



Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. with 30 voting members present, including 1 new member. The roster also recorded 6 guests. The February, 2016 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Bobby Williams (bwilliams@spokanefire.org), a representative from the Spokane Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, presented information on the ballot question regarding renewal of the levy at the same rate as was approved in 2010. The levy would require a simple majority of 51%. Average response time is 5 minutes, 10 seconds. If levy is not successful, 70-90% of personnel would be let go. The levy goes before the voters every 6 years. Ballots will be in the mail between April 6th and 8th.

Ray White presented information regarding care for the aging. Community Living Connections is a program to help care for the aging and disabled. A call center (509-960-7281) is provided to help people that call in with needs and concerns. Also provided is Options Counseling. A counselor will go out and meet with people that need help solving certain problems.

Ben Cabildo (benc@community-minded.org), from Community-Minded Enterprises, located at 25 W. Main, presented information regarding new neighborhood-oriented TV programs. They have a studio that citizens can access to get information out through Comcast channel 14. Also, they have an open mic program where citizens can speak about concerns and issues. This is available every 2nd and 3rd Thursday. The services are available for non-profits and small business. An individual is charged only \$75.00 per year to use equipment, and non-profits are charged \$350.00 per year.

City Councilwoman [Candace Mumm](#) shared information regarding gender equality hiring in the City. She is working on a report regarding this issue. Spokane City is in the process of looking for a new Chief of Police and an investigation is taking place within the Police Department. She shared information on the expansion of the [Drumheller Springs Conservation Area](#).

Only one Traffic Calming application has been turned in by today's deadline. Melia Woods reported on the site at [Atlantic, Euclid, and Cora](#). She is hoping for any intervention that would help traffic to slow down, as there are many children in this area. The council approved this application.

The Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market needed the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding to use the parking lot at [Mitch Silver](#)'s property for the Farmers' Market. This property is located at Monroe and Knox. This was approved with only one abstention. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Michael McKay will sign the MOU. If you have further questions concerning the use of the new location for the Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market, contact Michael McKay at [\(509\) 218-5525](tel:5092185525) or Michael33HVAC@gmail.com.

The EGNC elections will be held during the April meeting. Candidates are needed for all three positions. Neighborhood budget applications are due April 30. Neighborhoods can apply as many times as they want. We will put in an application for the Farmers Market.

Karl Boldt reported regarding the 2016 Spring Clean-up in our neighborhood. He shared a couple of hiccups in the program. First, he will not be available to be in charge this spring due to health issues. He needs help. Second, there are policy changes in the Department of Corrections, and we need their help. These issues need to be resolved by April 1st. A backup plan is to give out massive amounts of dump passes at the Farmers Market and to have a large appliance and furniture curbside pickup which would happen around the 22nd of June. Karl can take care of the logistics, but cannot attend the actual event. He needs some strong, young men to help throw trash in the dumpsters. It was suggested to put out our need on [Volunteer Spokane](#). Karl will ask Stan Burke if he could be in charge at the Clean-up day. If he is unable, E.J. Iannelli volunteered to fill in.

Laura Schlangen reported on the [Corbin Senior Activity Center](#). The 12th Movin' & Groovin' Fair was a great success. Day tours are well attended, and the Alaska Cruise is filled up. The next big event is Tea in the Afternoon on April 29, with advance tickets selling for \$15.

Tim Musser reported on the [Community Assembly](#) and the application schedule for [Community Development Block Grants \(CDBG\)](#). Each neighborhood needs to list what improvements need to be made via an application process.

Barb Biles reported from the [Land Use Committee](#). There are some issues in Indian Trail regarding the zoning change in this area. Residential 2-family zoning has a possibility of being changed.

Carlie Hoffman reported on a discussion at the [Pedestrian Traffic and Transportation \(PeTT\) Committee](#) regarding the repairing of roads.

The Rental Housing Stakeholders Group is looking for renters to be represented on this committee.

The [West Quadrant Tax Increment Financing](#) (WQ TIF) Committee had nothing to report.

A representative from Parking Services will be speaking at the May meeting.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.