



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Agenda for May 11, 2016 at Corbin Senior Center

- Call to order — meeting begins at **6pm** with meeting to follow
- Quorum verification
- Approval of April minutes
- Additions or changes to agenda

Guest Speakers

- Kate Burke, Spokane Edible Tree Project
- David Steele, City of Spokane Parking Services RE: Downtown parking

Action Items

- Citywide Sidewalk Repair and Gap Program (APPENDIX A)

Discussion Items

- Solid Waste Collection representative needed to help in study of pickup routes
- Infill housing focus group?
- E-G Farmers' Market
- Spring Clean-Up
- Traffic calming project on Northwest Blvd at Adams/Knox (APPENDIX B)

Reports

- Building Stronger Neighborhoods (E.J. Iannelli)
- Corbin Senior Center (Laura Schlangen)
- Community Assembly (Jay Cousins)
- CA Community Development (Tim Musser)
- Land Use Committee (Barb Biles)
- Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation (PeTT) Committee (Carlie Hoffman)
- Rental Housing Stakeholders Group (*rep needed*)
- West Quadrant TIF (Megan Kennedy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The neighborhood council next meets on **Wednesday, June 8.**

APPENDIX A

Date: April 7, 2016

To: Neighborhood Council Leadership Community Assembly Representatives CA Committee Chairs

From: Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation Committee (PeTT)

Request: Neighborhood Council Poll Subject: Citywide Sidewalk Repair and Gap Program Support? Yes / No / Challenges?

Based on an extensive discussion at its March meeting among PeTT members and members of the city council, this is a request by the PeTT Committee, endorsed by the Community Assembly this date, to put a question to the neighborhood councils in order to inform the continuing dialogue at PeTT's meeting on May 24th, and to shape a subsequent report to the Community Assembly on June 2nd on this topic.

That question is:

Should the city council and the mayor's administration commit time and resources in an attempt to develop a comprehensive sidewalk program to assure that sidewalks over the entire city are repaired according to deficiencies in their condition, and that sidewalk gaps are filled in -- for example, walking routes to transit stops and key locations within pedestrian priority areas documented by the city's recently adopted pedestrian plan -- all with the understanding that such a program would require additional fees or taxes for property owners.

Feedback on this idea will be taken up at PeTT's meeting on May 24 in the West Central Community Center, 6 PM.

The conversation at PeTT in May will depend on neighborhood council advice provided from neighborhood council meetings in April and May.

So, neighborhood council leaders and CA representatives: Make sure PeTT hears your neighborhood council's opinions and insights. Thumbs up? Thumbs down? Conditions? Provisos? Please report the level of support for continuing an investigation into the opportunities and challenges of a city-wide sidewalk repair and infill program. And, please itemize the concerns and critical provisions your neighborhood council feels such a program would need to address.

Individual neighborhood council reports should be sent by e-mail with a subject line of "All-City Sidewalks" to Heather Trautman at ONS and Paul Kropp, PeTT chair. htrautman@spokanecity.org
pkropp@fastmail.fm

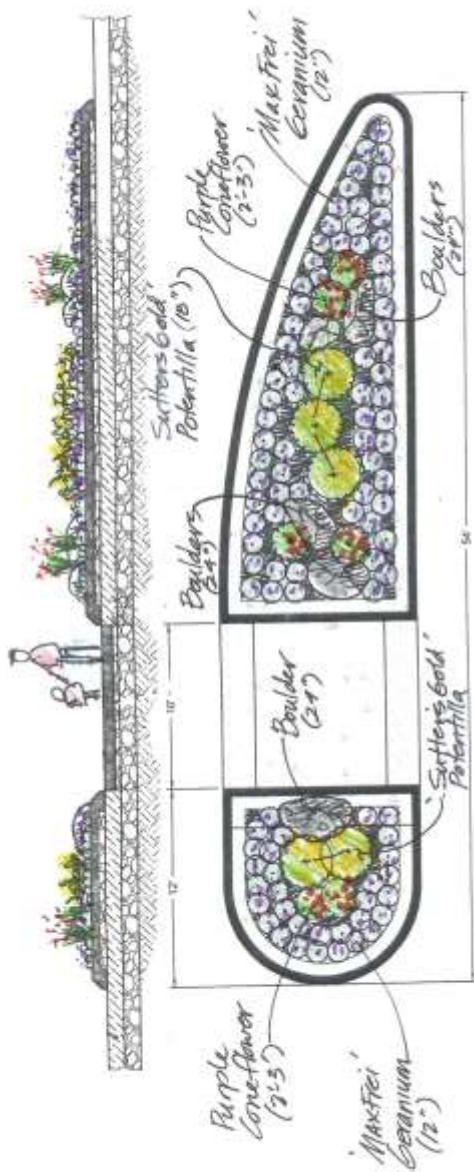
PeTT chair comments:

- (1) This idea is not meant as a substitute for, or a delay of, the ongoing effort to provide a mechanism using discretionary city resources to support property owners with limited means to repair their sidewalks when subject to a code violation.
- (2) In general a citywide program would recognize the shared responsibility of property owners and the city itself for safe sidewalks and equity in pedestrian mobility.
- (3) As in previous citywide street improvement projects, such a program would involve in all likelihood a limited term of years and a citizen advisory body to establish priorities and determine the annual sequence of repairs and infill.

APPENDIX B

City staff is in the process of designing one of the traffic calming projects in the neighborhood on Northwest Blvd. at Adams/Knox slated for construction this summer. Below is a rendering of the proposed landscaping and plantings. Please let Tim or Carlie know if you have any comments regarding the landscaping. The City is hoping to finalize the plans in the next few weeks so please respond ASAP if you have any questions or comments.

Note, the shape of the island at the eastern end will be revised to match the layout shown on the second image however the plant selection will be the same with the quantity and layout adjusted slightly to match the revised layout.



Purple Coneflower



Sutter's Gold Potentilla



Max Frei Geranium

