



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, February 14, 2017

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. with 14 voting members present. The roster also recorded 7 guests. The December minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

[Office of Neighborhood Services](#) upcoming dates and deadlines were discussed. The [Mobile Speed Feedback Program](#) application is due April 1. It was mentioned that there are speed issues at Washington and Mansfield and Howard and Mansfield crosswalks.

The [Community Engagement Grant](#) application is due May 15. We are able to apply for \$550 to be used by September. Another \$300 could also be applied for to be used between the end of September and November. We could use the \$550 for a Farmers Market and Neighborhood Council awareness handout for new residents. We could also use this information to provide to realtors to give to new residents.

The Neighborhood is in need of a new representative for the Community Block Grant Committee as Taylor is vacating this role. This committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 at [West Central Community Center](#). The representative would begin on March 6. Anyone interested should contact Taylor at myneighbortaylor@gmail.com.

There will be a Clean Up Program mandatory training on Monday, February 19 at 5:30 in [City Hall Council Briefing Center](#). Anne Luttrell volunteered to attend.

[Traffic Calming](#) applications are due on March 9. Projects applied for this cycle would be constructed in 2020. Suggestions for applications include Euclid at Maple/Ash near the median planting, Garfield Elementary crossings at Buckeye and Post intersections.

The new [code enforcement](#) complaint online form will be available online in March as a tentative date.

Budget Committee (Taylor Phillips): We purchased a Farmers Market banner, tri-fold brochures, and a concert last year using our Community Engagement Grant last year. We have \$314 in our account. The Parks Department is looking at waiving fees for neighborhood council events, and the City is looking into a reduced rate for insurance for concerts.

Farmers' Market (E.J. Iannelli): Volunteer meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb 20 at 6pm at Bellwether Brewing. Flexible volunteer opportunities are available for as little as 30 minutes a week. They are looking for a power washer to remove some markings on the pavement. Reductions to SNAP benefits may affect residents' ability to access fresh product available through the Farmers Market. EJ encourages anyone who is willing to write letters to their elected officials if they are interested in maintaining SNAP benefits.

Land Use Committee (Barb Biles): They have been working on historic preservation and in-fill housing ordinance. Their goals this year is to get more neighborhood council representative participation along with a welcome brochure. They are also working on the comprehensive plan.

North Central C.O.P.S.: The COPS shop is now open at the [Knox Presbyterian Church](#). The telephone and email address is still the same. They have 5 volunteers and are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10-2. Officers Dale Wells and Tracy Ponto are the Emerson-Garfield neighborhood resources officers. You can call or go to the COPS shop to discuss any neighborhood complaints. They run many programs. For more information and to volunteer, visit [online](#). There will be a grand opening on March 20 from 12-2pm. They hope to have a barbecue, weather permitting.

North Monroe Business District: They had a meet and greet of business owners, and there were a lot of new faces. There are a few new businesses opening or just opened on Monroe this spring. The City has allocated \$49,000 for a communications program for the businesses to encourage people to visit during street construction.

Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation (PeTT) Committee (Carlie Hoffman): They will be holding a community forum to discuss the 20 MPH speed limits around all city parks and certain residential areas at [West Central Community Center](#) on Tuesday, March 27 at 6pm. Members of City Council, the Police Department, the Streets Department, and the Parks Department will be in attendance.

Neighborhood Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): They are still working on changes to the website and on a survey. They also have a new name, from Public Safety Committee to the Neighborhood Safety Committee.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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