

Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

The meeting began at 6pm with 19 voting members present. The roster also recorded 2 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Mark attended a meeting with the <u>Way Out Shelter</u> and local businesses. The Way Out Shelter is working with neighbors, the City, and the Salvation Army. Stay tuned for more information.

The Neighborhood Council was supposed to be meeting at Corbin Senior Center tonight, but due to increase in COVID-19 cases, we have changed back to online meetings through the end of the year. Check the <u>Emerson-Garfield Facebook page</u> for updates as they arise.

City Council (Kandace Watkins for Candace Mumm): Council members are working with city administration to work on distributing grant funding. City Council is working on the budget.

Clean Up Program (Karl Boldt): Currently there are no updates. Clean Up will remain a <u>disposal pass</u> program until the danger of COVID-19 passes. Contact 311 if you see any illegal dumping.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market (Anne Luttrull): There are 3 <u>markets</u> left in the season. Upcoming events are Sep 10 - Craft Walk, Sep 17 - United Healthcare, Sep 24 - Cider press. Sales are up, and the SNAP program is a hit. They need more EGNC brochures.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttull): Training videos will be coming soon, and they are developing trainings to go with videos in 2022.

Community Assembly (Sarah Lickfold): Currently, 10% of city staff roles are vacant. Please be patient with them. Amendments to comprehensive plan were discussed. A <u>Parks survey</u> and a Transportation survey were conducted. The <u>Housing Action Plan</u> moved forward. The Chair of Community Assembly signed and sent <u>letter</u> to City Council requesting that neighborhood councils be better included in decision making. The PeTT committee will be changing chairs.

Land Use (Bill Heaton): They have not had meetings in last two months.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): Spokane Regional Transportation Council presented their <u>2040 Horizon Plan</u>. They showed an informative <u>video</u>. The region has \$4.5 billion in unmet transportation needs. The group learned more about the <u>Citizen Transportation Advisory</u> <u>Committee</u> and the <u>Transportation Benefit District</u>. West Central Community Center (Heath Kays [not present]): They will be holding their <u>Building Dreams</u> <u>Auction</u> on Sep 18 from 6-9 pm.

North Monroe Business District (Megan Kennedy [not present]): They have a few upcoming events: <u>Cruise on Monroe</u> on Sep 18 from 10am-2pm. 9-18, a selfie contest - people can post selfies at our murals and with "Meet on Monroe" postcards at the market and in businesses for a chance to win an epic gift basket, and 2nd Saturday ArtWalks. Check the <u>Meet on Monroe Facebook page</u> for updates.

Corbin Senior Activity Center (Heide Wehr [not present]): They have some upcoming events: Movin' and Groovin' Health Fair on Sep 11 from 10am-3pm, Horse Races on Sep 24, Ben Kline as Elvis on Oct 22 at 1pm and 7pm, and Auction Gala on Nov 6. Visit their <u>newsletter</u> and <u>website</u> for more information.

Treasury Report (Gene Brake): We have not spent and money and our account remails at approximately \$824.

Way Out Shelter (Gerriann Armstrong): The remodel project is on time, and they hope to have a ribbon cutting and open house towards end of October. They are working to help people understand what they are trying to provide and what the neighborhood wants. <u>Youth programming</u> starts next week with many options on Tuesday nights.

Flashing beacons have been installed at Waverly and Post, and we are waiting for finishing touches on the landscaping.

Gene told the group that the City is reviving the spot rezone project along N Monroe to expand Center and Corridor zones. EJ, Megan and Gene. More information will be shared when available.

The next EGNC meeting will be held online on Wednesday, Oct 13 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.