



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

The meeting began at 6:11 pm with 22 voting members present. The roster also recorded 7 guests. The November minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

The agenda was changed to reflect that Jeff Edwards will not be attending.

Lindsey Ruivivar and Kelly Skeels from the [CHAS Clinic](#) presented to the group. They opened a new facility, the [North Central Clinic](#), on December 10 at [914 W Carlisle](#) (in the former Christ Clinic building) to meet the needs of the 60 years and older population. They also offer health navigator services to help with the health care system.

Dale Wells, Neighborhood Resource Officer, talked to the group about transient issues. You can ask people to leave your own property and if you would like assistance, call the police. If a transient is staying in a vacant home and the owner is not addressing the issue, try to get your neighbors to work together and all call to report it to crime check 456-2233. In public places, arrests can only be made if shelter space is available. If you see campers in a park, call crime check with the understanding that they may not be able to make arrests that day.

It is the time of year for package thefts. He advises to have packages delivered to your work locations or delivered to a postal location. If you have still shots of someone on your porch stealing packages, take the photo to the [COPS shop](#) and call it into crime check to get a case number.

Neighborhood Clean Up (Karl Boldt): We handed out \$1500 worth of dump passes and about \$500 was used of it. We got rid 41 tons of refuse from the neighborhood. A large furniture pickup is planned for spring.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrell): The toolkit should be on the City website by the end of the year. It will give volunteers information about position descriptions. The popcorn machine that floats among neighborhoods is being replaced. Handbook [training](#) is available.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): Ben Stuckart is advocating for a vote to get more police and fire fighters. The grant that pays for 48 fire fighters is running out. There was discussion of Albi Stadium plans being brought forward to the school board.

Land Use Committee (Gene Brake): We need an alternate for the next couple of months because Gene is not able to attend. If you are interested, contact Gene gene@genebrake.com. They meet the third Thursday of the month.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation Committee (Carlie Hoffman): Breean Beggs and Katie Myers conducted a workshop and received feedback about what is and is not working with the [Traffic Calming Program](#). There will be a traffic calming workshop on January 14 at 5:30 at the West Central Community Center.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): They elected new officers. There is a Shop Hop on North Monroe and participating businesses are giving out ornaments until they are gone.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (EJ Iannelli): 2018 sales were up from last year, just over \$63,000 in sales. 20% came from incentives programs – KERNEL, EBT, Fresh bucks, and WIC checks. They received a \$1000 grant from Allstate. The North Monroe Business District is the new fiscal sponsor. EJ is looking for helpers to assist with organizational partners, volunteers, and events. If you are interested in becoming an events coordinator and/or a volunteer coordinator, contact EJ at ej.iannelli@gmail.com.

Traffic Calming applications are due in March. We will be voting on the applications at the February meeting. There is a [form you can fill out if you have a traffic calming idea for the neighborhood](#). Taylor and Carlie are meeting with the City to discuss some traffic calming options at the Perfection Tire location.

Mobile speed feedback applications are due in April. We will be discussing options in February and voting on applications for the placement of these in March.

Community Engagement Grants can provide new neighbor bags. We need a committee to put together ideas for that – what should go in them and a distribution plan. If you are interested in being on the committee, contact Taylor myneighbortaylor@gmail.com. We will discuss this in February and vote in March. Applications are due in March, April, and May.

We still have a vacant position on [Board of Directors](#) at West Central Community Center. If you are interested, contact Taylor at myneighbortaylor@gmail.com.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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