



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

The meeting began at 6:02 pm with 20 voting members present. The roster also recorded 6 guests. The September minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Victor Frazier let us know that there is an opening for a [West Central Community Center](#) board member from the Emerson-Garfield neighborhood. There are 21 voting members. They meet the second Tuesdays each month except August from 4-5 pm. There are also committees to serve on. Call the Community Center and ask for Kim Ferraro 326-9540 if you would like more information or an application to serve.

Ryan Broadwater from [Spokane Transit Authority](#) discussed the Monroe-Regal bus line. Monroe currently has temporary bus shelter stops; they will be placing permanent custom-built shelters by September 2019. There will be an open house at the [Plaza \(701 W Riverside Ave\)](#) on Wednesday, October 17 from 4-7 pm so people can provide additional input about the shelters. If you would like more info, visit spokanetransit.com/monroeregal.

Mark Anderson from [Spokane Public Schools](#), Rick Romero from the [Mayor's Office](#), and Andrew Chanse from [Spokane Public Library](#) spoke about the upcoming facility improvement bonds on the ballot in November. The joint bond on the ballot in November includes: replacement of Joe Albi Stadium, building three new middle schools, improvements to existing school facilities, building three new libraries, and facilities improvements to the remaining libraries. The bond will be repaid in 25 years.

There was an ardent discussion of the idea to place Joe Albi Stadium downtown rather than at its current location. The vote in November will ask voters their preference of a stadium location.

For more information about the bond, visit spokaneschools.org/2018bond and future.spokanelibrary.org.

Karl Boldt let the group know about the fall leaf pick up on Saturday, October 27 from 9 am – 12 pm (or until the dumpsters are filled) at [Faith Bible Church \(600 W Cora\)](#). They will be accepting bagged leaves only.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrell): They are working on the marketing toolkit. It will be available soon on the City's website.

Neighborhood Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): Their safety resource list will be finished soon. When it is done, it will be posted on the City's website.

CDBG (Mella Harmon): Applications are due by April 1. All of the projects are listed on the [City's website](#). We will have \$30,000 to distribute.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): They discussed the crime rate going down, but not a lot of specifics. They also discussed the housing going in near Indian Trail.

Land Use (Gene Brake): November 14 at 4 pm at City Council Chambers there is a plan commission meeting where they will put to vote a decision on multi-family and attached housing.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): The Traffic Calming applications are due in the spring so we need to start thinking about what projects we want to put forward. PeTT is working on improving the policy and procedure, but it won't be ready before the next application.

North Monroe Business District (Brianna Musser): They now have 21 voting members. If you are out and about and notice any trash on Monroe, please pick it up. There will be garbage cans installed at the bus stops soon, and there are plans for even more through a buy-in process.

West Quadrant TIF (Megan Kennedy): They have begun meeting again. She is seeking an alternate if anyone is interested. TIF stand for tax increment finance and the committee is composed of neighborhood members who are tasked with finding projects to fund with the money available.

Corbin Senior Center (Laura Schlangen): Their recent annual auction raised \$23,000.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (EJ Ianelli): Despite the road closure and the smoke, sales were up 10%. There were about 800 KERNEL visits and around \$6,000 of WIC dollars were spent.

Taylor Phillips let the group know about the t-shirts available for neighborhood volunteers. We used the Community Engagement Grant to purchase them from the reallocated concert money.

The Emerson Park lights and walking paths and Corbin Park tennis courts improvements projects have still not been completed. There will be a meeting soon to get everything in order to get these projects completed.

Tracy Ponto discussed a new program, COPS Mounted Patrol Unit. They have 17 horses and riders. They are hosting events in city parks to draw in families and discourage unwanted behaviors. They need our help with advertising. They are looking for places and dates to do carriage rides around the parks. For more information, visit the [Spokane COPS website](#).

We delayed the action item regarding having the COPS do the carriage rides at Corbin Park to next month to give Gene Brake time to discuss the option with the Neighborhood Association.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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