



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, February 10, 2021*

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with 21 voting members present, including 2 new voting members. The roster also recorded 4 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

[Traffic calming](#) applications were discussed. Taylor presented on need for pedestrian crossing improvements on Maple and Ash between Northwest Blvd and Garland. Karen Stratton let us know that there is a HAWK light improvements planned for Elm and Northwest Blvd. This area was also in a recent bike master plan and greenways study.

There will be a [traffic calming workshop](#) on Tuesday, February 23 at 6 pm. Applications will be delayed this year due to COVID issues. In the meantime, Rachelle will prepare a document outlining all of the ideas that have been brought forth so far.

Taylor also mentioned an idea to install wayfinding signs throughout the neighborhood signifying points of interest.

Karen Stratton (City Council): [Community, Housing, & Human Services](#) has been working with shelter providers to extend hours. So far, beds have been available at all spots. If the weather continues to decrease, they may work with the convention center for additional beds. Bus passes are available to those who need them. Lyft drivers are also available to transport people to available beds. [Available shelters](#). City Council has been working on their first 100 days issues plan. Focus areas include recruiting for a housing advisory subcommittee, Whistalks Way opening celebration, standards for pop up shelters, sustainability plan for public engagement, approval of police guild contract, and working with Spokane transit for youth bus passes. [Neighborhood Services](#) is getting feedback for changes to neighborhood [Clean Up program](#). They are working on a partnership with Neighborhood Services and the Library to distribute hotspots to shelters and coordinate library services in shelters. They are continuing to work with landlords and tenants to distribute monies for back rent and utility fees.

Jeff Benefield (Spokane Public Library): The Library has a COVID assistance hotline to help people locate resources – call 444-5428 or 625-6650. Although libraries can open to 25% capacity in phase 1 and 2, Spokane Public Libraries are still not open at this time. Attend [Black History Month celebration events](#). Liberty Park, Shadle Park, and The Hive, a learning and arts activity and maker space, will open summer 2021. Hillyard will open fall 2021. Central (downtown) will open spring 2022. Indian Trail and South Hill will undergo renovations this summer.

Anne Luttrull (Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market): Vendors applications are open. They are seeking volunteers on Fridays for shifts between 2-8 pm. If you are interested, contact Anne at [atthefatherstable@gmail.com](mailto:atthefatherstable@gmail.com) or Brenda at [bdalynn@gmail.com](mailto:bdalynn@gmail.com).

Karl Boldt (Clean Up Program): They don't know yet what the program will look like. We should find out in April if the program will again focus on dump passes in 2021. They might have large furniture and appliance pick up services.

Anne Luttrull (Building Stronger Neighborhoods): They are focusing on leadership training and finding out what neighborhoods want training in. They are looking to partner with Gonzaga to provide trainings. If you have any ideas for training topics, email Anne at [atthefatherstable@gmail.com](mailto:atthefatherstable@gmail.com). They also have some pre-training questions.

Carlie Hoffman (Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation): The group has been focusing on their mission and increasing participation at meetings, perhaps seeking help from Building Stronger Neighborhoods. The next PeTT meeting will be a [traffic calming workshop](#).

Christopher Savage (Community Assembly): City Council attended a retreat to create a 100 day plan. There was a presentation on the [Hamblen Park Water Tower](#) detailing why the location was chosen and what it will do to help with water pressure and water storage. Neighborhoods will be getting about \$800 each for programs with April 30 application deadline. [DivisionConnects](#) is a study to gather information and feedback in preparation for the opening of the North Spokane Corridor. SRTC will be holding an [online open house](#) on Thursday, February 11 at 7 pm. You can also see planning documents and leave feedback on the [story map](#).

Gene Brake (Treasury Report): We have \$823.36.

The city is asking for feedback about a conditional use permit in our neighborhood. Please send all comments to Ali Brast at [abrast@spokanecity.org](mailto:abrast@spokanecity.org) by February 12, 2021 by 5PM. You can reference Project# Z20-227CUP3 Property Address: 1724 W Chelan Ave Parcels 25121.3203.

We do not have any updates yet on the gateway sign.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Bill Heaton (Land Use): [emailed report] They discussed [amendments to the Comprehensive Plan](#). There will be 5 public comment periods throughout the year. A Threshold Subcommittee [online meeting](#) available to the public will be 2/17/2021 at 11:30. Seven amendments are proposed and residents within 400 feet will be notified. Three proposals could affect Emerson-Garfield: 1. Multi-family unit (may be subsidized) between Mansfield and Montgomery (this was presented at a previous meeting) 2. Multi-family unit at Sinto/Maxwell (same developer) and 3. Maxwell/Spofford-The Community School will be replaced by new SPS school. Bill will contact Annica about the North Hill/Emerson-Garfield gateway sign.