

EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by New Co-Chairs Carlie Hoffman and Tim Musser at 6PM. Introductions were made and it was determined that a quorum was present. When it came to approving the minutes of the April meeting, the last minutes written by out-going Secretary Bryce Morrison, a HUGE mistake was discovered. Last month's speaker for the Library was not Andy Chanse, but Caris O'Malley. The minutes were approved with the change. It looks like we got rid of Bryce just in time.

Speakers: Kate Burke with Spokane Edible Tree Project talked about how they search the city for fruit and nut trees that aren't being harvested and take on that task. The harvest is then donated to area food banks. They are currently mapping trees they can harvest. They have an event at the Saranac coming up on Thursday May 26th and you can contact them for more information at their website, www.spokaneedibletreeproject.org.

City Sidewalks: The city wants to know the opinions of the various neighborhood councils concerning a coordinated comprehensive sidewalk program responsible for sidewalk replacement and repairs. This would most likely involve an increase in fees and/or taxes. A discussion took place about how the group felt and the general consensus was it was a good idea, but people wanted a better idea of what the costs would be.

E.J. Iannelli reported on a grant he is working on to get money for the Farmer's Market and Concerts in the Park. In order to apply for the grant, he needed the blessing on the council. As a council, we broke out the holy water and said, "You Go! E.J.!"

Solid Waste Collection Study: Heather Schelling volunteered to be our representative in a study of garbage pickup routes.

Infill Housing Focus Groups: Barb Biles, who serves as our representative on the Land Use Committee reported that this group is looking for ways to increase density within the city rather than spreading out. They are looking for people to join the focus group. They would like responses by June 23rd to prepare for their first meeting on June 30th.

The Farmer's Market: E.J. reported the 2016 season starts June 10th. The new location is at the Early Learning Center on Monroe and Mansfield. Volunteers are desperately needed.

Spring Clean Up: Clean up Day is Saturday, May 21st from 9 to 12:30 at Faith Bible Church. Bring us your wretched refuse, yearning to go to the dump.

NW Blvd Traffic Calming Project: A crossing island is going in this summer where Adams/Knox crosses NW Blvd.

Reports:

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: E.J., totally dominating the speaking portion of the meeting so far, had very little to offer on this subject. They haven't had a meeting this month.

Corbin Senior Center: LABAR Architecture is still working on the revised plans for the elevator. No plans on when it will be built. They have applied for another grant to pay for elevator that has not been built yet. Tea in

the Afternoon was well attended but Corbin's town hall meeting was not. The Corbin Golf Scramble will take place June 24th. Golfers and Sponsors are still welcome to apply.

Community Assembly: No Report

CA Community Development: Tim Musser reported that they are compiling a list of readymade projects that will be easy to implement.

PeTT: No meeting was held.

Rental Housing: Looking for a Rep

Concert in the Park: Brea Musser had several possible dates and is still looking at bands.

We were just about to wrap up things for the evening when City Council Member Candace Mumm walked in late but at just the right time to talk about North Monroe Stakeholders Group. The group is still talking to business owners and signing up members.

In other city council news, Candace said the council is moving forward with an investigation concerning the dismissal of Police Chief Frank Straub. They are working on transparency and getting about 7,000 documents that have not been released.

Rose Fanger reported she is on a mission to get people involved in the upcoming elections and she had forms to register people to vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03.