



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, October 11, 2017*

The meeting began at 6:03 p.m. with 18 voting members present. The roster also recorded 15 guests. The September 13, 2017 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Al Steuart agreed to write a summary of the Whitworth University students' neighborhood plan project to present at the November meeting.

Dan Jarms from [Faith Bible Church](#) spoke about the mission of Faith Bible Church and how that coincides with the neighborhood council's mission. They are looking to develop their property and seek neighborhood input on what that development might look like based on what would best serve the community. Currently 9 acres are not in use. Ideas include: walking trails connecting Emerson-Garfield and North Hill; partner with Avista to build a playground and picnic shelter; community center; dog walking park; community garden; native gardens on hillside. If you have any additional ideas for land development, email [info@emersongarfield.org](mailto:info@emersongarfield.org).

Karl Boldt announced that on Saturday, November 4 from 9-12 a clean green event will be happening at Faith Bible Church. Please bring only bagged yard waste. On the third Saturday in May, we will be holding our annual cleanup event at Faith Bible Church.

Jason Ruffing, [Office of Neighborhood Services](#) liaison, discussed snow removal and the city's new snow plan. The plan is an integrated approach based on survey results from citizens. Based on a seasonal approach (Nov 15 – Mar 15), parking will be restricted to the odd side of the street and will avoid plowing onto sidewalks and driveways. RVs and trailers will be towed during snow season to aid in snow removal. Downtown will have time restricted parking overnight. Community Connections will aid in sidewalk snow removal for those who are unable to shovel. If you have comments regarding plowing, send them to Jason at [jruffing@spokanecity.org](mailto:jruffing@spokanecity.org).

Karen Kearney from [Excelsior Youth Treatment Center](#) talked about the work that the organization does to strengthen families and aid youth. They have a range of programs with a 95% success rate. The LifePoint program provides a place to stay, help with education and employment, and life skills for youth who are aging out of foster care.

Council member Candace Mumm spoke about the city's budget, which is balanced with a little extra. They will be hiring about 10 police officers. The [Normandie Complex](#) property was listed for sale.

Budget Committee (Taylor Phillips): We were approved for \$500 printing money for community engagement. The council approved the motion that these funds will be used to create an updated trifold brochure.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (E.J. Iannelli): The Emerson-Garfield website was down temporarily but is now back up. We migrated to a new host. On October 16 at 6 pm, there will be a Community Assembly handbook training.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards): They had their most successful auction to date last week. This fall they will be replacing the carpet throughout the building and adding an external security system.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): There was a forum on sex offenders, and Kelly Cruz presented that 1500-2000 stage 3 sex offenders will be coming to Spokane over the next two years. If you would like to know where sex offenders live in Spokane, visit Taylor will reach out to Kelly Cruz to discuss this program more at a future meeting.

Farmers' Market (E.J. Iannelli): The farmers' market sales were up 20% this year with a broader customer base. Timothy is organizing a potluck for farmers' market volunteers.

Public Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): The committee is still working on FAQs and still working on the nuisance ordinance.

The [lawsuit](#) regarding the North Monroe Street Project was discussed. Council member Mumm indicated that the City will defend their ability to improve street safety.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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