

**EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 8th, 2017**

The February meeting of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council was held in half the usual space at the Corbin Senior Center, as the other half of the conference room was a nest for the future elevator. After introductions at six, the meeting began with four guests and a quorum of 18 voting members, including a new member, Taylor Phillips. The January minutes were approved somewhat out of order, at half past six.

Candace Mumm was the first to speak, and shared a survival tale regarding the road conditions today. Approximately 300 people showed up at the North Monroe Business Corridor meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church at the end of January, and a lot of questions were answered. Jay Cousins added a history lesson from his 40-year experience that the naysayers have a set pattern of not being involved in the early stages, but add their negative opinions at the last minute. Candace Mumm invited the attendees to sign up for speaking for three minutes at City Hall.

There will be a pilot project (which has bipartisan support) with the Department of Corrections for supervising auto felons after their release from the State Prison. The project will be tested for two years in Spokane.

Representatives of the Know Monroe website talked about a draft of Frequently Asked Questions. The conversation digressed toward war-stories involving the project.

We can identify some potential locations for traffic calming by requesting information from Katie Meyers. The traffic calming website has a heat-map representing the current traffic patterns. We will vote on traffic calming applications on March 8th. If we connect to Safe Routes for Schools, that will increase the chances of an application's success. Near the end of the meeting, some possible routes that could use traffic calming were discussed again. The speed limit surrounding parks, especially Corbin Park, was discussed, and it was agreed that signage would be appropriate to post.

The Parks Department has started the bid process for the walkway at Emerson Park, and planning has also begun for storm water swales for Glass Hill (the hill on North Monroe).

Taylor Phillips reported on how \$20,000 from Community Assembly will be allocated to neighborhoods in small increments (\$200 to \$500) and by application.

E.J. Iannelli discussed an advertising campaign to inform the public about how to get involved in neighborhood councils. This campaign was brought up at Community Assembly on behalf of Building Stronger Neighborhoods.

March 20<sup>th</sup> is a tentative training about how to use Facebook for public relations.

Jeff Edwards talked about the anticipated date of completion (March) for the elevator at Corbin Senior Activities Center. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was approved, and some of the development will include a security camera system and a handicapped entrance. A board member had to step down, so a position on the fifteen-member board has opened up.

The CDBG application window will be from April to June. Funds that were voted on will not be received for another eighteen (18) months, such as the library project at the West Central Community Center that Emerson-Garfield voted on.

Jay Cousins reported that this Saturday, the Community Assembly (CA) will be having a retreat for setting the goals for the committees. Districts (a grouping of multiple neighborhoods, as represented at City Council) will be discussed, in order to focus City of Spokane resources on Districts.

The CA bought a sound system that can be used (by neighborhoods) for events. Part of the CA's main mission is to help neighborhoods interface with the City.

Taylor Phillips and Barb Biles spoke on the Land Use Committee. They are not looking to do any zoning changes, but talked about some plans which would not immediately affect us.

It was officially clarified that Monroe is an Arterial, while Maple and Ash are Corridors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.