



## Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, May 10, 2017*

The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. with 23 voting members present. The roster also recorded 5 guests. The April 12, 2017 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Lindsey Ruivivar and Siobhan Danahey from [CHAS Health](#) and [Providence Health & Services](#) spoke about dental access. Providence and CHAS are working together to establish a dental residency program. They will have a clinic on the Sacred Heart Campus. A goal is to reduce the number of emergency room visits for dental care. They are at capacity at CHAS dental clinics. This is an opportunity to build the largest CHAS dental clinic in the system. CHAS is requesting funding from the City of Spokane and from Community Development Block Grant funds for capital expenses. Total request is for \$240,000. The total capital cost is \$5 million, and they will be seeking other forms of funding to fund the entire cost.

Judith Gilmore spoke about the [Inland Northwest Associated General Contractors](#) program, Headstart to the Construction Trades. The program teaches apprentices about the construction industry in classroom and hands-on training at job sites. Recently the program was expanded so they can do six 6-week classes of 15 students this year. The first class was taught at Pure Vida. Students learn life skills as well as the construction trade. She spoke about the accomplishments of the program, success stories of students, and future plans for the program. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming an apprentice, contact Judith Gilmore at [judithg721@comcast.net](mailto:judithg721@comcast.net) or 319-4143 and mention you heard about the program from Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council.

A representative from [Knox Presbyterian Church \(806 W Knox\)](#) spoke about the 100 year celebration of the building. They are working on getting historic preservation status for the building. A celebration will occur in November. There will be music, and the entire community is invited to attend. It will be a celebration of all the good things happening in this part of the city.

Emerson-Garfield currently does not have a representative to serve on the CA Public Safety committee, and one is needed. This person would help make decisions related to public safety. They are currently working on a campaign to discourage hate-based graffiti. They also work on anti-crime campaigns. Jay Cousins weighed in on some of the other tasks that the position is responsible for. This committee often works with code enforcement. Mella Harmon graciously volunteered!

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding information was distributed. The City anticipates that Emerson-Garfield will receive \$40,000 this year. The application is due June 30 and the allocation will be voted on at the June meeting. EJ Iannelli attended the CDGB workshop. George Dahl from the

City recommends we allocate more money to less projects rather than less money to more projects. Each allocation from the neighborhood must be at least \$10,000. More information on each organization requesting funding can be found on the [city's website](#). We can also choose to allocate funding to a project of our choice; we are not restricted to the project menu. If more funding is given to a project than needed, the money will come back to the neighborhood to be reallocated to another project.

Karl Boldt presented information about the annual clean up on May 20 at [Faith Bible Church \(600 W Cora\)](#). Postcards were supposed to go out this week announcing the date to all Emerson-Garfield residents, but they were delayed. Hopefully they will be arriving to homes soon. Volunteers are requested who can direct traffic and help lift rubbish. Dump passes will be available at the [Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market](#). If you know someone who needs help removing trash from their homes, contact Karl at 325-3031. Faith Bible Church is the main sponsor. Those completing community service will also be helping.

Tim Diko will be helping Brianna Musser with Concerts in the Park this year. The Parks Department will be waiving the reservation fee but may not be able to waive the insurance fee. The concert will be in the beginning of August.

The council has not heard from the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery about the status of their application for the Normandie Complex land. Jay Cousins and Karl Boldt sent a letter to the city council members stating the neighborhood's desire to have a voice in the decision of what becomes of the property.

Budget Committee – Taylor Phillips: Our budget was approved for the Community Engagement Grant.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods – EJ Iannelli: Working on a brochure training.

Farmers' Market – EJ Iannelli: Opening date is June 9. [Spokane Public Montessori](#) will have their Bike Fest at the market. They will be showing how to load and unload bikes from city buses. On June 23, the [North Monroe Business District](#) will have an event. Volunteers are needed to help staff the market. Market hours are from 3-7. The KERNEL program will be back for the first few weeks and hopefully will be funded for the whole season. The market was able to receive 501c3 status. Posters from local kids were submitted; a winner will be selected for marketing the market.

Corbin Senior Center – Laura Schlangen: Health Fair was a great success. There will be a spring tea on June 12. June 16 golf tournament – on track to have a corporate sponsor. Had a ribbon cutting for the new elevator.

Community Assembly (CA) – Jay Cousins: Council Member Breean Beggs presented on a proposal about funding sidewalk repair. Jay Cousins has resigned from the Community Assembly. Tom Powell will be the representative. A new alternate will be needed. The Community Assembly functions to help neighborhoods communicate with the City. Tim Musser proposes that we have an election next month to serve as the Community Assembly alternate and all agreed.

CA Community Development – Taylor Phillips: No meeting this month.

Land Use: Barb Biles was not present, but Taylor Phillips reported that the City is trying to gather more information about how the neighborhoods use land.

North Monroe Business District – Brianna Musser shared that the businesses will be joining us for the summer potluck. Each month the district has a meeting and an activity in the neighborhood.

Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation (PeTT) – Carlie Hoffman: The committee workshopped what a proposal for voters to fund sidewalks would look like.

Three traffic calming applications were submitted. Gene Brake spoke about his application for Corbin Park. The City allowed him to revise the application so that it contained more than just signage to also include marked crosswalks. The application for Cora and Post for traffic calming was approved. The application around Montessori School has not been approved yet. Signatures are required, and they are really close to getting all signatures required. Taylor Phillips has an address list if anyone can help with the final 2-3 signatures.

A neighbor spoke about some problems she has been having on her street. There is some sober living/transitional housing in the area, but there is a lack of oversight in the facilities. She would like neighbors to be aware of problems associated with these houses when they are not well-managed. Jay Cousins mentioned that this type of problem is exactly the type of issues the CA addresses.

The Historic Preservation Board is sponsoring a scavenger hunt around Corbin Park. Completing the hunt will enter you for a prize.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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