



# Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

***Wednesday, December 13, 2024***

**Meeting Started:** 6:01 PM

**Voting Members Present:** 24

**Guests Present:** 4

**Minutes:**

**Motion to Approve November 2024 Minutes:** Patti Marland-Stevens

**Seconded to Approve November 2024 Minutes:** Tim Musser

**Minutes pass unanimously.**

**Agenda:**

**Motion to Approve December 2024 Agenda:** E. J. Ianelli

**Motion to Approve December 2024 Agenda:** Daya Goldschlag

**November 2024 Agenda passes unanimously.**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Northwest Sector Precinct Report:** (not present)

**SPD Online Scam Presentation:** (Officer Tim Schwering)

- Officer Schwering talked about current online scams and the importance of being cautious when dealing with technology and online interactions, as these scams are becoming more common and can lead to significant financial losses. He encouraged the attendees to share any concerns or suspicions with him, as he is willing to help investigate and provide guidance.

**Discussion Items**

**Mansfield Grocery Update:** (Clay Elliott)

- Clay led a discussion about the Mansfield grocery update, focusing on the developer's attempt to resubmit for a plan 3 application, which involves a more public process. He expressed optimism

about the potential to challenge the application successfully, given the hearing examiner's previous ruling. He also shared his visit to a similar store on 29th Ave, describing it as unattractive and not an enhancement to the neighborhood. The group agreed that the proposed convenience store would not be an improvement and that the developer would need to demonstrate mitigating circumstances to override any negative impact.

### **Proposed Safe Streets Project for Washington & Buckeye**

- Eileen led a discussion about a proposed pilot project for the Buckeye and Washington intersection. The project, which is part of the city's Safe Streets and Adaptive Design initiative, aims to improve pedestrian safety by potentially closing the southbound lane of Washington and making it northbound only. However, some have expressed concerns about the effectiveness of this plan in mitigating pedestrian crossing issues. The project is temporary and could involve the use of planter boxes to block the road. The city plans to gather feedback from potentially affected neighbors through door-to-door visits and email. Eileen also mentioned that the Neighborhood Council should be on the list of agencies to review the project. The next steps include providing feedback and asking questions about the project, which will be shared with city council representatives.

### **Reports:**

**Spokane City Council:** (not present)

**ONS:** (Gabby Ryan)

- The Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) representative Gabby provided a brief update. Applications for the Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy are open until January 3rd, and she encouraged people to apply. Additionally, the Manito Holiday Lights event will take place from December 14th to 22nd.

**Clean Up Program:** (Jeff Thomas)

- Jeff reported that all dump passes have been given out and there won't be more until next spring.

**Building Stronger Neighborhoods:** (Clay Elliott)

- Clay discussed that the Good Neighbor awards would be held at the upcoming meeting on Saturday, December 14 at the Hive.

**Land Use:** (Bill Heaton)

- Bill discussed that the end of year meeting would be held Thursday, December 12. The committee is currently working on drafting a statement for CA and that the Executive Board elections were coming up.

**Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation** (Carlie Hoffman):

- At the last meeting Carlie attended there was a presentation regarding the sidewalk pilot project. She mentioned that District 3 has the largest number of missing ramps. She said this was a 20-year program and the first part of the project is to find where the sidewalks are located. She mentioned that there are 4 vacancies on the Bike advisory board.

**North Monroe Business District:** (Anne Luttrull)

- Anne was not present but asked that we mention that the Strategic Planning meeting will be held February 25.

**Corbin Senior Activity Center:** (Tim Musser)

- Tim said that the center is closed for Christmas.

**Community Assembly:** (Patti Marland-Stevens)

- Patti mentioned that the COPS program has been temporarily saved with \$125K retention funds which is a two months extension. She mentioned that Betsy Wilkerson stated at the last meeting that NRO's and traffic calming money is safe. She summarized the open board position with the CHHS committee.

**Community Safety Committee:** (Ted Stevens)

- Ted discussed the committee is currently working on drafting questions for the upcoming Public Safety panel on January 29. The meeting will be at the Hive at 5:30PM.

**C.O.P.S.:** (Katie Schneider)

- Katie contacted the COPS shop and left a message for updates. She had not heard back as of the meeting.

**West Central Community Center:** (Heath Kays)

- Not present

**Way Out Center:** (Gerianne Armstrong)

- Not present

**Treasurer:** (Judy Heaton)

- We have \$704.88 in our account.

**Transitions:** (Sarah Lickfold):

- Sarah provided a summary of activities at the center.

**WQTIF:** (E.J. Iannelli)

- E.J. discussed that the committee has been busy lately. He mentioned the year end tallies have increased funding to a total of \$2.8M. He provided a summary of some of the proposed projects. He also discussed work being done to create clear guidelines for TIF funded applications.

**Emerson Garfield Farmers Market:** (Anne Luttrell)

- Not present

The meeting was adjourned at **7:31 PM**