

EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 14th, 2016

The December meeting of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council was held at the Corbin Senior Center, where Christmas Magic appeared to be in the frosty evening air.

The meeting began with the Annual December Potluck. Scrumptious offerings were laid out on a long table while everyone was herded down to the opposite end of the room. Then once the whistle was blown, everyone charged across the room and a giant food fight ensued. In the true spirit of Christmas, things finally settled down, food was shared, merry was made and then the meeting was brought to order under the direction of Tim Musser. It was determined that we had the needed number of voting members present and the aforementioned voting members approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

EJ Iannelli gave a wrap up report for the 2016 Farmer's Market. It was a very comprehensive report with a weekly breakdown of sales for the entire season. The one thing EJ really emphasized was the need for volunteers. Here, let me spell that for you. V-O-L-U-N-T-E-E-R-S. That's what is needed. Even if it's one day out of the season, it helps.

In other EJ activities, he and Bri Musser met with the Community Assembly in search of funding for Concerts in the Park. The process was a little murky and therefore, they did not secure any funds for this coming year. However, they learned some lessons that will be applied to future efforts.

City Council Member Candace Mumm talked about the rejection of our Traffic Calming application. She discussed the changes that are taking place and all the various factions that are fighting for the money that the PhotoRed Program produces. In the end, it seems that the best way to increase the funds that comes from the program is for all of us to run more red lights in the New Year.

Tim introduced Taylor Phillips who will be our representative on the Community Development Committee.

Jeff Edwards, Director of the Corbin Senior Center, reported that the new elevator is being installed and during next month's meeting, there will be a giant hole in the wall of our meeting

room. Perhaps we will be moved elsewhere. Jeff said his mission for the next several months is to raise awareness of the Senior Center's existence.

Jay Cousins reported that the Community Assembly is currently dealing with Land Use Issues. They are also hoping to develop greater cooperation and collaboration between the Community Assembly, the Neighborhood Councils and the City Council.

Tim Musser announced that there will be a date change for Community Development Block Grant Funding (CDBGF) this year. The date is moving from December to June. That way we can avoid the Christmas rush.

Carlie Hoffman attended the Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation Committee where STA gave a talk about their plans. Carlie has maps of the different traffic issues around the city.

The West Quadrant TIF group has not met recently to due lack of interest.

Emerson-Garfield often takes January off for meetings but it was decided that there are many important issues going on and we should meet. So the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 at 6PM