

**EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 8th, 2017

March: the month that holds the promise of spring. **March:** the month that is synonymous with Madness. **March:** the month that comes in like a lion, and then this year, goes out like an angry, much wetter lion.

March: the month that conveniently was the setting for the March meeting of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council. A quorum was quickly established as we were overrun with 29 voting members. Introductions were made and the February minutes were approved.

The meeting got underway with a presentation from Alicia and Katie from Neighborhood Services. They were talking about Cleaning from the Core, which will take place Saturday, April 29th starting at 8AM and meeting at the Extended Learning Center on Monroe. If I was a better secretary, I would take the time to look up the address and put it here. Let's just pretend I did.

The boundary this year they will be concentrating on is Montgomery on the South to Cleaveland on the North, and Adams to Post, east and west.

Secretary's Note: My very messy yard is one block outside of the perimeter. What happened to all the sweetheart deals I was supposed to get in this job?!

There are projects going on around the Corbin Senior Center as well as anyone within the boundaries who asks for help. For more information, go to www.volunteerspokane.org.

The next speaker was David Condon. For more information on him, see spokanemayor.org.

There was a brief video to watch up front but due to technical issues, the Mayor started the show while the Audio/Visual Club was called to intervene.

The Mayor talked about the State of the City. With a colorful handout to follow along, Mr. Condon talked about his goal for a safer, stronger and smarter Spokane. Well, two out of three ain't bad. Oops! That's editorial content. Please disregard.

Once the mayor completed his talk and opened the floor to questions, a good portion of the discussion dealt with snow removal and pot holes.

As one might expect, the Mayor consumed a great deal of time and so the rest of the meeting moved along quite rapidly.

We learned from City Councilwoman Candace Mumm's Legislative Assistant, Kandace Watkins that it was not a requirement of the Councilwomans staff to have the same first name, but it helps. Also, she talked about a couple items coming up on the Council agenda. One was a resolution dealing with snow plows. Another issue they will be dealing with is property crimes. They are working on ways to prevent repeat offenders. Kandace asked the Police Officer who was at the meeting to talk a little about the program. Unfortunately, nobody got his name.

However, he seemed very knowledgeable and we all believed he was a real cop.

Election of Council Officers will be in April. If you want an exciting, low paying...I mean non-paying job in the lowest levels of government with the possibility of lots of sweetheart deals, consider a leadership position with the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Committee. There is need of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and an Secretary.

Co-Chair Carlie Hoffman spoke briefly about a Traffic Calming proposal she wrote in conjunction with the North Hill Council for a crosswalk of some type in the area of Post and Cora. The council voted to submit that proposal.

Another proposal was for some kind of signage around Corbin Park to indicate it's a park and the speed is lower.

Finally, we got a plea from the Director of the Montessori school located in the old Havermale building on Knox and Cedar for help getting some crosswalks in the area.

Again the council passed a motion to accept these two other Traffic Calming Proposals.

The unnamed policeman in the room turned out to be Officer King and he spoke briefly about Proposition One, which is a proposal to continue funding Emergency Communications.

It would not be a proper meeting without an announcement from E.J. Iannelli concerning the Farmers Market and his plea for volunteers.

Tim Musser has offered to remain our rep for the Community District 3 Stake Holder position.

The March Madness was concluded at 7:37PM.