

Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council Wednesday, February 13th, 2013

The exciting February episode of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council got under way at 7:06PM. Chair Liorah Wichser brought the meeting to order with introductions. It was established that a quorum was in the room, but just barely. The quorum was then chastised for not being in attendance last month, forcing this body to have to consider and approve two months of really well written minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the really well written minutes from December 2012 and January 2013. The motion was approved, putting a great deal of pressure on these minutes to be well written.

The meeting began with a presentation from Judge Tracy Staab of the Spokane Municipal Court. A professional power point slide show was presented detailing the many facets of the Court. The slide show is available on line at www.spokanemunicipalcourt.org. And then you can see what we saw, but without Judge Tracy Staab to narrate and answer questions.

A reminder to all that the Spring Clean Up is still tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, tentatively timed for 9-1, and tentatively located at Faith Bible Church, the same location we tentatively held it last year, and the year before that...and so on so forth.

The discussion then led to the creation of a logo for the neighborhood council. There is a competition going on to create a logo. Several entries have been made but more are welcome. (Mine was done in crayon on the back of a Denney's menu.) If you have a design idea, get it in because we will be voting on them in March.

The general consensus was that our logo should reflect the historic nature of our neighborhood, the residential feel that we exude, the small local businesses that we have, and it should have a marmot on it.

Liorah has a complete list of the pending mission statement as we try to become an official Non-Profit Organization. Anyone interested in entering a logo design can contact Liorah or any of the officers.

Jackie Caro from Neighborhood Services talked briefly about the traffic calming project we had approved on Montgomery Street between Monroe and Northwest Blvd. The engineers need more time to evaluate the project. So...here's a surprise, the project has been delayed. Anyone with more questions can contact Jackie at 625-6733.

Laura Schlangen gave the report for Corbin Senior Center. The Travel Fair was a great success with about 100 people attending. Corbin Luau took place on Feb. 15th so you've missed that. The Movin' and Groovin' Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th from 8 to 2. The Corbin Golf Tournament is set for June 21st at Indian Canyon. They are in search of Donors and Players. Corbin is halfway to a new van. When they complete this fund raiser, they will buy the other half of the van and slap them together. Finally, but most important for those who like to acquire stuff that other people don't want anymore, Corbin will be holding a Yard Sale on May 11th from 9AM to 2PM. Gather your stuff so that others may acquire it. If you provide your own table, the cost is \$10.00. It will cost \$20.00 if Corbin provides you a table. Food will be available for purchase as well.

Jay Cousins reported that the Planning Committee has a new meeting time. It is the First Thursday of every month at 6PM in the UpperNorth. The group is small and would love more attendees.

There will be a meeting for the review of the City's Comprehensive Plan at the Shadle Library from 5:30 to 7:30 on February 19th. The purpose is to update the plan.

A report from Community Assembly also fell to Jay who said the Assembly would really like to get the neighborhood minutes and attendance sheets a lot faster, which is why I'm typing this during my valuable weekend time when I should be watching the "Downton Abby" marathon.

Sara Kimball reported for CDNC. The new swing set at Corbin has been installed. New Horseshoe Pits are proposed to go in the area of the old swing set. There is going to be some tree pruning in Corbin Park and as many as five trees will be removed due to disease. Applications for repairing damaged sidewalks are being taken. Contact Sara (863-3376) with a problem sidewalk. She will inspect it herself and add it to her list if she so deems.

Finally, Kelly Cruz from West Central Community Center requested a Neighborhood Representative from our group to be on the Community Assembly's Land Use Committee. Tom Powell agreed to be that representative. They meet on the third Thursday of every month.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13:42 PM PST.