



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

The meeting began at 6:05 pm with 13 voting members present. The roster also recorded 7 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

We have a change in the agenda to remove the Land Use representative action item and to add a Community Engagement Grant application amendment as a discussion item.

We found that the officers did not meet regarding the Community Engagement Grant application amendment. They will email about it soon.

Traffic Island Clean-Ups did not occur this year due to COVID-19. We discussed trying to clean up the islands this fall or table the clean up until spring. We decided to take up the topic again in the spring.

We received an email about a large gathering in Corbin Park. Although this against the mandate, there has not been any enforcement. The Police Department indicated that they will educate, but they are not citing individuals.

Council member Breean Beggs spoke to the group about the [West Quadrant Tax Increment Finance](#) (TIF) District. 75% of tax revenue stays in the District. Emerson-Garfield is eligible for funds mainly along the Monroe corridor. They are discussing an extension of 15 additional years and the money cannot be spent in the Kendall Yards area, except affordable housing, after 2032. The money can be used on affordable housing, infrastructure/public improvements, and park improvements. The administration is in discussion regarding how to identify projects and making sure the citizens are involved. He also mentioned the possibility of bonds to get projects completed earlier.

Council member Beggs gained feedback from the group. Topics mentioned included: green initiatives/requirements, public transportation improvements, affordable housing that allow home ownership, safe sidewalks/complete sidewalks, and stability in housing. Email [City Council members](#) if you would like to comment on the idea of extending the TIF from 2032 to 2047. If you have questions, email Jessica Engelman at jeengelman@gmail.com. He requested that we try to work with West Central and Riverside neighborhood councils to come up with our top 3 projects.

Jeff Benefield (Spokane Public Library): Libraries are still closed. Curbside book pickups and print outs are available. Staff are working on instructional videos. September programs include Hispanic heritage. Visit future.spokanelibrary.org to provide input regarding more 24/7 library kiosks.

Taylor Phillips in absentia (Farmers Market): The market is doing well. Anne Luttrull is interested in co-managing with someone for next year's market. Contact EJ at ej.iannelli@gmail.com if you are interested in co-managing.

Karl Boldt (Clean-Up): If you want a dump pass, visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/clean-up/form/>. Gabby Ryan reported that 1500 dump passes have been distributed in Emerson-Garfield by way of income distribution, 21 dump passes have been requested by Emerson-Garfield residents via online form and, to date, 1071 dump passes have been distributed to Emerson-Garfield residents.

PeTT (Christopher Savage): 9 bridge projects are on the docket.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): They are having an [Art on Monroe](#) event on Oct 10.

Community Assembly (Christopher Savage): A new Neighborhood Director. Discussion items included fluoridating the water, city budget shortfalls, the new homeless shelter on Mission and Division, securing funding for dump passes, and affordable housing.

Treasurer's report (Gene Brake): We have not spent any money - \$824.74.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.