

# A Resolution of The Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council January 2024



**Regarding Neighborhood Plans** <<https://my.spokanecity.org/business/planning/neighborhood/>>

Whereas the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood consists of about sixteen-thousand (16,000) residents; seven-thousand four hundred forty eight (7,448) households with five hundred new apartments and thirteen sixplexes that are currently being constructed and/or occupied;

Whereas 72% of Shiloh Hills residents are renters and the average income of the Shiloh Hills residents is 76.8% of the average income of The City of Spokane with 47.5% of the residents earning less than \$35,000 per year;

Whereas 65.5% of Shiloh Hills Neighborhood's children qualify for free or reduced lunches;

Whereas in 2001, The City of Spokane adopted its first Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act. This followed several years of community outreach and planning in a process called "Spokane Horizons." The citizen involvement throughout the city that shaped this plan was impressive. In 2007, the City Council allocated \$550,000 for another opportunity to initiate neighborhood planning. The funds were divided equally so each neighborhood received approximately \$21,000. Two neighborhoods split in 2015 and 2016, and additional funds were allocated for each new neighborhood. This brings the current total to 29 neighborhood councils;

Whereas on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the City Council adopted Resolution 2011-0100 accepting the Community Assembly Neighborhood Planning Action Committee's (CA-NPAC's) recommendations for improvements to the neighborhood planning process. The neighborhood planning process was designed as a way for neighborhoods to identify their issues and solutions, and then neighborhoods could use their remaining funds to focus on planning for a specific Neighborhood Plan or project;

Whereas Shiloh Hills Neighborhood has had seven (7) annexations (1954, 1965, 1967, 1980, 1985, 1994 and 2008) from Spokane County and is currently lacking the amenities described in The City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan Chapter 11 '*Neighborhoods*' including adequate park services, individual character and identity, a variety of compatible community services, adequate neighborhood schools, a community center, a safe neighborhood with safe streets, public services, cultural, social, and recreational opportunities in order to sustain and enhance the vitality, diversity, and quality of life within the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood (Comprehensive Plan Chapter 11: N 2.1);

Whereas Shiloh Hills Neighborhood does not have any City public facilities except for Fire Station 18;

Whereas the primary and secondary school children of the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood must attend nine (9) public schools in the Spokane School District (81) and the Mead School District (354), eight of which are outside the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood, disrupting the community harmony of our neighborhood's children with their friends;

Whereas the North Spokane Corridor, when opened, likely will unfavorably impact many of Shiloh Hills Neighborhood's six hundred fifty (650) businesses which are a significant employment and tax resource to our City;

Whereas the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood is surrounded on three sides by the Spokane County's Urban Growth Area and those adjacent areas may be annexed in the future, haphazardly without an adequate plan, affecting our Shiloh Hills Neighborhood's residents' quality of life as prescribed in The City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan and mandated in RCW Chapter 36.70A observing §020(11) and §020(12);

Whereas the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council's representatives have requested a Neighborhood Plan on numerous occasions, in person and in writing, beginning in 2018 and including this current resolution to our Mayor, City Council and the Spokane City Planning Department;

Whereas the four neighborhoods without a Neighborhood Plan have lower community participation, meeting attendance, and/or are less successful in addressing their neighborhood's challenges as are those neighborhoods who have completed their Neighborhood Plan;

Whereas The City of Spokane has authorized funding for a Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Plan; and

Whereas The City of Spokane has begun the Comprehensive Plan Update for completion in 2026 and the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood is not in conformance with the existing Comprehensive Plan's visions, values, policies or goals adopted by our elected officials; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council requests that The City of Spokane fulfill the City Council's Resolution 2011-0100 and complete a Neighborhood Plan for the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood this calendar year of 2024.

By the authority of the voting members of the Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council on January eighteenth two thousand twenty four;

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cliff Winger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clifford Winger, Chair  
Shiloh Hills Neighborhood Council  
Spokane Washington