**Emerson-Garfield Planning Issues/Solutions Workshop**

**Timing**: Saturday, October 20 or 27 from 9:30am to 3pm.

**Rolling welcome [30 minutes]**: A table with neighborhood greeters, presenting the "young face of Emerson-Garfield." They will provide assistance and the usual nametags, literature, and sign-in sheets.

Once guests arrive, they will be able to wander around a small foyer area that has large placards with informative "Did you know?"-type factoids. For example: "Emerson-Garfield is 40% rentals." Or: "E-G has a walkability score of 73/100, making it #3 in Spokane neighborhoods." These will highlight the crime rate, walkability, transportation, business vacancies, household income, and recent park improvements.

**Introduction [15 minutes]**: Facilator (Gregg), Planning manager (E.J.), EGNC chair (Liorah), and city planning rep (Tirrell).

**Brainstorm on issues and solutions [20 minutes]**: Gregg will facilitate. Ask group to contribute thoughts about the neighborhood in general: e.g., identity, major problems, history. Facilitator will write down suggestions on large paper or board.

**Coffee break [15 minutes]**

**Issues breakout session [about 60 minutes]**: Six neighborhood volunteers (stakeholders, members, or staff) will be stationed at topic tables to write down issues, problems, or concerns related to each topic. Each table volunteer will briefly describe their topic areas. Tables will be open to discussion of the following categories:

* **Physical:** Streets and sidewalks, trees, housing, buildings, walkability
* **Social:** Crime, social services, community, block watches, events
* **Economic:** Business districts, sponsorships, EGNC financial structure, networking, jobs, trade
* **Communications:** Identity, website, mailings, outreach activities, e-mail, blogs, phone trees, contact information storage and access
* **Environmental:** Parks, community gardens, neighborhood cleanup
* **Political:** Representation, Community Assembly, City Council, annual reports, politicians and public forums

Attendees will sit at each station long enough to voice their views, then move to the next one. Volunteers at the table will write down the thread of conversation and suggestions.

**Break for lunch [about 60 minutes]**: If attendees are able and willing, this will consist of a walk through the neighborhood to Women & Children's Free Restaurant. During that time, participants will converse and ideally take note of highlights or deficiencies for reference during the afternoon session.

**Solutions breakout session [about 60 minutes]**: Facilitator (Gregg) to introduce solutions concept – beneficial outcomes of identifying problems is finding real solutions. Go through the same tables and discuss ways to solve problems identified during the previous pre-lunch session.

**Coffee break [15 minutes]**: During this time, the table heads will compile and sift through the info from their stations as best they can.

**Report out [20 minutes]**:Table volunteers and interested attendees will be asked to briefly share solutions with the group. Facilitator to help coordinate report outs. (This may take longer then meeting time allows, so the table volunteers will follow-up by emailing list to group.)

**Priority discussion [10 minutes]**: Based on the issues and solutions exercises, brainstorm on the top priorities for the planning funds allocated to our neighborhood.

**Closing comments [5-10 minutes]**: Planning manager (E.J.) to discuss action items and next steps for our process. Next meeting date, discussion about planning focus decision, further involvement, and so on.