

EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
August 10th, 2016

The August meeting of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council was held in Emerson Park this year. The gathering started around 5 with our annual Potluck Picnic. Thanks to the Musser's for bringing the paper goods, Barb for providing the condiments, Melissa for bringing the buns and Karl, EJ and Carlie for providing the meat. I of course, was chained to the grill and burning the various varieties of meats. Anyway, the picnic was a huge success as always and a great amount of food was consumed.

Co-Chair Tim Musser wrangled the picnic into a meeting about 6ish. It was determined we had a quorum with 18 voting members and 10 additional guests. The approval of the June minutes was waived until next month since nobody had them to look at and approve.

The first item was a report on the Concert in the Park, which was held the previous Sunday in Corbin Park. Bri Musser reported that the concert cost \$687 to put on. There were a bunch of other numbers thrown around about the existing funds and donations but I was cleaning the grill. The one figure I did get was the Concert committee had \$162 left over for next year. It was determined about 80 to 90 people attended the concert.

EJ Iannelli reported on the North Monroe Corridor Improvement project. There are fairly regular meeting of the group held at the convenient hour of 7:30AM in the Council Chambers in City Hall. The next one was to be held August 11th, which you have now missed. The project is still two years out so there is still a lot of time for your input. EJ, Brianna Musser and Megan Kennedy are all on the committee and can answer any questions you may have. Except this one. If a car heads north on Monroe at 11:15 in the morning at the customary 48 mph and another car heads south on Monroe from Cora at 52 mph, why are all the traffic cops hiding behind the White Elephant on Division?

Laura Schlangen reported the City of Spokane has awarded Corbin Senior Center \$20,000 for the elevator project. An asbestos test was done in the building but *cough cough* the results were not yet *cough* known.

The center sponsored a picnic in Mission Park on July 29th that 60 people attended. The center has a Facebook page and they encourage you to visit it and like it and even love it, if you can. On Friday, August 12th, there was an historically correct play called "Meet Eleanor Roosevelt. Corbin is looking for board members for the 2017-2020 term. The requirements to be a part of

the board are that you are breathing. And that you have an interest in serving the Corbin Senior Center and all it does.

Jay Cousins reported on the Community Assembly but he was very far away from where I was still cleaning the grill, so it was very difficult to hear him. Here is what I was able to glean. Blah blah blah Public Safety Committee blah blah working for 16 months yadda yadda yadda very contentious meetings siss boom blah blah blah could not decide on anything ya ya ya wrote a report and sent it to the Mayor.

Barb Biles with the Infill Housing Focus Group reported on a new project called “Notify Me Spokane”. You can search it out on the Spokane County website. If you choose to sign up, you will get a crap load of information (probably more than you want) about all kinds of things going on in the county.

The Farmer’s Market has been going well and has seen a rise in sales since moving to the new location in the parking lot of the Extended Learning Center. This report turned into a conversation concerning the removal of all the trees in that parking lot. EJ had tried to find out what was going on but was unable to stop the harvest. The Extended Learning Center will not be replacing the trees.

Next month’s meeting will be back at the Corbin Senior Center at 6PM on Wednesday, September 14th.

The meeting was concluded at about 7ish PDT*. * Picnic Daylight Time

Stan Burke
Secretary