

EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 9th, 2016

The November meeting of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council was held at the Corbin Senior Center. The meeting began at 6pm with introductions, and a quorum was present, with 18 voting members, so the October minutes were approved.

Action Item

The allocation of \$24,800 in Community Development Block Grant funds was the only action item for the meeting, and since there were so many projects to choose from, this was the primary purpose of the meeting.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to divide the total between four projects, \$3,800 for the Catholic Charities House of Charity Respite Room, and \$7,000 for each of three projects: the 24-7 Community Library Kiosk, the Women and Children Free Restaurant, and the West Central Community Center's ADA Accessible Wheelchair Ramp.

Discussion Item

The December potluck was discussed, and the normal start time of six o'clock was agreed on. The meeting will be held in the dining room of the Corbin Senior Activities Center, rather than the usual meeting room. Eating utensils, plates, cups and coffee will be supplied, and everyone will bring a dish.

Reports:

Leaf Disposal: Karl Boldt reported on the leaf disposal program. We are not yet reaching the senior citizens and people in the neighborhood who need assistance, so it was recommended to contact SNAPS for a list of people to contact regarding the next dumpster day on the third Saturday in May, 2017. Jeff Edwards will work to promote the event to the Corbin Senior Activities Center members.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: E.J. Iannelli reported that the attendance has been increasing. A social media training took place in October, which was a full-house. Twitter, Facebook and newsletters were covered, and it was recommended that additional meetings would take place, tentatively starting with a Facebook session on March 20th,

with Twitter and newsletters highlighted during other meetings. BSN is now meeting at Vessel Coffee on Monroe and Cleveland.

Corbin Senior Activities Center: Jeff Edwards reported that \$20,000 was raised during the annual auction. The elevator company may be delivering the elevator in February, with more work happening in March. Extra expenses included an additional power supply from Avista and a sprinkler system required by the Fire Marshall.

Community Assembly: Jay Cousins reported that much of the CA retreat content so far has been relating to the CA's internal functionality and the next retreat will also be strengthening the relation between the CA and the neighborhoods. Community Assembly is subject to the Washington Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), [RCW 42.30](#), but it does not apply to Neighborhood Councils, since NCs do not consult directly with the city regarding policies, whereas the CA does. If the NCs were subject to that, all officers' emails would be subject to the Freedom of Information requirements, such as archival of all emails in place of deletion of emails, and individuals could be sued as well as the organization. The City is going to be going to the Districting model for neighborhood councils. City departments will be assigned to a district, so a neighborhood will always know who they are collaborating with. Tom Powell added that the Indian Trails neighborhood's action against a large housing development was effective, and the project will not continue. Tim Musser also added to the report, emphasizing the City's desire for more collaboration between the neighborhoods.

Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (PeTT) Committee: Carlie Hoffman reported that a telephone survey will take place regarding sidewalks.

North Monroe: E.J. Iannelli reported that according to the minutes of the N.M. Business Association (www.knowmonroe.com), it has historically been interested in a boulevard redevelopment. November 17th 7:30 a.m. is the next meeting at the City Council.

Timothy Diko announced that on Nov 29th-30th and December 1st, 7-9pm, students at the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute (www.ilovemfwi.com) will give a taste of Japan.

Next month's meeting will be at the Corbin Senior Center at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14th. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.