

Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council Wednesday, June 13th, 2013

The Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council held its June meeting at the Corbin Senior Center. Chairman E. J. Ianelli was a late arrival, forcing Megan Kennedy to almost officiate her first meeting as a person of authority. But like the Lone Ranger, E.J. arrived just in time aboard his mighty two wheeled steed and brought a quorum along with him.

Introductions were the first order of business followed by the approval of the really excellent minutes from May that Stan transcribed from the excellent notes of Melissa Parker.

Jackie Caro from Neighborhood Services gave a talk about the sidewalks that were going to be repaired and the traffic calming projects that have been proposed for our neighborhood.

Tim Burns from the Office of the Police Ombudsman spoke briefly about the Annual Report his office was releasing concerning S.P.D. over the last year, which is why he titled it "the Annual Report". All the juicy details are available on-line at www.spdombudsman.org.

Some of the high points of the report: The department currently has 261 officers on the payroll. At its peak, S.P.D. had almost 300 officers.

Among the recommendations the report makes are for Body Cameras, more In-Car Cameras, more training, and return Resource Officers to the schools.

Fran Papenleur from the N.W. Neighborhood Council and a member of the Community Assembly talked briefly about things going on in their neighborhood like the Concert under the Pines in Audubon Park.

Next, E.J. announced the North Monroe revitalization has lost a lot of its vitality and is essentially canceled this year. Only \$60,000.00 was allocated for the project which will pay for two coins to rub together.

Michael McKay announced he has amassed a large library of books on Community Building. Contact Michael if you would like to build a community.

Megan Kennedy is now in charge of Neighborhood Planning. Her number one goal is building membership. They are meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm at Chairs Coffee House.

The Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market is set to begin July 19th at Knox Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed as well as customers. (Since you are reading this waaaaay past July 19th, I will just say that it has been going very well all summer, thank you and why haven't you stopped by?!)

Corbin Senior Center had double doors installed in the storeroom, thanks to a donation from Rotary 21. A Nepalese Lunch was planned for June 21st with a Power Point presentation on Bhutan. You've missed that one but the Munch and Mingle is coming September 21st and they are begging for donations.

I saw Laura standing on the corner at Dick's Drive-In the other day with a sign that said, "Munch and Mingle – Begging for Donations"

The E-G Community Garden has 18 members and everything is growing strong.

Eline Helm is helming the Emerson Park Concert set for Sunday, July 28th. (Now that this is also in the history books, I will say it was a great time with a fabulous band and excellent attendance. Good Job at the Helm, Eline!)

Lt. Dean Sprague talked about the usual crime stuff we have come to know and love. Emerson-Garfield was designated a Crime Hot Spot which meant that the department put special emphasis on E-G. With that emphasis, the crime cooled a bit. But just a bit.

E.J. presented a report to the City Council at their Town Hall Meeting. He didn't embarrass us at all.

New Horse Shoe Pits are in at Corbin Park and the clanking of Horse Shoes has been going on for weeks now. The new play equipment for Emerson is poised for installation. *Hup!* That's the sound of me holding my breath.

With that, the meeting was shut down at 9:04PM with the announcement that there was no meeting in July and the Potluck picnic was set for Corbin Park on August 14th.

Stan Burke
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