



Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, August 13th, 2014

Prior to the meeting, during the barbeque, some neighbors brainstormed with Joe Cannon, a restoration ecologist from the Lands Council, about what trees would be ideal to plant throughout the neighborhood as part of the Greening Neighborhoods Grants.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, and a quorum of 18 voting members was present, along with 10 guests who had participated in the potluck. The June minutes were approved without any changes. There were no additions or changes to the agenda, and there were no guest speakers.

Greening Neighborhood Grants was discussed first. There are three projects in the works, each of which is a volunteer project, and includes the east side of Mansfield near Washington, Cora east of Monroe, and a continuation of the previous planting project on Maple.

A draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Project Hope Spokane and the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council was presented in order to identify the roles and responsibilities of each party regarding the Farmers' Market. In summary, all they are proposing is having more kids involved. It was requested that the EGNC be prepared to vote on the MoU at the next meeting. The market saw \$3,200 in total sales on August 8, and there is now a permanent street sign on Monroe.

Safe Routes to School is looking for interviewers for Garfield and Audubon Elementary who will help determine priorities for things like sidewalks and crosswalks. The deadline is the end of August.

The traffic circles on Montgomery and Madison and Montgomery and Cedar are out to bid, and they will be installed by the end of autumn. The funding is done with Photo Red dollars, not tax dollars. Emerson-Garfield will also get sidewalks on Adams and Madison, filling in gaps.

For Corbin Senior Activity Center, there is still no arrival date for the van that they ordered in the spring, and they are hoping for September. Corbin's biggest fundraiser, the annual auction, will be held at the center on September 27th and is called "Athenian Nights." They would appreciate donations and attendance, as the fundraiser helps keep their doors open, so *please* donate. A membership, costing \$24, can also entitle you to the use of their facilities and discounts to some businesses on Monroe.

Corbin also installed cameras throughout the building in order to improve safety and discourage vandalism. The money for the cameras came from a donation by a former board member. There is still a separate cost for the installation.

If you are interested in being a board member for the CSAC, a three year term will be starting in January, 2015, and you can get more information by calling Christa at 509-327-1584 x10.

Megan Kennedy led a toast (of sparkling cider) in celebration of the Neighborhood Plan, which is now complete. The City Council unanimously adopted the plan by resolution on July 28th.

Eline Helm reported on Concerts in the Park. Sarah Brown and her husband did a wonderful job. There were approximately 100 people in attendance, and \$55 in donation was gathered in the collection during the event. Donors from the previous year gave larger amounts this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.