development of the proposed Transit Center to the City Council Transportation Committee for quarterly updates.</p>		X					X
<p>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE Phyllis Purcell spoke regarding the Hyatt Place Hotel development and financing and Parkview Hospital. Salvador Santana spoke regarding the Chief of Police retirement, replacement, and recruitment. Karen Wright spoke regarding the Hyatt Place Hotel project.</p>							
<p><u>MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS</u></p>							
<p>ECONOMIC SUCCESS REPORTS Councilmember Gardner spoke regarding Masters Vocational College. Councilmember Melendrez spoke regarding Moduslink Global Solutions.</p>							
<p>STATUS REPORTS FOR REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS There were no reports at this time.</p>							
<p>BRIEF REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND MEETINGS ATTENDED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL Councilmember Davis reported on the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) lobbying visit to Washington, D.C.</p>							
<p>CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONS City Attorney Priamos announced that closed sessions were not held.</p>							



City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** March 2, 2010

FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO:** 15

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF A FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROACH

ISSUE:

The proposal before City Council is to approve a neighborhood governance approach using existing neighborhood groups, and to create formal procedures for recognizing Neighborhood Councils.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That City Council:

1. Approve a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the twelve guidelines below; and
2. Authorize a "Neighborhood Council Liaison" position in the Housing and Neighborhoods Division of the Development Department to serve as a main point of contact between the Neighborhood Councils and the City Hall.

BACKGROUND:

Overview

The proposed neighborhood governance approach will draw on the current neighborhood groups. There are a number of neighborhood associations whose boundaries are those of one of the City's 26 community neighborhoods. They meet regularly, elect officers, and network with electeds and City departments. Examples of these associations include: Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA), Grand Neighborhood Alliance, Historic Wood Streets Neighborhood, Magnolia Area Neighborhood Association, Casa Blanca Community Action Group, and Northside Improvement Association, among others. Most if not all have, or had, representation on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and have been actively involved in varied City hosted/sponsored neighborhood programs.

Using the existing associations for the proposed approach is in line with Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) embraced by the City's Neighborhood Programs. ABCD is a research-based community development model and affirms that social and economic revitalization starts with what is already present in the community—the capacities of a neighborhood's residents, the neighborhood's association, and the neighborhoods institutions. ABCD also asserts that an inside-

out approach works best rather than working from the outside-in. Under this approach, formalizing existing neighborhood associations and using them for the Neighborhood Council model validates them as effective partners with City Hall.

The following guidelines should be included in the overall structure of the approach:

- 1) Upon their own application and then recommendation by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, the City Council should formally recognize a neighborhood association as a "Neighborhood Council." (As a Consent Calendar item)
- 2) The recognized "Neighborhood Councils" should be used as models upon which other community neighborhoods (from among the 26) could be organized.
- 3) A limited marketing campaign should be developed to share information with other neighborhoods.
- 4) The Housing and Neighborhood Division of the Development Department would develop guidelines and an application process for formal recognition.
- 5) The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership should be the focal point for communications between the Neighborhood Councils and the City. All approved Councils should have at least one member on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.
- 6) The boundaries of Neighborhood Councils should generally be consistent with the 26 community neighborhoods identified by the Planning Department in the City's General Plan.
- 7) The membership of Neighborhood Councils should be defined as those who live or work in the neighborhood, and meet any other criteria established by the Neighborhood Councils.
- 8) Officers should be elected, not appointed, from the general membership.
- 9) The scope of Neighborhood Councils advisory role should be limited to items of direct impact and importance to the neighborhoods.
- 10) City departments should provide timely information on city decisions that might be important to a neighborhood. This information would be provided to the City's Neighborhood Council Liaison (see below).
- 11) City departments should take Neighborhood Council comments and/or positions into consideration when making decisions. And they should note Neighborhood Council comments or positions, as available, on relevant Council reports. There should be no change in current timetables for preparing City Council reports.
- 12) The Neighborhood Council approach should be established by action of the City Council. The approach should be reviewed after two years, looking to implementing a neighborhood governance model similar to the best practices of Spokane, WA.

Administration

For the first two years, the administrative costs and duties are proposed as follows:

1. 1 FTE, "Neighborhood Council Liaison" (Project Assistant). Step 1 plus 70% for benefits and

overhead, \$83,476. Duties would include: field calls, go to meetings and act as the central point person at City Hall for Neighborhood Councils; respond to complaints and requests for information; refer complex or technical requests to appropriate staff, advise about City programs and their eligibility and requirements; and maintain records and data bases.

2. Program budget, \$20,000. Funds would be used for marketing and promotions, printing and minor supplies for the Councils, and other meeting tools and training materials for the Councils.
3. As a way to retain city employees, the City Manager should consider moving a current employee into the "Neighborhood Council Liaison" position.

Benefits

The ABCD research model shows that social and economic revitalization starts with existing neighborhood resources. By formalizing and expanding the informal neighborhood approach currently in place, the City will be able to secure many benefits, including but not limited to:

1. Improved communication between City Hall and neighborhood residents.
2. Employing a Neighborhood Council Liaison to serve as a conduit of information.
3. The formalized approach will not delay any reporting requirements or alter in any way the timing requirements departments have.
4. Increasing the access of neighborhood groups to City Hall by allowing direct contact with the Neighborhood Liaison.
5. Enhances the transparency of governmental actions and limits the possibilities of miscommunication and misunderstanding.

Future Goal

After two years, the Neighborhood Governance approach should be evaluated by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and the Council's Community Service and Youth Committee. I recommend that we take a comparative look at the Spokane, WA model. While in many ways comparable to Riverside, Spokane has effectively organized neighborhood councils throughout their City. And their governance approach has been widely praised by elected officials, staff, and most importantly, community residents.

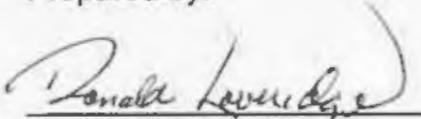
In a phone conversation, Mayor Mary Verner applauded the Spokane approach—"it is a great success." She offered such comments as "We rely on neighborhood associations. They are an invaluable resource. They provide help and feedback. We have 27 Neighborhood Councils. City Council members likewise praise the Neighborhood Councils, and they work closely with them."

Information about Spokane's Neighborhood Council approach, including examples from their website, is included in the attachments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For the 2009/2010 FY, the amount allocated to the Neighborhood Council approach will not exceed \$50,000. The budget for the subsequent year will be \$100,000.

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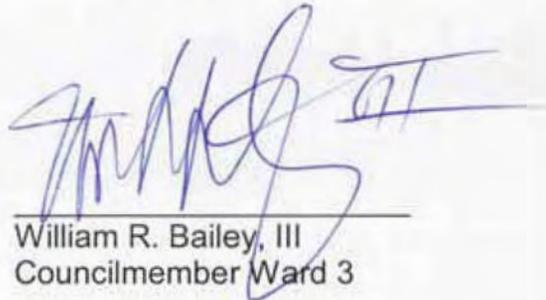


Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

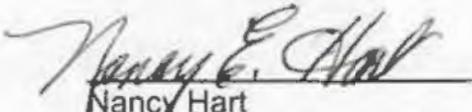
Concurs With:



Mike Gardner
Councilmember Ward 1



William R. Bailey, III
Councilmember Ward 3



Nancy Hart
Councilmember Ward 6

Attachment: Statement from Gurumantra Khalsa, Chair, RNP Governance Subcommittee
Neighborhood Council website of Spokane, WA
Southwest magazine article on Spokane, WA



February 8, 2010

Mayor Ron Loveridge
3900 Main Street, 7th Floor
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Loveridge:

Subject: Neighborhood Governance Initiative

As the Chair of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership's Neighborhood Governance Subcommittee, I am pleased to inform you of our endorsement of the Neighborhood Governance Initiative.

After several meetings, numerous conversations, and countless questions about what is urgently wanted and needed in Riverside's neighborhoods right now, we have come to the conclusion that endorsing this initiative will provide:

- A framework for neighborhoods to define and declare their own values;
- Expanded opportunities for neighborhood organizing and leadership training;
- Enhanced communication among neighbors and City staff;
- And a formalized manner for neighborhoods to create themselves as essential components of the City of Their Dreams.

Please accept this as an endorsement of the stated intentions of this initiative as envisioned by the membership of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.

Yours for a City of Our Dreams,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gurumantra Khalsa", written over a horizontal line.

Gurumantra Khalsa
Chair, RNP Governance Subcommittee

cc: Scott Andrews, RNP Board Chair

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Neighborhood Councils

Please click on the lists below and scroll down to get your Neighborhood Council's next meeting date, time, and location. Not sure what neighborhood council you live in? [Find out here!](#)

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| » Balboa/South Indian Trail | » Grandview-Thorpe | » North Indian Trail |
| » Bemiss | » Hillyard | » Northwest |
| » Browne's Addition | » Latah/Hangman Valley | » Peaceful Valley |
| » Chief Garry Park | » Lincoln Heights | » Riverside |
| » Cliff/Cannon | » Logan | » Rockwood |
| » Comstock | » Manito/Cannon Hill | » Southgate |
| » East Central | » Minnehaha | » West Central |
| » Emerson/Garfield | » Nevada/Lidgerwood | » West Hills |
| » Five Mile Prairie | » North Hill | » Whitman |

View the [Spokane Neighborhood Council Map](#)

Interested in creating a Neighborhood Council?
[Get more information here!](#)

Neighborhood Councils Documents

- [ONS Monthly Calendar](#)
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List of all approved
Neighborhood Councils
and their websites



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BALBOA/S. INDIAN TRAIL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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As a resident of the Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood you have many opportunities to become involved in neighborhood events and decisions. Each neighborhood is represented by their Neighborhood Council, and each Neighborhood Council falls within one of three City Council Districts.

Balboa/South Indian Trail is represented by Councilwoman Nancy McLaughlin and Councilman Steve Corker of City Council District #3. Any citizen may participate in their Neighborhood Council, and we encourage you to become an active participant in your neighborhood. The Chair of the Balboa/S. Indian Trail Neighborhood Council is Claudette Ganger (509-747-5789). Meetings for 2009 will be held at a couple possible locations, so be sure to click the "Calendar" link to the left for each month's meeting information. Click the calendar dates in bold for each meeting's time and location information.

The purpose of the Balboa/S. Indian Trail Neighborhood Council is to improve and preserve the quality of life in the neighborhood through the following actions:

Review and recommend an action, a policy, or a plan to the City Council, the city and to any city agency, commission or board on any matter affecting the Balboa/S. Indian Trail neighborhood;

Assist city agencies in determining priority needs for the neighborhood; Review items for inclusion in the city budget and make recommendations relating to budget items for neighborhood improvements;

Undertake to manage projects as may be agreed upon or contracted with public agencies; To source, secure, manage and disburse funds for projects, activities, or improvements which are outside of the Neighborhood Council Program but are for the benefit of the neighborhood.



An example of a Neighborhood Council's individual webpage.

spokaneneighborhoods.org is the official internet web site for the Office of Neighborhood Services
6th Floor City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201.
Need further assistance? Please call (509) 625-6730.

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October 2009 Neighborhood Council Meeting

Wed., October 28, 2009 to Wed., October 28, 2009

No specific agenda items at this time. If there is something you would like presented or discussed, please use the contact info below.

Additional event information:

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Salk Middle School Library

Address:

6411 N Alberta St

Spokane, WA 99208

Phone: (509) 747-5789

Email: spocaliairl@a.com

A calendar is available for each Neighborhood Council to inform residents of future meetings and events.



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Creating A Neighborhood Council

By provision the City of Spokane created the Neighborhood Council program to improve communication and provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in the civic process.

[The Road to a Neighborhood Council](#)

[General Bylaws](#)

The First Step...

Share your ideas. Talk with others on your block, your friends and neighbors, who would enjoy having a better neighborhood. When folks are ready to give a bit of their time to form a group and take action...

Then...

Call Us. We will meet with your group and help you with planning and creating your Neighborhood Council. Once the basic group is formed, you will hold...

Your First Meeting

Don't worry. We have everything you'll need to help you find a name for your group, set boundaries and goals, elect officers and create bylaws. We want to put our skills and know-how to work for your neighborhood. We'll share ways to help your group move into action and to make everyone's work easier and more satisfying.

Now You Are a Neighborhood Council

Your work as a group will bring recognition from the City Council that you have met the goals for becoming a Neighborhood Council. The group will be officially added to the list of Councils. Your neighborhood benefits because you and your neighbors have shown that you care.

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The Road to a Neighborhood Council

Step 1: The idea.

Step 2: Neighborhood forms Development Team.

Step 3: Development Team contacts Neighborhood Services.

Step 4: Presentation of Neighborhood Council Program to Development Team.

Share your ideas. Talk with others on your block, your friends and neighbors, who would enjoy having a better neighborhood. When folks are ready to give a bit of their time to form a group and take action...

Step 5: Development Team creates draft of proposed Bylaws and boundaries.

Step 6: Development Team & Neighborhood Services sponsor inclusive public neighborhood meeting for all affected parties within proposed boundaries.

Step 7: When all parties are in agreement on boundaries and Bylaws (could take 1 to 3 meetings), the membership votes to accept Bylaws and boundaries.

Step 8: Neighborhood Council ratified by City Council.

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An overview on how Neighborhood Councils are formed.

Step by step instructions on how to form a Neighborhood Council.

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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY?

The community assembly is a coalition of independent neighborhood councils and serves as a forum for discussion of issues of broad interest. Each neighborhood council selects one representative and a designated alternate to serve on the community assembly. Representatives are expected to represent the interests of their respective neighborhood council. The community assembly meets with the city council neighborhood committee and the City's office of neighborhood services periodically to discuss community-wide issues. The responsibilities of the community assembly include to

- A. review and recommend an action, policy, or plan to the city council neighborhood committee, the City and any City agency, commission, or board on any matter affecting the city;
- B. support and promote citizen participation and neighborhood enhancement;
- C. promote and facilitate open communication between the City and neighborhood councils and provide the primary means of communication between individual neighborhood councils;
- D. support and assist, as requested, individual neighborhood councils in becoming recognized and in performing their functions and responsibilities; and
- E. serve as an information resource to neighborhood councils.

(Ord. C-32542)

Effective Date: 1/12/2000

Passed On: 12/13/1999

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE NEXT COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY MEETING???

Next Community Assembly Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2009

Location: Council Briefing Center, Basement of City Hall

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Minutes and Agendas can be found by clicking on the "Documents" portion of this website.

For further assistance, please contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at (509) 625-6730 or visit their web site at www.spokaneneighborhoods.org.

Spokane's Community Assembly is structured similarly to the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.



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On-line Surveys

- These surveys are currently available:
- [City Reports Results of 2008 One Day Homeless Count](#)
 - [SRITC - Pedestrian Plan Survey](#)
 - [Bicycle - Pedestrian Count](#)



Surveys can be added as an additional resource for residents and City leaders.

ECONOMIC UPTURN

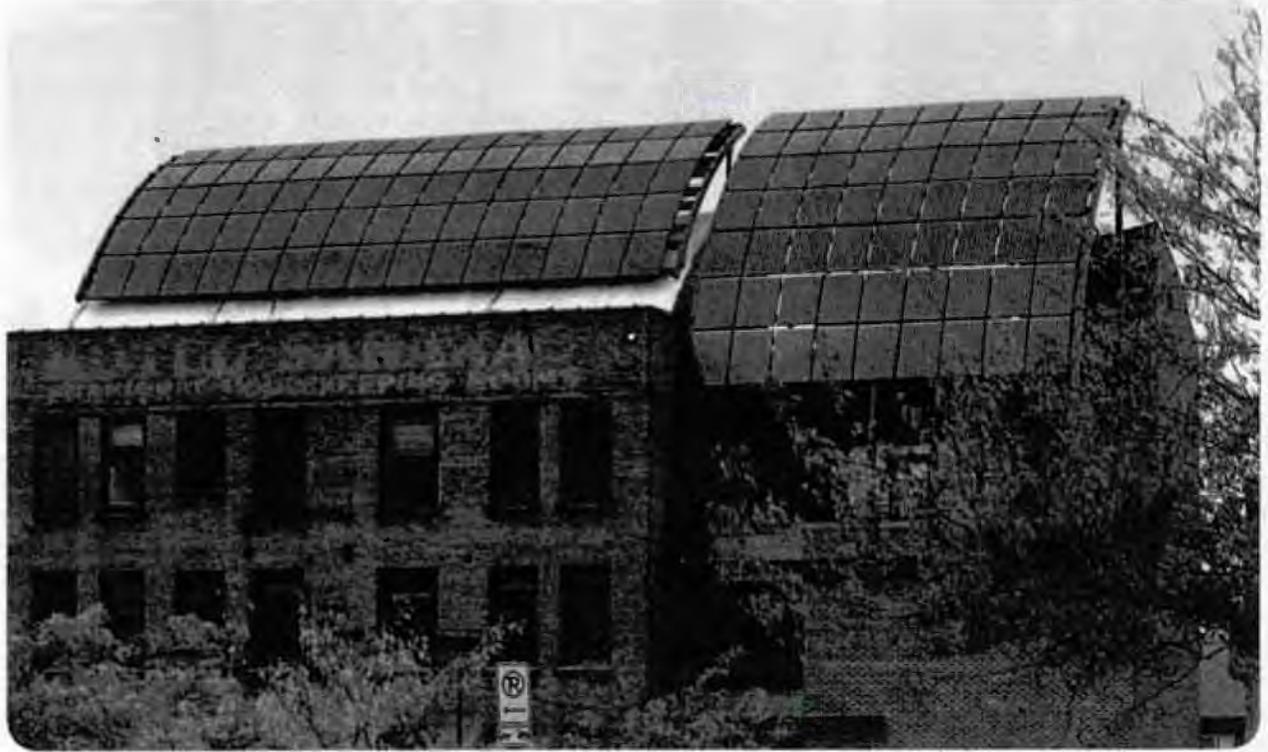
Twenty-three separate counties help amass the Inland Northwest's \$20 billion total GDP, but it's Spokane alone that's responsible for \$13.4 billion of that amount. While other major cities find themselves scrambling to survive in today's challenging economy, the city remains relatively unfazed as population and job growth in the Spokane region continue to outperform national trends.

What's their secret? "We have a healthy, diversified economic base that has collectively helped us weather the storm quite well, so we don't see the wild fluctuations up or down that other cities experience," says Jeff Severs, Chief Operating Officer for Greater Spokane Incorporated, the area's only regional Chamber of Commerce and economic development council. That diversity was the result of several initiatives put in place decades ago after Spokane's economy—driven mostly by timber, mining and agriculture—dried up after old growth timber dwindled, mining prices tumbled and transportation started being handled in Seattle.

"Spokane has always proven itself to be a city that's used to planning far ahead in order to make the right decisions to maintain its continued growth," says Severs. "From that point on, the city engaged in a lot of strategic studies and analysis to determine which key industries to grow in order to continuously move the city forward."



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Today, the regional economy is thriving with the addition of four new and unique industries—health care and health science, clean technologies and energy efficiencies, manufacturing and finally aerospace—while still embracing new developments in its traditional industries of agriculture and forestry.

Health care is paramount to Spokane's economic growth. With 2,630 businesses and a workforce of 46,000, the healthcare industry accounts for 19% of the local employment in Spokane County, resulting in a \$6.6 billion impact in the area. INHS (Inland Northwest Health Services) based in Spokane is one of the nation's leaders in health information technology and oversees several collaborative health care services, including health education, rural outreach and health information technology.

Spokane's future in clean technology and energy efficiency also continues to rise. While the rest of the nation is only growing at a rate of 9%, Washington's clean technology companies have been skyrocketing at a rate of 24%, turning it into a \$2.1 billion industry that encompasses over 400 companies and

16,000 people. Over 50 of those companies operate within the Spokane region, one of which is Itron, the world's leading provider of solid-state meters and data collection/communication systems. Once a two-man operation, Itron is now a well-established international Fortune 500 company with over 8,500 employees—thanks in part to the solid workforce and business-friendly support Spokane has to offer.

On the manufacturing side, goods-producing companies account for approximately 28,000 jobs in Spokane county, which is about 11.5% of its civilian work force. Those numbers alone may be impressive, but to help stimulate job growth in this sector, a program called the City of Spokane's Community Empowerment Zone was established. It allows manufacturers to hire new employees from low-income areas of the city in order to waive the payment of sales tax associated with constructing new facilities or expanding their existing facility. Since the program's inception in 2001, over 7,000 new workers have been hired and 39 companies have saved over \$8.6 million in construction costs.

Spokane



Photo Courtesy of Spokane Regional CVB / Alan Blinson

Over 50% of Spokane's energy comes from inexpensive hydropower, in addition to the solar, biofuel and wind renewable energy that's also available.

Last but hardly least, Aerospace is a key driver to Spokane's export economy, amounting to over 80 industry suppliers, distributors, manufacturers and organizations that collectively form INWAC (the Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium). "It's a growing industry that shows no sign of stopping," says Sever, who estimates the field contributes over \$513 million to the Inland Northwest economy.

What's allowed each of these fields to flourish in Spokane has been the myriad of benefits the city has to offer businesses, including no state or personal income taxes and power rates that are half the cost of other areas throughout the United States (over 50% of Spokane's energy comes from inexpensive hydropower, in addition to the solar, biofuel and wind transmission renewable energy that's also available.)

There's also SIRTI to thank, an economic development agency that helps



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accelerate the development of innovative, technology-based start-ups and early stage companies throughout the Inland Northwest. Offering entrepreneurial coaching, no-cost business services and access to capital, they also have 40,000 square feet of state-of-the-art wet labs—a rarity for bio-based companies to find in most cities.

"But what really differentiates us from other business incubators across the country is our IP BizNET legal services program," says Linda Hemmingway, director of market development and communications for SIRTI. "Introduced in late 2007, this program partners up businesses with students from Gonzaga University School of Law who assist them with acquiring patents, handling employment contracts and tackling other legal-based issues. Students get real-world experience while businesses get valuable intellectual property protection and contracts at little to no cost."

Signature Genomic Laboratories is just one of their success stories. In October

2006, they came to SIRTI with 32 employees. "When we left in June 2008, we had doubled in size," says Lisa Shaffer, president and CEO of Signature Genomic Laboratories. Today, the company employs over 110 people and is ranked 114th in Inc's 'Fastest Growing Companies' and 4th in Washington State. "We really landed in the perfect location," remembers Shaffer. "Besides giving us the space to grow, SIRTI was always there for us with financial advice, marketing assistance and answers to all the questions we didn't have, but needed to grow."

WISE INVESTMENTS

At one point, more money was spent in the historic preservation of downtown Spokane than the entire state of Washington. Today, nearly \$3.7 billion dollars into its revitalization, Spokane's downtown core has been reborn into one of the most desired commercial, corporate and residential locations in the area. (The area even offers one of the largest free Wi-Fi services in the United States, spanning over 100 city blocks.)

If that sounds like a lot of work, there's an important reason behind it. The entire region of Spokane serves a trade area of up to 1.2 million people and is a medical care, shopping and entertainment hub for an area that reaches throughout Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, North Idaho, Western Montana and southern portions of Alberta and British Columbia. That's why the first project on deck was building River Park Square, a shopping center that spans two full city blocks and offers close to 373,000 square feet of retail space within five floors.

From there, other additions and renovations—including the Art Deco Fox Theatre, the Big Easy Concert Hall, the Northwest Museum of Art and Culture and the \$90 million expansion of the Spokane Convention Center and Opera House—have turned the area into a virtual magnet for entertainment and retail, boosting Spokane's economy



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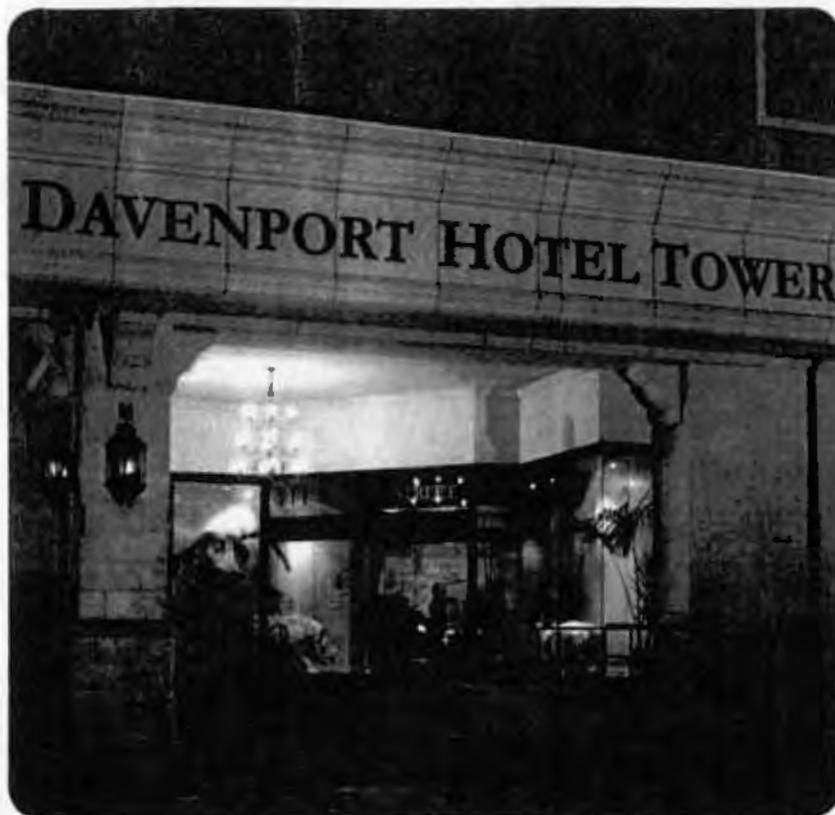
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One of Spokane's greatest transformations to date has been the restoration of the world-famous Davenport Hotel and Tower. When the city block-sized hotel first opened in 1914, it was the place to stay among royalty, celebrities, leaders of industry and nearly every American president before closing its doors in 1985. Now, the historic, AAA Four Diamond Award-winning hotel allows visitors to literally step back in time with its old world charm and ornate, European style.

Located just two blocks away from Riverpark Square and the Spokane River, the hotel sits conveniently downtown among the arts, business and shopping districts. It also features 611 rooms and six ballrooms with over 33,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, as well as complimentary town car service within a two-mile radius of the hotel.

"When the Davenport finally reopened in 2002, it was meant to be a message



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With close to 20 different colleges in the region, Spokane's emphasis on higher education offers businesses a built-in work force.

to the people of Spokane to reinvent themselves instead of looking to the outside for help," says Tom McArthur, communications director and historian for the Davenport Hotel and Tower, "That message has been well received. Now, instead of harvesting things from the natural world, Spokane is thriving once again through harvesting the human intellect."

CONNECTED WITH EDUCATION

With close to 20 different colleges in the region and over 65,000 students divided among them, Spokane puts an emphasis on higher education and offers businesses a built-in work force that specializes in nearly every major field of science and industry. But it also provides an added advantage to local companies: access to some of the brightest young minds in the country before they graduate.

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To fuel new business development and unite education with business, the city created the University District, an area of downtown Spokane where hundreds of companies are based around the branch campuses of Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Washington State University and the community colleges of Spokane.

One of the area's more prominent universities—Washington State (WSU)—offers exceptional academic programs, most ranking among the top in the nation when it comes to education, health sciences and technology management. They also encourage economic vitality within the community by offering applied research, business advice and training to existing businesses and entrepreneurs through the SBDC (Small Business Development Centers), a cooperative effort of WSU and other educational institutions, economic development organizations

and the United States Small Business Administration.

However, the cornerstone of higher education in Spokane is Gonzaga University. Consistently ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best comprehensive regional universities in the West, Gonzaga remains ahead of the pack for its emphasis on leadership skills. (Their alumni have included former Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley and current Washington State governor Christine Gregoire.)

"Gonzaga is well recognized for developing tomorrow's ethical leaders—leaders that matriculate throughout the community and help fortify the workforce of Spokane," says Dale Goodwin, director of public relations at Gonzaga University. "For the last six years, our students have donated over 100,000 hours a year to community service. In addition, we've also instituted the Hogan Entrepreneurial

Leadership Program, a curriculum that connects highly motivated students with entrepreneurs, investors engaged in early stage businesses and growth-oriented businesses in Spokane through networking, internships and mentor relationships."

An off-shoot of the program is their 'New Venture Lab,' where students from various majors volunteer in teams that consult between 10-20 start-up businesses a year. So far, over 70 local companies have been assisted by the NVL since its inception in 2004, resulting in many Gonzaga students staying in Spokane with businesses that discovered their talents through the program.

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legendary entertainer Bing Crosby) have all hailed from Spokane. Being nestled between the Rocky and Cascade Mountain ranges gives the vibrant city an advantage neighboring Seattle simply can't offer: 260 days of guaranteed sunshine and protection from the wet coastal climate that leaves most Seattlites complaining about the weather instead of enjoying it.

The affordable cost of living in Spokane is also a plus, giving businesses and buyers far more for their money. "According to the National Association of Realtors, the median home price in Spokane was \$179,500 in 2007, \$179,950 in 2008 and is still \$174,735 in 2009," says Severs. "We really haven't seen the same degree of erosion that other cities have experienced, so most people continue to see a lot of value in their homes."

But rainless days and reasonable real estate aren't the only benefits that keep Spokane ranked as one of the best places to raise a family in America. Locally, the city plays host to many major-league events year-round, including Bloomsday (the nation's largest timed road race) and Hoopfest (the largest 3-on-3 street basketball tournament in the world). Next January, they're set to handle the prestigious 2010 U.S. AT&T Figure Skating Championships (Spokane2010.com), the competition that decides the U.S. Olympic Team before the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C. There's also Riverfront Park, a 100-acre green space set alongside the Spokane River in the heart of downtown that features the second-largest urban waterfall in America—plus a convention center, opera house and performing arts center (spokaneriverfrontpark.com).

Within the entire Spokane region, world-class art galleries and museums, 24-hour casinos, countless parks and trails to bike and hike, unique boutiques and fifteen award-winning wineries are only a fraction of activities the area offers. Water lovers can go whitewater rafting, kayak, boat or

Spokane

swim in the 76 lakes and rivers scattered throughout the region. It also boasts six ski resorts and 33 of America's best golf courses (all located within a 50-mile radius of Spokane; GolfInSpokane.com). But to experience the most original round of golf of your life, less than an hour away across the Northern Idaho border is Couer D'Alene, a beautiful lakeside resort community that offers the world's first—and only—floating golf green set right on the lake itself.

"Between its endless outdoor opportunities and countless culture, there's simply nothing that can't be found throughout the region," says Jeanna Hofmeister, Vice President & Director of Destination Marketing for the Spokane Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau. "It's the complete package that makes Spokane attractive not only to the tourists that spend \$805 million each year to visit, but to each and every company looking to build looking to build somewhere not just to boost their business, but to finally call home."



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NAME: Judy Teunissen DATE: 3/2/10

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SUBJECT: Neighborhoods Council

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ITEM NO.: 15
NAME: Joan Donahue DATE: 3/21/2010

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NAME: Tom Dondue DATE: _____

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**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
City of Riverside
Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 4 p.m.
Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

PRESENT: Chair Melendrez, Vice Chair Bailey, and Member Adams

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Loveridge

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Gregory Priamos, Colleen Nicol, Eric Ustation, Chuck Condor, Thomas DeSantis

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Perry, Aurora Chavez, Bonnie Poulsen, Christina Duran, Erin Snyder, Gurumantra Khalsa, Marvin Gritton, Ernie Lupe, Karen Doris Wright, Cindy Jensen, Judy Teunissen, Tom Donahue, Judy Cunningham, Aurora Chavez, Stan Stosel, and others

FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNANCE APPROACH

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee unanimously recommended that the City Council approve a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the sixteen guidelines as presented in the revised report from Mayor Loveridge and forwarded the matter to the City Council for presentation in three weeks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

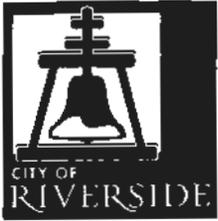
There were no off-agenda comments presented at this time.

The Governmental Affairs Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk



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Governmental Affairs Committee

*****REVISED*****

TO: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DATE: May 5, 2010
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE ITEM NO:
WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF A FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROACH

ISSUE:

The proposal before the Governmental Affairs Committee is to recommend a neighborhood governance approach using existing neighborhood groups, and to recommend formal procedures for recognizing Neighborhood Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Governmental Affairs recommend approval of a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the sixteen (16) guidelines below.

BACKGROUND:

Overview

The proposed neighborhood governance approach may draw on the current neighborhood groups. There are a number of neighborhood associations whose boundaries are those of one of the City's 26 community neighborhoods. They meet regularly, elect officers, and network with electeds. Examples of these associations include: Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA), Grand Neighborhood Alliance, Historic Wood Streets Neighborhood, Magnolia Area Neighborhood Association, Casa Blanca Community Action Group, and Northside Improvement Association, among others. Most if not all have, or had, representation on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and have been actively involved in varied City hosted/sponsored neighborhood programs.

Using the existing associations for the proposed approach is in line with Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) embraced by the City's Neighborhood Programs. ABCD is a research-based community development model and affirms that social and economic revitalization starts with what is already present in the community--the capacities of a neighborhood's residents, the neighborhood's association, and the neighborhoods institutions. ABCD also asserts that an inside-out approach works best rather than working from the outside-in.

The following guidelines should be included in the overall structure of the approach:

- 1) Upon their own application, endorsement by their Councilmember(s), and then recommendation by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, the City Council should consider recognizing a neighborhood association as a "Neighborhood Council."
- 2) The recognized "Neighborhood Councils" should be used as models upon which other community neighborhoods (from among the 26) could be organized.
- 3) A limited marketing campaign should be developed to share information with other neighborhoods.
- 4) The Housing and Neighborhood Division of the Development Department would develop guidelines and an application process for recognition.
- 5) The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership can enhance communications between the Neighborhood Councils and the City Council. All approved Neighborhood Councils should have at least one member on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.
- 6) The boundaries of Neighborhood Councils should generally be consistent with the 26 community neighborhoods identified by the Planning Department in the City's General Plan.
- 7) The membership of Neighborhood Councils should be defined as those who live or work in the neighborhood, and meet any other criteria established by the Neighborhood Councils.
- 8) Officers should be elected, not appointed, from the general membership.
- 9) The scope of Neighborhood Councils advisory role should be limited to items of direct impact and importance to that particular neighborhood.
- 10) City Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives should provide timely information on city decisions that might be important to a Neighborhood Council.
- 11) Neighborhood Councils will have an advisory role only to the City Council.
- 12) All Neighborhood Council agendas, minutes, and action resolutions will be sent to the appropriate Councilmember(s).
- 13) Neighborhood Councils will work directly with Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives.
- 14) Neighborhood Councils cannot endorse any City Council or Mayoral candidates.
- 15) Program support will be provided by Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representative.
- 16) The Neighborhood Council approach should be established by action of the City Council. The approach should be reviewed after two years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Prepared by:

Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

Concurs With:

Mike Gardner
Councilmember Ward 1

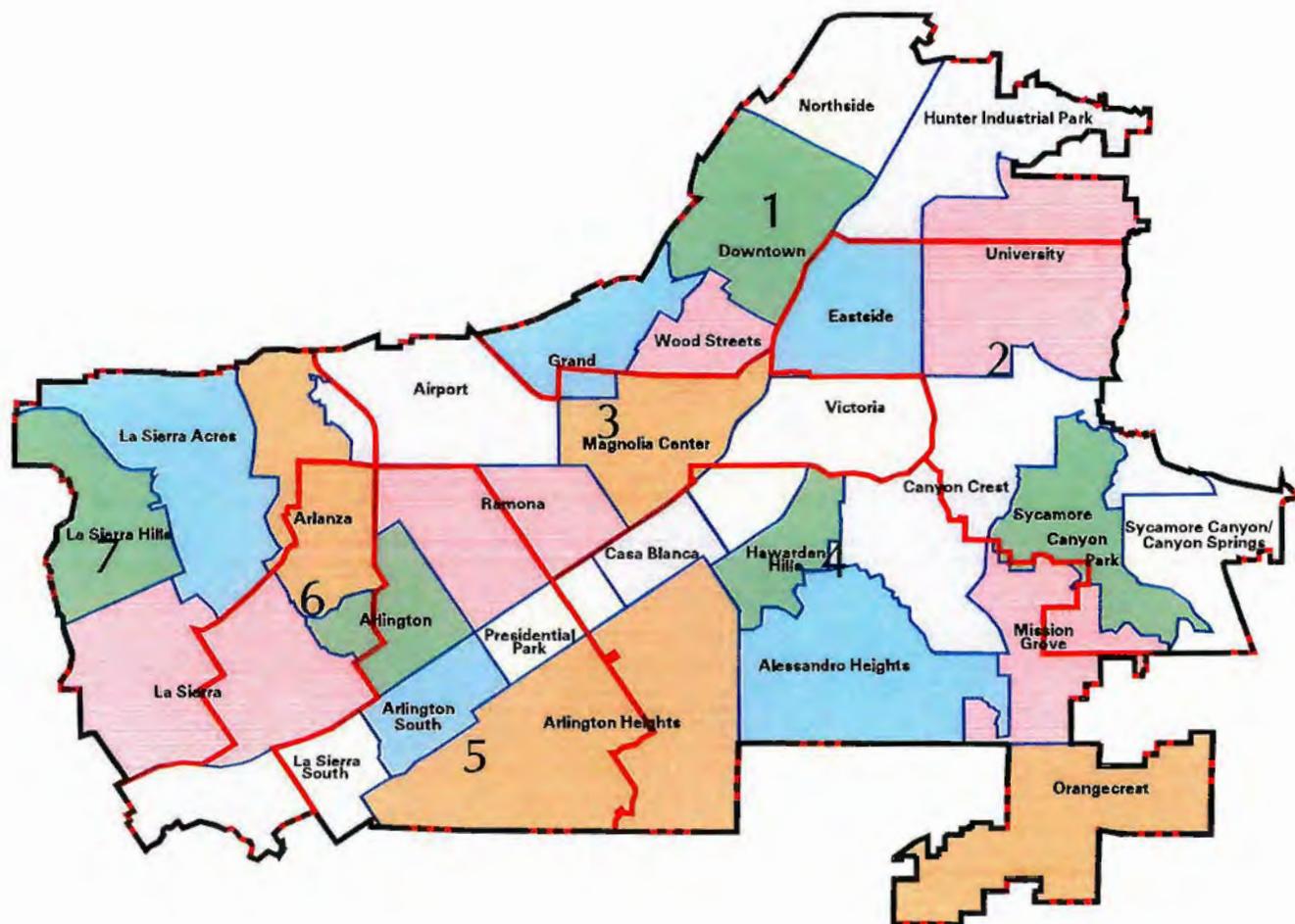
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Attachment: Statement from Gurumantra Khalsa, Chair, RNP Governance Subcommittee

Symbology

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- Ward Boundary



COUNCIL WARDS / NEIGHBORHOODS

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Hunter Industrial Park	Ward 1 - Mike Gardner	
Northside	Ward 1 - Mike Gardner	
Wood Streets	Ward 1 - Mike Gardner	
Canyon Crest	Ward 2 - Andy Melendrez	Ward 4 - Paul Davis
Eastside	Ward 2 - Andy Melendrez	
Sycamore Cyn/Canyon Springs	Ward 2 - Andy Melendrez	
University	Ward 2 - Andy Melendrez	Ward 1 - Mike Gardner
Airport	Ward 3 - Rusty Bailey	Ward 7 - Steve Adams
Magnolia Center	Ward 3 - Rusty Bailey	Ward 1 - Mike Gardner
Victoria	Ward 3 - Rusty Bailey	Ward 4 - Paul Davis
Casa Blanca	Ward 4 - Paul Davis	
Hawarden Hills w/ Alessandro Heights	Ward 4 - Paul Davis	
Mission Grove	Ward 4 - Paul Davis	Ward 2 - Andy Melendrez
Orangecrest	Ward 4 - Paul Davis	
Arlington	Ward 5 - Chris Mac Arthur	Ward 6 - Nancy Hart
Arlington Heights	Ward 5 - Chris Mac Arthur	Ward 4 - Paul Davis
Arlington South	Ward 5 - Chris Mac Arthur	
Presidential Park	Ward 5 - Chris Mac Arthur	Ward 4 - Paul Davis
Ramona	Ward 5 - Chris Mac Arthur	Ward 3 - Rusty Bailey
Arlanza	Ward 6 - Nancy Hart	Ward 7 - Steve Adams
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La Sierra Acres	Ward 7 - Steve Adams	
La Sierra Hills	Ward 7 - Steve Adams	



Governmental Affairs Committee

TO: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE **DATE:** May 5, 2010
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO:** 1
WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF A FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROACH

ISSUE:

The proposal before the Governmental Affairs Committee is to recommend a neighborhood governance approach using existing neighborhood groups, and to recommend formal procedures for recognizing Neighborhood Councils.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Governmental Affairs:

1. Recommend approval of a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the twelve guidelines below; and
2. Recommend that City Council authorize a "Neighborhood Council Liaison" position in the Housing and Neighborhoods Division of the Development Department to facilitate contact between the Neighborhood Councils and City Hall.

BACKGROUND:

Overview

The proposed neighborhood governance approach will draw on the current neighborhood groups. There are a number of neighborhood associations whose boundaries are those of one of the City's 26 community neighborhoods. They meet regularly, elect officers, and network with electeds and City departments. Examples of these associations include: Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA), Grand Neighborhood Alliance, Historic Wood Streets Neighborhood, Magnolia Area Neighborhood Association, Casa Blanca Community Action Group, and Northside Improvement Association, among others. Most if not all have, or had, representation on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and have been actively involved in varied City hosted/sponsored neighborhood programs.

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inside-out approach works best rather than working from the outside-in. Under this approach, formalizing existing neighborhood associations and using them for the Neighborhood Council model validates them as effective partners with City Hall.

The following guidelines should be included in the overall structure of the approach:

- 1) Upon their own application and then recommendation by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, the City Council should formally recognize a neighborhood association as a "Neighborhood Council." (As a Consent Calendar item)
- 2) The recognized "Neighborhood Councils" should be used as models upon which other community neighborhoods (from among the 26) could be organized.
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- 9) The scope of Neighborhood Councils advisory role should be limited to items of direct impact and importance to that particular neighborhood.
- 10) City departments should provide timely information on city decisions that might be important to a neighborhood. The City's Neighborhood Council Liaison (see below) is available to help facilitate this process.
- 11) City departments should take Neighborhood Council comments and/or positions into consideration when making decisions. And they should note Neighborhood Council comments or positions, as available, on relevant Council reports. There should be no change in current timetables for preparing City Council reports.
- 12) The Neighborhood Council approach should be established by action of the City Council. The approach should be reviewed after two years, looking toward implementing a neighborhood governance model similar to the best practices of Spokane, WA.

Administration

For the first two years, the administrative costs and duties are proposed as follows:

1. 1 FTE, "Neighborhood Council Liaison" (Project Assistant). Step 1 plus 70% for benefits

and overhead, \$83,476. Duties as assigned by the Director of the Housing and Neighborhoods Division of the Development Department.

2. Program budget, \$16,000. Funds would be used for marketing and promotions, printing and minor supplies for the Councils, and other meeting tools and training materials for the Councils.
3. As a way to retain city employees, the City Manager should consider moving a current employee into the "Neighborhood Council Liaison" position.

Future Goal

After two years, the Neighborhood Governance approach should be evaluated by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and the Council's Community Service and Youth Committee. I recommend that we take a comparative look at the Spokane, WA model. While in many ways comparable to Riverside, Spokane has effectively organized neighborhood councils throughout their City. And their governance approach has been widely praised by elected officials, staff, and most importantly, community residents.

In a phone conversation, Mayor Mary Verner applauded the Spokane approach—"it is a great success." She offered such comments as "We rely on neighborhood associations. They are an invaluable resource. They provide help and feedback. We have 27 Neighborhood Councils. City Council members likewise praise the Neighborhood Councils, and they work closely with them."

Information about Spokane's Neighborhood Council approach, including examples from their website, is included in the attachments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

For the 2010/2011 FY, the amount allocated to the Neighborhood Council approach will not exceed \$100,000.

Prepared by:



Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

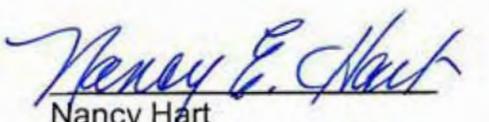
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Attachment: Statement from Gurumantra Khalsa, Chair, RNP Governance Subcommittee
Neighborhood Council website of Spokane, WA
Southwest magazine article on Spokane, WA

February 8, 2010

Mayor Ron Loveridge
3900 Main Street, 7th Floor
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Mayor Loveridge:

Subject: Neighborhood Governance Initiative

As the Chair of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership's Neighborhood Governance Subcommittee, I am pleased to inform you of our endorsement of the Neighborhood Governance Initiative.

After several meetings, numerous conversations, and countless questions about what is urgently wanted and needed in Riverside's neighborhoods right now, we have come to the conclusion that endorsing this initiative will provide:

- A framework for neighborhoods to define and declare their own values;
- Expanded opportunities for neighborhood organizing and leadership training;
- Enhanced communication among neighbors and City staff;
- And a formalized manner for neighborhoods to create themselves as essential components of the City of Their Dreams.

Please accept this as an endorsement of the stated intentions of this initiative as envisioned by the membership of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.

Yours for a City of Our Dreams,



Gurumantra Khalsa
Chair, RNP Governance Subcommittee

cc: Scott Andrews, RNP Board Chair

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BALBOA/S. INDIAN TRAIL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

As a resident of the Balboa/South Indian Trail Neighborhood you have many opportunities to become involved in neighborhood events and decisions. Each neighborhood is represented by their Neighborhood Council, and each Neighborhood Council falls within one of three City Council Districts.

Balboa/South Indian Trail is represented by Councilwoman Nancy McLaughlin and Councilman Steve Corker of City Council District #3. Any citizen may participate in their Neighborhood Council, and we encourage you to become an active participant in your neighborhood. The Chair of the Balboa/S. Indian Trail Neighborhood Council is Claudette Ganger (509-747-5789). Meetings for 2009 will be held at a couple possible locations, so be sure to click the "Calendar" link to the left for each month's meeting information. Click the calendar dates in bold for each meeting's time and location information.

The purpose of the Balboa/S. Indian Trail Neighborhood Council is to improve and preserve the quality of life in the neighborhood through the following actions:

Review and recommend an action, a policy, or a plan to the City Council, the city and to any city agency, commission or board on any matter affecting the Balboa/S. Indian Trail neighborhood;

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An example of a Neighborhood Council's individual webpage.

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October 2009 Neighborhood Council Meeting

Wed., October 28, 2009 to Wed., October 28, 2009

No specific agenda items at this time. If there is something you would like presented or discussed, please use the contact info below.

Additional event information:

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Salk Middle School Library

Address:

6411 N Alberta St

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Email: spocalgirl@q.com

A calendar is available for each Neighborhood Council to inform residents of future meetings and events.



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- Code Enforcement
- Community Indicator Project
- What's Happening Across Spokane?
- What Neighborhood Do I Live In?
- Code Enforcement Complaint Form
- Contact Your Community Assembly Citizens Street Advisory Commission Representative
- Spokane Regional Solid Waste Information
- Find a C.O.P.S. Substation Here
- Key Community Partners
- City of Spokane Main Website
- Neighborhood Business Centers (NBC)



Creating A Neighborhood Council

By ordinance the City of Spokane created the Neighborhood Council program to improve communication and provide an opportunity for citizens to participate in the civic process.

[The Road to a Neighborhood Council](#)

[Generic Bylaws](#)

The First Step...

Share your ideas. Talk with others on your block, your friends and neighbors, who would enjoy having a better neighborhood. When folks are ready to give a bit of their time to form a group and take action...

Then...

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Your First Meeting

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Your work as a group will bring recognition from the City Council that you have met the goals for becoming a Neighborhood Council. The group will be officially added to the list of Councils. Your neighborhood benefits because you and your neighbors have shown that you care.

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The Road to a Neighborhood Council

Step 1: The idea.

Step 2: Neighborhood forms Development Team.

Step 3: Development Team contacts Neighborhood Services.

Step 4: Presentation of Neighborhood Council Program to Development Team.

Share your ideas. Talk with others on your block, your friends and neighbors, who would enjoy having a better neighborhood. When folks are ready to give a bit of their time to form a group and take action...

Step 5: Development Team creates draft of proposed Bylaws and boundaries.

Step 6: Development Team & Neighborhood Services sponsor inclusive public neighborhood meeting for all affected parties within proposed boundaries.

Step 7: When all parties are in agreement on boundaries and Bylaws (could take 1 to 3 meetings), the membership votes to accept Bylaws and boundaries.

Step 8: Neighborhood Council ratified by City Council.

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An overview on how Neighborhood Councils are formed.

Step by step instructions on how to form a Neighborhood Council.

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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY?

The community assembly is a coalition of independent neighborhood councils and serves as a forum for discussion of issues of broad interest. Each neighborhood council selects one representative and a designated alternate to serve on the community assembly. Representatives are expected to represent the interests of their respective neighborhood council. The community assembly meets with the city council neighborhood committee and the City's office of neighborhood services periodically to discuss community-wide issues. The responsibilities of the community assembly include to

- A. review and recommend an action, policy, or plan to the city council neighborhood committee, the City and any City agency, commission, or board on any matter affecting the city;
- B. support and promote citizen participation and neighborhood enhancement;
- C. promote and facilitate open communication between the City and neighborhood councils and provide the primary means of communication between individual neighborhood councils;
- D. support and assist, as requested, individual neighborhood councils in becoming recognized and in performing their functions and responsibilities; and
- E. serve as an information resource to neighborhood councils.

(Ord. C-32542)

Effective Date: 1/12/2000

Passed On: 12/13/1999

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE NEXT COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY MEETING???

Next Community Assembly Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2009

Location: Council Briefing Center, Basement of City Hall

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Minutes and Agendas can be found by clicking on the "Documents" portion of this website.

For further assistance, please contact the Office of Neighborhood Services at (509) 625-6730 or visit their web site at www.spokaneneighborhoods.org.

Spokane's Community Assembly is structured similarly to the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.



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On-line Surveys

These surveys are currently available:

- [City Reports Results of 2008 One Day Homeless Count](#)
- [SRTC - Pedestrian Plan Survey](#)
- [Bicycle - Pedestrian Count](#)



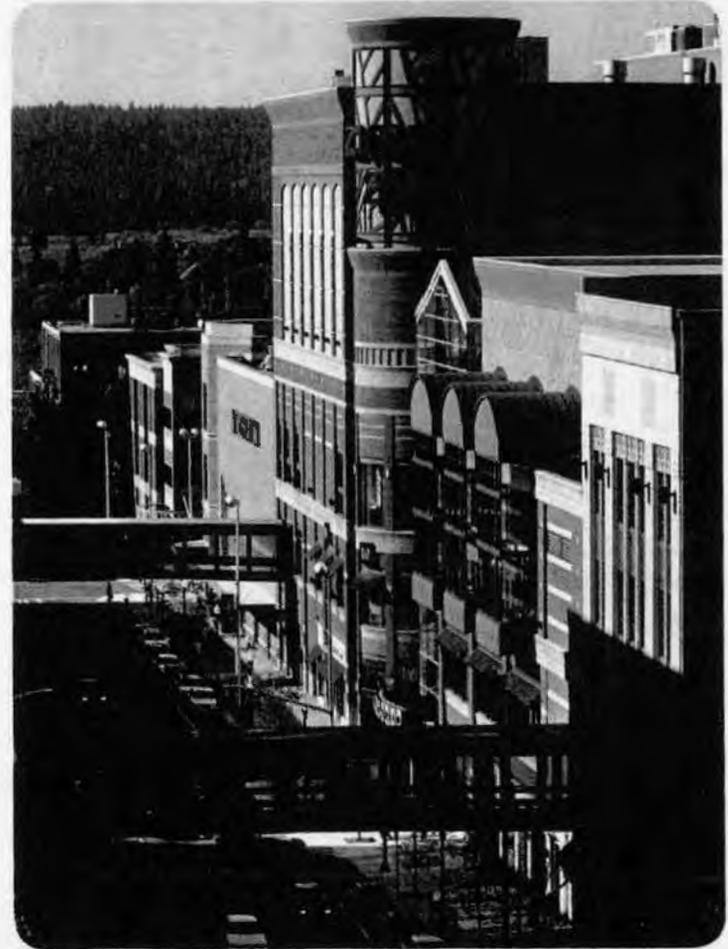
Surveys can be added as an additional resource for residents and City leaders.

ECONOMIC UPTURN

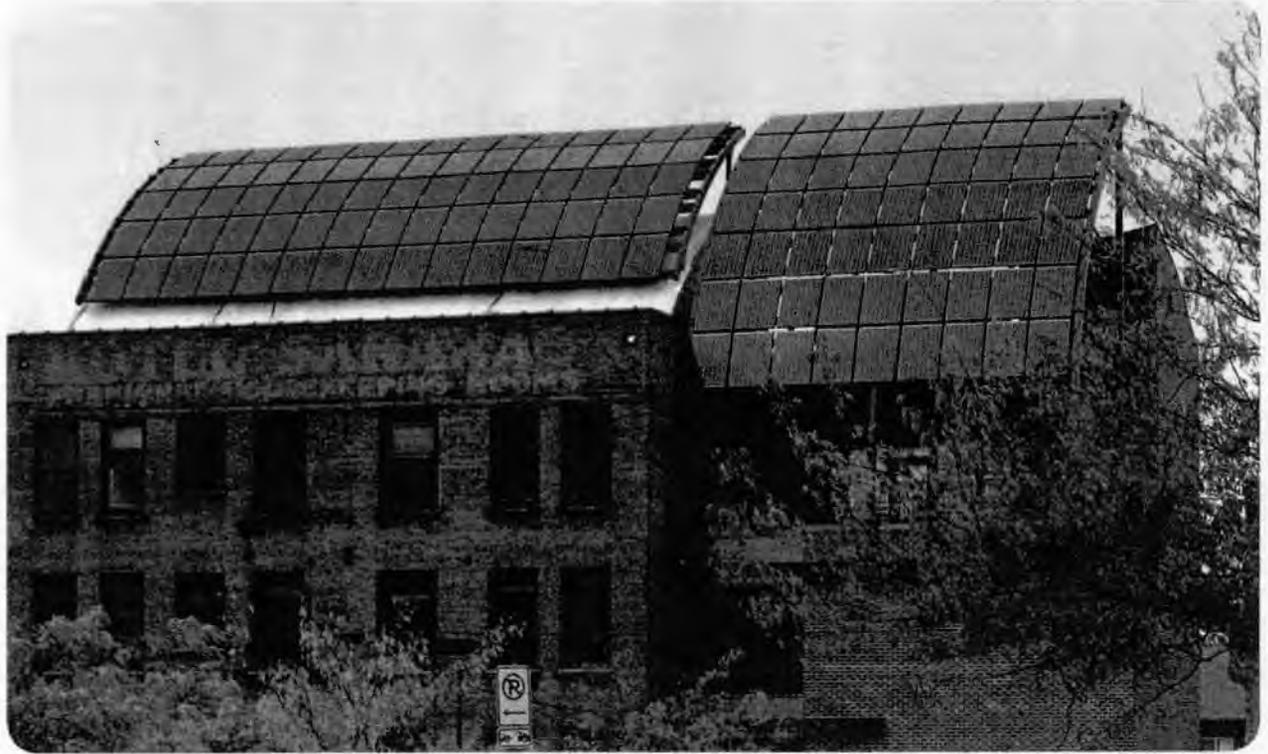
Twenty-three separate counties help amass the Inland Northwest's \$20 billion total GDP, but it's Spokane alone that's responsible for \$13.4 billion of that amount. While other major cities find themselves scrambling to survive in today's challenging economy, the city remains relatively unfazed as population and job growth in the Spokane region continue to outperform national trends.

What's their secret? "We have a healthy, diversified economic base that has collectively helped us weather the storm quite well, so we don't see the wild fluctuations up or down that other cities experience," says Jeff Severs, Chief Operating Officer for Greater Spokane Incorporated, the area's only regional Chamber of Commerce and economic development council. That diversity was the result of several initiatives put in place decades ago after Spokane's economy—driven mostly by timber, mining and agriculture—dried up after old growth timber dwindled, mining prices tumbled and transportation started being handled in Seattle.

"Spokane has always proven itself to be a city that's used to planning far ahead in order to make the right decisions to maintain its continued growth," says Severs, "From that point on, the city engaged in a lot of strategic studies and analysis to determine which key industries to grow in order to continuously move the city forward."



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Today, the regional economy is thriving with the addition of four new and unique industries—health care and health science, clean technologies and energy efficiencies, manufacturing and finally aerospace—while still embracing new developments in its traditional industries of agriculture and forestry.

Health care is paramount to Spokane's economic growth. With 2,630 businesses and a workforce of 46,000, the healthcare industry accounts for 19% of the local employment in Spokane County, resulting in a \$6.6 billion impact in the area. INHS (Inland Northwest Health Services) based in Spokane is one of the nation's leaders in health information technology and oversees several collaborative health care services, including health education, rural outreach and health information technology.

Spokane's future in clean technology and energy efficiency also continues to rise. While the rest of the nation is only growing at a rate of 9%, Washington's clean technology companies have been skyrocketing at a rate of 24%, turning it into a \$2.1 billion industry that encompasses over 400 companies and

16,000 people. Over 50 of those companies operate within the Spokane region, one of which is Itron, the world's leading provider of solid-state meters and data collection/communication systems. Once a two-man operation, Itron is now a well-established international Fortune 500 company with over 8,500 employees—thanks in part to the solid workforce and business-friendly support Spokane has to offer.

On the manufacturing side, goods-producing companies account for approximately 28,000 jobs in Spokane county, which is about 11.5% of its civilian work force. Those numbers alone may be impressive, but to help stimulate job growth in this sector, a program called the City of Spokane's Community Empowerment Zone was established. It allows manufacturers to hire new employees from low-income areas of the city in order to waive the payment of sales tax associated with constructing new facilities or expanding their existing facility. Since the program's inception in 2001, over 7,000 new workers have been hired and 39 companies have saved over \$8.6 million in construction costs.

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Photo Courtesy of Spokane Regional CVB / Alan Bisson

Over 50% of Spokane's energy comes from inexpensive hydropower, in addition to the solar, biofuel and wind renewable energy that's also available.

Last but hardly least, Aerospace is a key driver to Spokane's export economy, amounting to over 80 industry suppliers, distributors, manufacturers and organizations that collectively form INWAC (the Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium). "It's a growing industry that shows no sign of stopping," says Sever, who estimates the field contributes over \$513 million to the Inland Northwest economy.

What's allowed each of these fields to flourish in Spokane has been the myriad of benefits the city has to offer businesses, including no state or personal income taxes and power rates that are half the cost of other areas throughout the United States (over 50% of Spokane's energy comes from inexpensive hydropower, in addition to the solar, biofuel and wind transmission renewable energy that's also available.)

There's also SIRTI to thank, an economic development agency that helps



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accelerate the development of innovative, technology-based start-ups and early stage companies throughout the Inland Northwest. Offering entrepreneurial coaching, no-cost business services and access to capital, they also have 40,000 square feet of state-of-the-art wet labs—a rarity for bio-based companies to find in most cities.

"But what really differentiates us from other business incubators across the country is our IP BizNET legal services program," says Linda Hemmingway, director of market development and communications for SIRT.I. "Introduced in late 2007, this program partners up businesses with students from Gonzaga University School of Law who assist them with acquiring patents, handling employment contracts and tackling other legal-based issues. Students get real-world experience while businesses get valuable intellectual property protection and contracts at little to no cost."

Signature Genomic Laboratories is just one of their success stories. In October

2006, they came to SIRT.I with 32 employees. "When we left in June 2008, we had doubled in size," says Lisa Shaffer, president and CEO of Signature Genomic Laboratories. Today, the company employs over 110 people and is ranked 114th in Inc's 'Fastest Growing Companies' and 4th in Washington State. "We really landed in the perfect location," remembers Shaffer. "Besides giving us the space to grow, SIRT.I was always there for us with financial advice, marketing assistance and answers to all the questions we didn't have, but needed to grow."

WISE INVESTMENTS

At one point, more money was spent in the historic preservation of downtown Spokane than the entire state of Washington. Today, nearly \$3.7 billion dollars into its revitalization, Spokane's downtown core has been reborn into one of the most desired commercial, corporate and residential locations in the area. (The area even offers one of the largest free Wi-Fi services in the United States, spanning over 100 city blocks.)

If that sounds like a lot of work, there's an important reason behind it. The entire region of Spokane serves a trade area of up to 1.2 million people and is a medical care, shopping and entertainment hub for an area that reaches throughout Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon, North Idaho, Western Montana and southern portions of Alberta and British Columbia. That's why the first project on deck was building River Park Square, a shopping center that spans two full city blocks and offers close to 373,000 square feet of retail space within five floors.

From there, other additions and renovations—including the Art Deco Fox Theatre, the Big Easy Concert Hall, the Northwest Museum of Art and Culture and the \$90 million expansion of the Spokane Convention Center and Opera House—have turned the area into a virtual magnet for entertainment and retail, boosting Spokane's economy

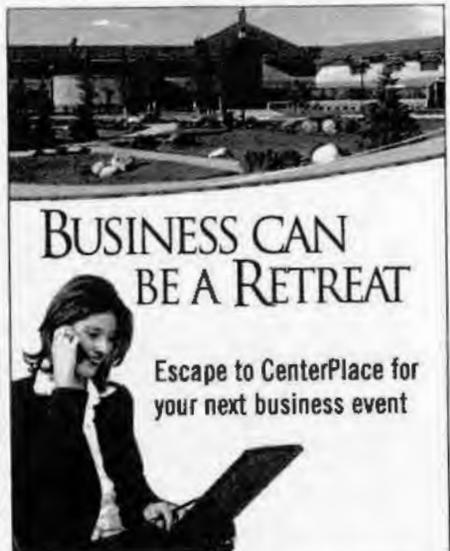


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One of Spokane's greatest transformations to date has been the restoration of the world-famous Davenport Hotel and Tower. When the city block-sized hotel first opened in 1914, it was the place to stay among royalty, celebrities, leaders of industry and nearly every American president before closing its doors in 1985. Now, the historic, AAA Four Diamond Award-winning hotel allows visitors to literally step back in time with its old world charm and ornate, European style.

Located just two blocks away from Riverpark Square and the Spokane River, the hotel sits conveniently downtown among the arts, business and shopping districts. It also features 611 rooms and six ballrooms with over 33,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, as well as complimentary town car service within a two-mile radius of the hotel. "When the Davenport finally reopened in 2002, it was meant to be a message

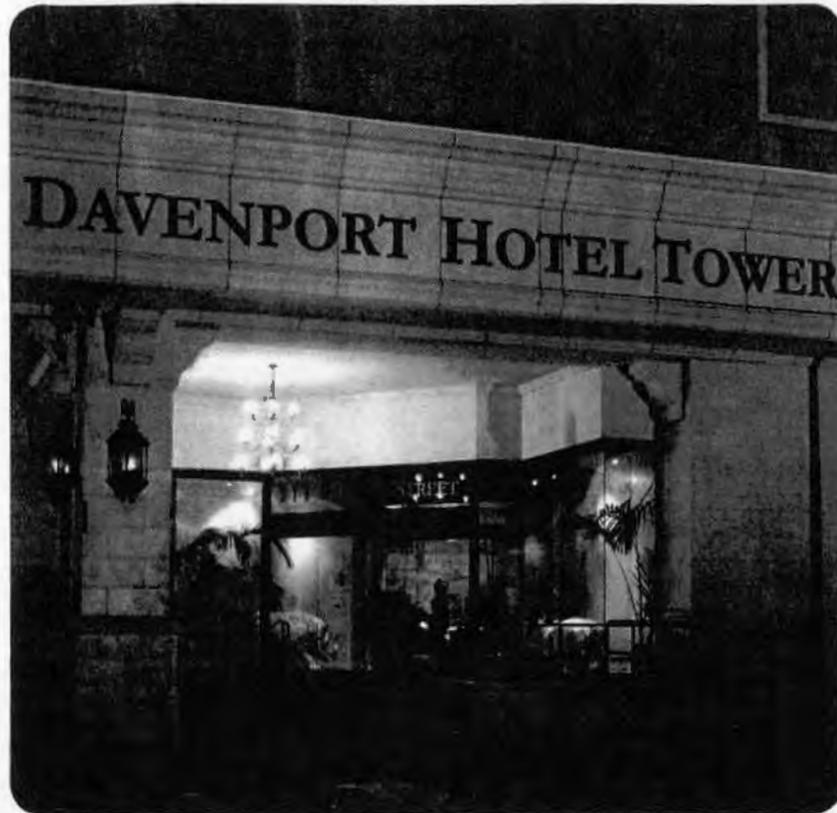


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With close to 20 different colleges in the region, Spokane's emphasis on higher education offers businesses a built-in work force.

to the people of Spokane to reinvent themselves instead of looking to the outside for help," says Tom McArthur, communications director and historian for the Davenport Hotel and Tower, "That message has been well received. Now, instead of harvesting things from the natural world, Spokane is thriving once again through harvesting the human intellect."

CONNECTED WITH EDUCATION

With close to 20 different colleges in the region and over 65,000 students divided among them, Spokane puts an emphasis on higher education and offers businesses a built-in work force that specializes in nearly every major field of science and industry. But it also provides an added advantage to local companies: access to some of the brightest young minds in the country before they graduate.

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To fuel new business development and unite education with business, the city created the University District, an area of downtown Spokane where hundreds of companies are based around the branch campuses of Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Washington State University and the community colleges of Spokane.

One of the area's more prominent universities—Washington State (WSU)—offers exceptional academic programs, most ranking among the top in the nation when it comes to education, health sciences and technology management. They also encourage economic vitality within the community by offering applied research, business advice and training to existing businesses and entrepreneurs through the SBDC (Small Business Development Centers), a cooperative effort of WSU and other educational institutions, economic development organizations

and the United States Small Business Administration.

However, the cornerstone of higher education in Spokane is Gonzaga University. Consistently ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best comprehensive regional universities in the West, Gonzaga remains ahead of the pack for its emphasis on leadership skills. (Their alumni have included former Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley and current Washington State governor Christine Gregoire.)

"Gonzaga is well recognized for developing tomorrow's ethical leaders—leaders that matriculate throughout the community and help fortify the workforce of Spokane," says Dale Goodwin, director of public relations at Gonzaga University. "For the last six years, our students have donated over 100,000 hours a year to community service. In addition, we've also instituted the Hogan Entrepreneurial

Leadership Program, a curriculum that connects highly motivated students with entrepreneurs, investors engaged in early stage businesses and growth-oriented businesses in Spokane through networking, internships and mentor relationships."

An off-shoot of the program is their 'New Venture Lab,' where students from various majors volunteer in teams that consult between 10-20 start-up businesses a year. So far, over 70 local companies have been assisted by the NVL since its inception in 2004, resulting in many Gonzaga students staying in Spokane with businesses that discovered their talents through the program.

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Aerospace Partners in Our Region:

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- Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium
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- Spokane Aircraft Maintenance Program, Spokane Community College
- Spokane International Airport
- Spokane Manufacturers' Roundtable
- Washington Manufacturing Services
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legendary entertainer Bing Crosby) have all hailed from Spokane. Being nestled between the Rocky and Cascade Mountain ranges gives the vibrant city an advantage neighboring Seattle simply can't offer: 260 days of guaranteed sunshine and protection from the wet coastal climate that leaves most Seattlites complaining about the weather instead of enjoying it.

The affordable cost of living in Spokane is also a plus, giving businesses and buyers far more for their money. "According to the National Association of Realtors, the median home price in Spokane was \$179,500 in 2007, \$179,950 in 2008 and is still \$174,735 in 2009," says Severs. "We really haven't seen the same degree of erosion that other cities have experienced, so most people continue to see a lot of value in their homes."

But rainless days and reasonable real estate aren't the only benefits that keep Spokane ranked as one of the best places to raise a family in America. Locally, the city plays host to many major-league events year-round, including Bloomsday (the nation's largest timed road race) and Hoopfest (the largest 3-on-3 street basketball tournament in the world). Next January, they're set to handle the prestigious 2010 U.S. AT&T Figure Skating Championships (Spokane2010.com), the competition that decides the U.S. Olympic Team before the Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C. There's also Riverfront Park, a 100-acre green space set alongside the Spokane River in the heart of downtown that features the second-largest urban waterfall in America—plus a convention center, opera house and performing arts center (spokaneriverfrontpark.com).

Within the entire Spokane region, world-class art galleries and museums, 24-hour casinos, countless parks and trails to bike and hike, unique boutiques and fifteen award-winning wineries are only a fraction of activities the area offers. Water lovers can go whitewater rafting, kayak, boat or

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swim in the 76 lakes and rivers scattered throughout the region. It also boasts six ski resorts and 33 of America's best golf courses (all located within a 50-mile radius of Spokane; GolfInSpokane.com). But to experience the most original round of golf of your life, less than an hour away across the Northern Idaho border is Couer D'Alene, a beautiful lakeside resort community that offers the world's first—and only—floating golf green set right on the lake itself.

"Between its endless outdoor opportunities and countless culture, there's simply nothing that can't be found throughout the region," says Jeanna Hofmeister, Vice President & Director of Destination Marketing for the Spokane Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau. "It's the complete package that makes Spokane attractive not only to the tourists that spend \$805 million each year to visit, but to each and every company looking to build looking to build somewhere not just to boost their business, but to finally call home."



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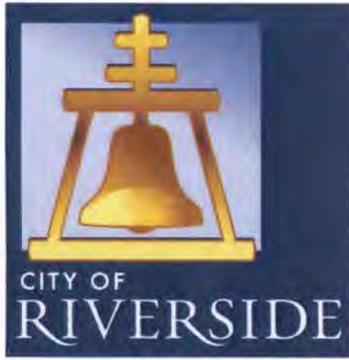


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DISCUSSION CALENDAR

FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNANCE APPROACH

The City Council (1) approved the recommendations of Mayor Loveridge and the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee to approve a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the 16 guidelines as outlined in the written staff report; and (2) directed staff to return to the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee in one year with update.

Motion
Second
All Ayes

X

X

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There was nothing to report on the League of California Cities - City Advocate Weekly dated May 14, 2010, and the State budget.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

There were no items for future consideration.

The City Council adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CHERYL BALZ
Senior Deputy City Clerk



City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** May 25, 2010
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO:** 34
WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF A FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROACH

ISSUE:

The proposal before the City Council is to approve a neighborhood governance approach using existing neighborhood groups, and to recommend formal procedures for recognizing Neighborhood Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the sixteen (16) guidelines below.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 5, 2010, the Governmental Affairs Committee unanimously recommended that the City Council approve a formal neighborhood governance approach.

BACKGROUND:

Overview

The proposed neighborhood governance approach may draw on the current neighborhood groups. There are a number of neighborhood associations whose boundaries are those of one of the City's 26 community neighborhoods. They meet regularly, elect officers, and network with electeds. Examples of these associations include: Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA), Grand Neighborhood Alliance, Historic Wood Streets Neighborhood, Magnolia Area Neighborhood Association, Casa Blanca Community Action Group, and Northside Improvement Association, among others. Most if not all have, or had, representation on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and have been actively involved in varied City hosted/sponsored neighborhood programs.

Using the existing associations for the proposed approach is in line with Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) embraced by the City's Neighborhood Programs. ABCD is a research-based community development model and affirms that social and economic revitalization starts with what is already present in the community--the capacities of a neighborhood's residents, the neighborhood's association, and the neighborhoods institutions. ABCD also asserts that an

inside-out approach works best rather than working from the outside-in.

The following guidelines should be included in the overall structure of the approach:

- 1) Upon their own application, endorsement by their Councilmember(s), and then recommendation by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, the City Council should consider recognizing a neighborhood association as a "Neighborhood Council."
- 2) The recognized "Neighborhood Councils" should be used as models upon which other community neighborhoods (from among the 26) could be organized.
- 3) A limited marketing campaign should be developed to share information with other neighborhoods.
- 4) The Housing and Neighborhood Division of the Development Department, in consultation with the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, would develop guidelines and an application process for recognition.
- 5) The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership can enhance communications between the Neighborhood Councils and the City Council. All approved Neighborhood Councils should have at least one member on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.
- 6) The boundaries of Neighborhood Councils should generally be consistent with the 26 community neighborhoods identified by the Planning Department in the City's General Plan.
- 7) The membership of Neighborhood Councils should be defined as those who live or work in the neighborhood, and meet any other criteria established by the Neighborhood Councils.
- 8) Officers should be elected, not appointed, from the general membership.
- 9) The scope of Neighborhood Councils advisory role should be limited to items of direct impact and importance to that particular neighborhood.
- 10) City Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives should provide timely information on city decisions that might be important to a Neighborhood Council.
- 11) Neighborhood Councils will have an advisory role only to the City Council.
- 12) All Neighborhood Council agendas, minutes, and action resolutions will be sent to the appropriate Councilmember(s).
- 13) Neighborhood Councils will work directly with Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives.
- 14) Neighborhood Councils cannot endorse any City Council or Mayoral candidates.
- 15) Program support will be provided by Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representative.
- 16) The Neighborhood Council approach should be established by action of the City Council. The approach should be reviewed after two years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Prepared by:



Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

Concurs With:



Andy Melendrez, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

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NAME: ~~KAREN~~ Karen Davis Wright DATE: 5/25/2010 ⁶³⁸
CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD: Ward 3 PHONE # (Optional): _____

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ITEM NO.: 34

NAME: Communita Klaka DATE: 5-25-10

CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD: UNIV NEIGHBORHOOD PHONE # (Optional): _____

ADDRESS (Optional): 4108 WATKINS DR 92507
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SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

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NAME: TAFFI BRANDRIF DATE: 5-25-10

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SUBJECT: Neighborhood Governance
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CANCELLED GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AGENDA

City of Arts & Innovation

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

4 p.m.

Mayor's Ceremonial Room, City Hall
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
City Clerk's Office - 951-826-5557

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Riverside is committed to providing high quality municipal services to ensure a safe, inclusive, and livable community

PLEASE NOTE--Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes

1. Neighborhood Governance: A Council Policy Statement (All Wards)

Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor

2. Oral communications from the audience

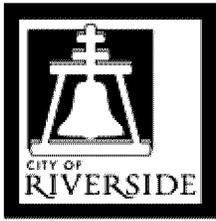
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Governmental Affairs Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE **DATE:** October 3, 2012
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO:** 1
WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNANCE: A COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

ISSUE:

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Prepared by:


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Prepared by:



Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

Concurs With:



Andy Melendrez, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

Governmental Affairs Committee: 9-26-12

Item No.: 1

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Submitted by: Dale Roberts - Community Police Review Commission, Chair September 26, 2012

Page 1 – change the opening sentence

“It is the intent of this code...” to “The purpose of this code is to...”

Page 3 changes

At Line 4, add a number (10) to align with Page 5, line 10:

To ensure that neither the Mayor nor any member of City Council unduly influence members of appointed boards, commissions and committees.

At original line 4 change sentence to read:

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Line 7 – indent and change from (D) to (1) to align with the Core Values outlined on page 2.

Line 17 – indent and change from (E) to (2) to align with the Core Values outlined on pages 2.

Line 24 – indent and change from (F) to (3) to align with the Core Values outlined on pages 2.

Line 24 – suggested revision

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Page 5 changes

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Line 10 – indent and change from (M) to (10) to align with the Core Values outlined on page 3 and

Change subheading from Impartiality/Undue Influence to Ensuring Undue Influence.

From: Roberts-Owens, Dale A (2150) [mailto:dale.a.roberts-owens@jpl.nasa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 8:59 AM
To: Nicol, Colleen
Cc: Phoebe Sherron (phoebe.sherron@gmail.com); Hauptmann, Frank; Robin Jackson (CPRCRobinJackson@aol.com)
Subject: CPRC - Suggested Code of Ethic Changes

Good Morning Colleen,

I plan to attend the public meeting on the Code of Ethics today. Please see the attached suggested changes to the Code of Ethics. Most of the suggestions are for ease of reading or to provide greater clarity to already established procedure.

Dale Roberts

Original Message-----

From: Barbara Marmor [mailto:behmarmor789@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 3:57 PM

To: Morton, Sherry

Subject: amend ethics code

I am writing to let you know that I strongly support a change that would bring the city manager and city attorney under the provisions of the city ethics code. It baffles me that they are not bound by the ethics code right now. That omission should be rectified as soon as possible. I understand the issue is being taken up this week.

Thank you for passing this along to the relevant parties.

Barbara Marmor

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ITEM NO.: 1
NAME: Kevin Dawson DATE: Sept. 26 2012

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**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
City of Riverside
Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 4 p.m.
Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

PRESENT: Chair Melendrez and Vice Chair Bailey

ABSENT: Member Adams

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Nicol, Gregory Priamos, Belinda Graham, Deanna Lorson, Ronald Loveridge, Adam Raymond, Maureen Kane, Jeremy Hammond, and Scott Barber

ALSO PRESENT: Christina Duran and Aurora Chavez

Chair Melendrez convened the meeting at 4 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES - CONTINUED

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee unanimously continued the international travel guidelines item to a future meeting date.

NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNANCE POLICY STATEMENT

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Bailey and seconded by Chair Melendrez recommending that the City Council adopt the Neighborhood Governance Council Policy Statement as outlined in the written staff report. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT PROCESS REGARDING CITY EMPLOYEES

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Bailey and seconded by Chair Melendrez to receive and order filed the report on the complaint process regarding City employees. Motion carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

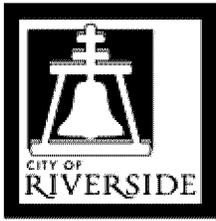
There were no off-agenda comments presented at this time.

The Governmental Affairs Committee adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



COLLEEN J. NICOL
City Clerk



Governmental Affairs Committee Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE **DATE: November 7, 2012**
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO: 2**
WARDS: ALL

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Prepared by:


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ITEM NO.: 3

NAME: CHRISTINA DUKAN DATE: 11/7/12

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NAME: AURORA CHAVEZ DATE: 11/7/2012
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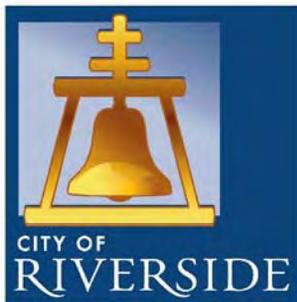
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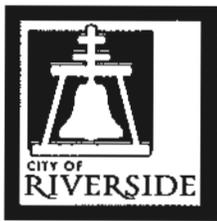
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City of Arts & Innovation

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WARDS

<p>NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNANCE COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT The City Council approved the recommendation of the City Council Governmental Affairs Committee to approve Mayor Loveridge's recommendations as outlined in the staff report to adopt the Neighborhood Governance Council Policy Statement.</p>						
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<p>LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT - NNN MISSION SQUARE PUBLIC UTILITIES OFFICE - 3750 UNIVERSITY - CONTINUED This item was continued to December 11, 2012.</p>						
<p>DONATION - PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS - FUNDS TRANSFER - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION The City Council (1) accepted monetary donations from various organizations in the amount of \$91,720.75 received by the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCSD) for various programs and events provided by the PRCSD; and (2) approved a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$91,720.75 to the accounts as outlined in the Fiscal Impact section of the written staff report to be offset with funds to be transferred from Fund 720 and 721.</p>						
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City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: December 4, 2012**
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO: 14**
WARDS: ALL

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Governmental Affairs Committee on November 7, 2012, with Councilmembers Melendrez and Bailey present and Councilmember Adams absent, approved Mayor Loveridge's recommendations and forwarded the matter to the City Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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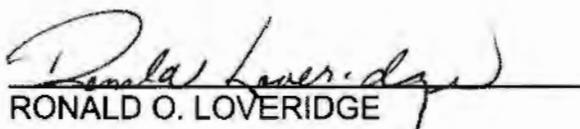
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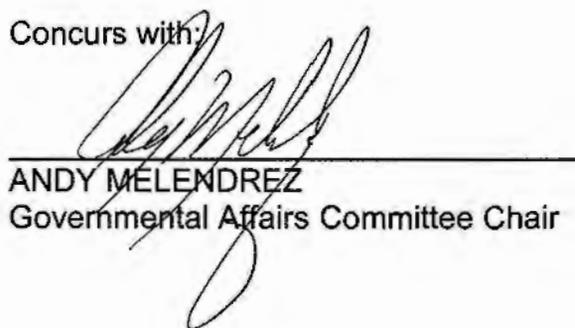
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Prepared by:



RONALD O. LOVERIDGE
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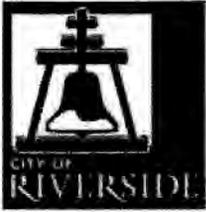
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ANDY MELENDREZ
Governmental Affairs Committee Chair

Attachment: Council report dated May 25, 2010

Approved as to form: Gregory P. Priamos, City Attorney



City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** May 25, 2010
FROM: MAYOR RONALD O. LOVERIDGE **ITEM NO:** 34
WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF A FORMAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL APPROACH

ISSUE:

The proposal before the City Council is to approve a neighborhood governance approach using existing neighborhood groups, and to recommend formal procedures for recognizing Neighborhood Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve a formal neighborhood governance approach based on the sixteen (16) guidelines below.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 5, 2010, the Governmental Affairs Committee unanimously recommended that the City Council approve a formal neighborhood governance approach.

BACKGROUND:

Overview

The proposed neighborhood governance approach may draw on the current neighborhood groups. There are a number of neighborhood associations whose boundaries are those of one of the City's 26 community neighborhoods. They meet regularly, elect officers, and network with electeds. Examples of these associations include: Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA), Grand Neighborhood Alliance, Historic Wood Streets Neighborhood, Magnolia Area Neighborhood Association, Casa Blanca Community Action Group, and Northside Improvement Association, among others. Most if not all have, or had, representation on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and have been actively involved in varied City hosted/sponsored neighborhood programs.

Using the existing associations for the proposed approach is in line with Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) embraced by the City's Neighborhood Programs. ABCD is a research-based community development model and affirms that social and economic revitalization starts with what is already present in the community--the capacities of a neighborhood's residents, the neighborhood's association, and the neighborhoods institutions. ABCD also asserts that an

inside-out approach works best rather than working from the outside-in.

The following guidelines should be included in the overall structure of the approach:

- 1) Upon their own application, endorsement by their Councilmember(s), and then recommendation by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, the City Council should consider recognizing a neighborhood association as a "Neighborhood Council."
- 2) The recognized "Neighborhood Councils" should be used as models upon which other community neighborhoods (from among the 26) could be organized.
- 3) A limited marketing campaign should be developed to share information with other neighborhoods.
- 4) The Housing and Neighborhood Division of the Development Department, in consultation with the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, would develop guidelines and an application process for recognition.
- 5) The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership can enhance communications between the Neighborhood Councils and the City Council. All approved Neighborhood Councils should have at least one member on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.
- 6) The boundaries of Neighborhood Councils should generally be consistent with the 26 community neighborhoods identified by the Planning Department in the City's General Plan.
- 7) The membership of Neighborhood Councils should be defined as those who live or work in the neighborhood, and meet any other criteria established by the Neighborhood Councils.
- 8) Officers should be elected, not appointed, from the general membership.
- 9) The scope of Neighborhood Councils advisory role should be limited to items of direct impact and importance to that particular neighborhood.
- 10) City Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives should provide timely information on city decisions that might be important to a Neighborhood Council.
- 11) Neighborhood Councils will have an advisory role only to the City Council.
- 12) All Neighborhood Council agendas, minutes, and action resolutions will be sent to the appropriate Councilmember(s).
- 13) Neighborhood Councils will work directly with Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives.
- 14) Neighborhood Councils cannot endorse any City Council or Mayoral candidates.
- 15) Program support will be provided by Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representative.
- 16) The Neighborhood Council approach should be established by action of the City Council. The approach should be reviewed after two years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Prepared by:



Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor

Concurs With:



Andy Melendrez, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

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City Council meeting date: 12-4-12
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From: K Wright [mailto:twodogkd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 11:58 AM
To: Morton, Sherry; twodogkd@yahoo.com
Subject: CORRECTED please replace my recent email with this one Fw: Dec 3 Karen Wright Comments PUBLIC COMMENTS for the Written Record (ITEM 8) and AGAINST Riverside City Council Items (ITEM 5) against the Recognition for Mayor Loveridge (ITEM 14) Against formi...

Subject: Dec 3 Karen Wright

PUBLIC COMMENTS for the Written Record (ITEM 8) and

AGAINST Riverside City Council Items (ITEM 5) against the Recognition for Mayor Loveridge

ITEM 14 Against forming a police state for Neighborhood Governance Council as the recommendation RESTRICTS SCOPE of what Citizens may comment on during neighborhood meetings, HAS A CHILLING EFFECT on citizens comments by requiring reports to the City and thereby MANY CITIZENS who want to remain anonymous will keep their comments to themselves for fear of retribution, and will be used by the City of Riverside as a basis to override comments by other citizens;

Against ITEM 15 another Mayor Loveridge item as we should have NO HOUSING in FAIRMONT PARKS 17.59 acres and we should spend no money on studies for housing during our FISCAL ECONOMIC CRISIS, and the Eastside DOES NOT WANT, to my understanding housing in Ward 2 in and around the Metrolink station.

To: "Colleen" <city_clerk@riversideca.gov>, twodogkd@yahoo.com
Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 11:49 AM
December 3, 20112 Riverside City Council meeting

To City Clerk, City Council, Mayor, City Manager

From Karen Doris Wright, 4167 Central Avenue, Riverside, CA

Subject: See title (
PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM 8 and

AGAINST ITEM 5,
AGAINST ITEM 15,
ACTION NEEDED ON ITEM 16 should be on the DISCUSSION CALENDAR or elsewhere wherein Council Committee meetings will be announced VERBALLY and also the ITEMS or TOPICS of those meetings will also be announced and the item linked to the backup so citizens will be able to see what these meetings are about.

ITEM 5 KAREN IS AGAINST ITEM 4, VERY STRONGLY AGAINST

I, Karen Doris Wright, am strongly against honoring and recognizing Mayor Loveridge given the language that backs up this item, when it grossly overstates what Mayor Loveridge did and does not mention that he, by his actions helped turn City of Riverside into the Dictatorship of Riverside wherein Citizens are denied a say on most items passed before Riverside City Council as almost all items are packed on the Consent Calendar where citizens are denied 3 minutes to comment. (Note the comments which follow are part of the reason I am against Item 5)

As an example on today's Dec 3 CONSENT CALENDAR the Mayor is pushing **ITEM 14, the Neighborhood Governance Council via the Govt Affairs Committee, WHICH I KAREN DORIS**

WRIGHT AM STRONGLY AGAINST underwhich the GOVERNMENT of Riverside would RESTRICT citizens comments, and the GOVERNMENT would determine what groups could be recognized. This limitation of scope and demands that meeting results be reported to GOVERNMENT is chilling in its effect on public comment as many fear retribution and two or more have told me they feel they have retributed against for their comments on actions or inactions of Riverside Government that have hurt Riverside Citizens.

The recognition of Mayor Loveridge should have been limited to recognizing his years of service. The laudatory words are over the top and do NOT characterize the Mayor's actions as I or other informed citizens may characterize him, and give him credit when he has HURT RIVERSIDE CITIZENS and DEMOCRACY in the CITY OR RIVERSIDE and has taken away RIVERSIDE CITIZENS RIGHTS TO HAVE A SAY in the democratic rights in Riverside. If there is an award for hurting the citizens of a City then Mayor Loveridge is deserving of that award as he has hurt citizens by denying them their democratic rights, trying to stop citizens from speaking, not doing his duty to see that citizens housing is built away from sources of particulate matter but despite being the voice for air quality in Riverside letting housing for low and moderate income folks be built or rehabbed directly adjacent to the freeway in the AUTUMN HOUSING wherein the extremely low income were tossed out prior to rehabbing those apartments for low and moderate income families that will be hurt by breathing in deadly particulate matter only tens of feet from the freeway and not the 1,500 foot distance away that is recommended to be beyond where particulate matter travels. Particulate matter gets into and STAYS in your lungs.

MAYOR took many steps and advocated to reduce Citizens opportunities to give public comment by moving public comment back to later in the meetings, by packing the CONSENT Calendar with most items on the agenda, and by denying citizens the right to have items pulled off the consent calendar for discussion, also placement of announcement of Council Committee meetings on the CONSENT CALENDAR wherein the meetings ARE NOT VERBALLY announced; The Council DOES NOT READ OFF the items being passed on the consent Calendar so the public watching from home has NO IDEA what is being passed.

NOTE: The City of Riverside did NOT ask that the Name and Email be required on the Ecomment feature, those features were put on by the vendor

The Mayor personally called for the change moving public comments back to what is essentially the end of the meeting, and when told that that meant that many who use public transit could not attend to give their comments he did not care, did not take action to change it back to the beginning of the meetings.

We pay him to do a JOB ACT AS MAYOR yet for MANY meetings in the past years he has been absent, apparently he thinks it is ok to have a Mayor Pro Temp, who we must pay more for doing that job while at the same time paying the Mayor's salary.

When one woman missed her last bus, tryign to give public comment, but left to catch the last bus without giving public comment, and was followed by men in a car, I told the Mayor and he did not care, expressed no concern, and left the public comment at the end of the meeting.

He did for one wheelchair bound women with a speech impediment, let her speak prior to public comments AFTER I went up and notified the staff. This was done on perhaps two occasions, but this is

the exception not the rule.

The Mayor often calls out names of people who wanted to give public comment but were asked to leave.

IRONICALLY on today's Council agenda ITEM 14 is on the CONSENT CALENDAR where CITIZENS ARE DENIED A SAY as to whether a Neighborhood Governance Council Policy should be approved. I understand two or more citizens spoke out strongly AGAINST this policy to the Mayor and/or at the Govt Affairs Committee, but it is the practice and pattern of Riverside City Council to vote by rote in approving such items and denying citizens a say. This item is particularly bad as it is designed to SHUT OFF citizens comments, and to deny citizens the right to comment on City wide issues that should be addressed by all citizens and also to deny citizens the right to comment on matters in another part of the City wherein they may be interested and knowledgeable.

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Riverside, California, recognizing and honoring Ronald O. Loveridge for 33 years as an elected officer for the City of Riverside - Waive further reading (All Wards)

IT OCCURS TO ME that this is undemocratic or seems to be as there was NO VOTE BY CITIZENS OF RIVERSIDE on MAYOR LOVERIDGES performances. Apparently the vote of a Council that votes by rote or whoever put this on the agenda can simply decide that one deserves and award.

OH YES Mayor Loveridge is receiving and Honoring and Recognizing Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge which includes language such as "WHEREAS, the City of Riverside recognizes this historic milestone for one of its **most distinguished and revered public servants** through this proclamation through his **service, enlightened leadership and vision . . . 1979 through 1994 served on the Downtown Association and the City's Environmental Protection Committee shared governance . . . is a role model for locally elected public servants through his personal integrity, decency, commitment to advancing the City of Riverside and its residents.**

I am **CHOKING** on the **ABOVE WORDS** as he, despite his role on air quality boards **DID NOTHING** To prevent housing being continuously built in deadly particulate matter zones and did nothing to establish protocols or criteria to stop building housing or mitigate issues in these zones

Intentionally took actions to deny citizens a say at City Council including moving public comments to later in the meetings, and I believe had a hand in reducing public comments from 5 to three minutes, and also placing essential most or all items on the CONSENT CALENDAR where citizens are denying a say during oral public comments which in my opinion, to a large or great extent CHANGED RIVERSIDE into a DICTATORSHIP wherein Citizens were effectively denied a say.

Against ITEM 15 another Mayor Loveridge item put on by the Development Committee recommending a Downtown Housing Strategy goal of creating up to 5,000 new and/or refurbished units by 2025 Wards 1 and Ward 2. We should have NO HOUSING in FAIRMONT PARKS 17.59 acres and we should spend no money on studies for housing during our FISCAL ECONOMIC CRISIS, and the Eastside DOES NOT WANT, to my understanding housing in Ward 2 in and around the Metrolink station.

Furthermore this mentioned funding strategies for housing and other and WE NEED NO MORE borrowing of other funding strategies that add any debt to the burden already upon the City of Riverside.

Also we do not need incentives etc for buildings, if it financially makes sense then the builders will build it.

Riverside currently has a glut of housing that will take years to get rid of and we do not need add housing of the type this item mentions.

Where housing was needed is for EXTREMELY LOW INCOME and the City has WIPED OUT I believe quite a bit of the extremely low income housing, offering those to

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