

Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council Meeting

June 8, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6PM.

Nathan Gwinn, Assistant Planner, City of Spokane spoke first, as he was available for a limited time. He spoke about the Infill Housing Development Project in Spokane. After presentation, he asked for questions. Council members were able to ask questions and voice concerns. More conversation took place after Mr. Gwinn had to leave. Some concerns include a need for standards to be developed so that new construction would complement what is already in the neighborhood, a need for greening standards, and for the new dwellings to be attractive to middle income families, not just low income. Carlie Hoffman and Barb Biles took notes to present to the committees that they are serving on. Michael Cathcart will also share our concerns when the Infill committee meets.

A quorum was met with 21 members signed in. 4 guests were also signed in. May minutes were approved.

Action Items:

July Council Meeting - It was moved, second, and passed to skip our July meeting.

August Council Meeting - August 13, 5:30, at Corbin Park for our summer potluck and meeting. The following people volunteered to bring these items: Barb Biles-condiments; Mussers-paper goods; Melissa Parker-buns; Karl Boldt, EJ Iannelli, and Carlie Hoffman volunteered to bring the meat. In Stan Burke's absence, he was volunteered to do the barbecuing - Stan we hope you will accept this nomination!!

Discussion Items:

North Monroe Improvement Project - EJ reported some concern that this project could bring some dissension in our neighborhood. He encouraged us to speak openly and kindly when talking to neighbors. Some people have concerns for commuters, and with the busses on Monroe. We were reminded of some of the benefits of this project for our neighborhood: safe pedestrian and vehicle crossing of Monroe; improved sidewalks/crosswalks for safety; more green space and lighting; more parking.

Spring Clean Up - Karl reported that there were 40 volunteers, 24 tons of refuse removed from our neighborhood, and 4 tons of metal, which brought in \$94.00 when taken to recycle. The money was handed over to pay some Farmers Market expenses. Karl shared that there would be no dump passes available at the June Farmers Market due to expense of hauling large furniture items to the dump for neighborhood residents. Dump passes will be available at Farmers Market later in the summer. Karl acknowledged the great help that Faith Bible Church is for our Clean Up Day. They provided 12 volunteers, snacks, and pizza lunch for this event, and the event was held on the church property. The church is also providing 2 large dumpsters for fall clean green at the Faith Bible property on November 5. Last, Karl shared that we have collected 235 tons of refuse on our Spring Clean Up days in the last 8 years. Thanks for heading this project up every year, Karl!!

Concert in the Park - Brianna Musser reported that the concert will be held at Corbin Park, Sunday, August 7, at 5:00-7:00 pm. The local jazz band Unspoken will be performing. All expenses have been covered through the Corbin Owners Assoc., North Town Insurance Co., and the Concert in the Park account. Flyers are being made and will be distributed throughout the neighborhood.

Maple Landscaping Project - Amy Dutton announced the need for maintenance on this project and set up a work day on Saturday, June 25 at 11:00 am. Several people volunteered on the spot to work with her on said day.

Volunteer Projects - Don Stevens, the Pastor at First Assembly on Indiana, contacted the Neighborhood Council regarding the churches desire to do volunteer work in the neighborhood during the month of August. EJ contacted him and suggested they help at the Farmers Market, as we need more volunteers.

Reports:

Building Stronger Neighborhoods - EJ Iannelli reported that we have opportunity to do advertisements for the neighborhood through Community Minded TV.

Corbin Senior Center - Laura Schlangen reported that the center had received a grant of \$25,000 for the elevator. The total cost is \$63,900 plus tax. She also reported on upcoming activities and encouraged neighborhood residents to join in.

CA Community Development - Tim Musser reported that this committee is discussing ways to educate Spokane's neighborhood councils on the purpose of the CDBG funds. These are federal monies used to develop areas in our neighborhood blocks where low to moderate income families live. This year, some of EG monies are being spent on the Monroe Gateway Project. There will be a training on CDBG funds June 15, 5:30-7:30, at West Central Community Center.

Land Use Committee - Barbara Biles reported that there was no meeting this last month. They will discuss the Infill Development Project at the next meeting.

PET - Carlie Hoffman reported that there is opportunity to have radar signs in the neighborhood. She will look around the neighborhood for possible sites. It was suggested that some could be used around the parks. Also, there is a meeting June 16, 1:30 that residents can attend if they are concerned about the STA rate fare increase.

Rental Housing Stakeholder Group - This committee deals with landlord/tenant issues. They are looking for some renters to be members of the committee.

The next meeting is August 13, 5:30 pm, with a potluck dinner at Corbin Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

