



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Meeting Started: 6:04 PM

Voting Members Present: 28

Guests Present: 25

Minutes:

Motion to Approve April 2024 Minutes: Patti Marland-Stevens

Seconded to Approve April 2024 Minutes: Dayo Goldschlag

Minutes Pass unanimously.

Changes to agenda-Gene Brake asked to add the 601 W Mansfield project to the agenda. To accommodate this, the neighborhood beautification discussion can be moved to the June meeting.

Motion to Add 601 W Mansfield Project to Agenda: E.J. Iannelli

Second to Approve Adding 601 W Mansfield Project to Agenda: Gee Sutherland

Motion Passes unanimously

Chairs Report : (Dani DeJaegher)

Guest Speaker:

Northwest Sector Precinct Report: (Sgt Maplethorpe)

- Sgt Maplethorpe provided a summary of the previous month's crime trend. He also encouraged everyone to report all crimes. Reporting crimes helps SPD see trends. He discussed increased fentanyl use is one cause of an increase in crime rates.

CHAS Health: (Tamitha Shockley French)

- Tamitha discussed that CHAS Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and that 31.5 million Americans get their healthcare at an FQHC. CHAS is celebrating their 30th year in business, and there are 25 clinics. CHAS provides medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral

health services. CHAS welcomes all regardless of insurance status. CHAS offers a sliding fee scale on all their services. Please go to chas.org for a listing of services and locations. You can also email Tamitha at tsfrench@chas.org.

Discussion Items

Summer Schedule Considerations

- We have a meeting scheduled in June. Historically, we have taken the month of July off from an EGNC meeting. This requires a vote. In lieu of a meeting in August, historically we have met for a potluck in one of the two parks in EG. E.J. mentioned that idea of tabling this until next month's meeting to ascertain if a July meeting may be needed in light of the 601 W Mansfield Project.

Action Items

601 W Mansfield

- We are in a public comment period for a conditional use permit application for 601 W Mansfield. Applicant is hoping to reestablish a neighborhood structure to retail use in a residentially zoned area. The comment period is open until May 15. The goal of the discussion is to identify what individuals can do and what the Council can do regarding this process and any actions to take. Danielle, a neighbor effected by this project, summarized she was initially told there would be a neighborhood grocery store at this location. A number of the potential owners was subsequently posted at the address with contact information. Danielle reached out to the potential owners to inquire more specifics of the grocery store. She was told that there would be no fresh produce, meat or deli products. She inquired and the potential owner confirmed that there would be alcohol and nicotine products. The location is at a corner, that is a crosswalk used by children and a congested area during school hours. The neighbors in this area have discussed and many are opposed of this permit being approved. They have reached out to the City of Spokane and were told they have one week to communicate their concerns until the closing of the public comment period. The approval process is because this is conditional use permit does not require that it go before the Planning Commission. The permit can be approved by the Planning Director.

Information on the permit:

- Location: 601 W Mansfield Ave. Parcel no. 35074.2512, SHANNONS 2ND L12 B6
- File/Application Number: Z24-217CUP2

- Contact information for City Council members:

bwilkerson@spokanecity.org
kklitzke@spokanecity.org
zzappone@spokanecity.org

- Contact information for the Planning and Development Services Planner is:

sbaufus@spokanecity.org

- Gabby Ryan mentioned that the conditional use permit status can be found on the city website at the following website:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/mansfield-grocery-conditional-use-permit/>

Motion for the EGNC to Submit a Letter to the Planner that we are opposed to the 601 W Mansfield Project: Tim Musser

Second to Approve that the EGNC Submit a Letter to the Planner that we are opposed to the 601 W Mansfield Project: Gene Brake

Motion passes unanimously.

Vote Community Engagement Grant Application

- Through the ONS we are able to apply for the CA grant in the amount of \$850. The grant can be used for community building. Historically, we have used the funds for the Concert in the Park. Gene Brake summarized the annual Concert in the Park. This year the Concert will be Sunday, August 18 in Emerson Park. The band will be Rockabilly Space Force. The fee for the band is \$1,000. We are asking for sponsors.

Motion to use CE Grant funds for the Concert in the Park: Sarah Lickfold

Second to use CE Grant funds for the Concert in the Park: Tim Musser

Motion passes unanimously.

EGNC Committee elections

We have two committee vacancies. The Community Assembly position is vacant. Patti Marland-Stevens and Jackie Treat both said they would be interested. We also need a Community Assembly alternate. Gee Sutherlin volunteered to serve on the Neighborhood Safety Committee.

Motion to Approve Patti Marland-Stevens as the CA Representative and Jackie Treat as the CA Alternate Representative and Gee Sutherin and Ted Stevens as the Neighborhood Safety Representatives. Gene Brake

Second to Approve Patti Marland-Stevens as the CA Representative and Jackie Treat as the CA Alternate Representative and Gee Sutherin and Ted Stevens as the Neighborhood Safety Representatives. E.J. Iannelli

Motion Passes unanimously.

Reports:

Spokane City Council: (Zack Zappone)

- Council Member Zappone discussed the Public Safety Levy. Spokane Mayor proposed doing more community outreach and delaying the vote that was to be held in August 2024. The purpose of the delay is to additional analysis and balance the budget over a longer period. Council Members are going to do more outreach and attend townhall meetings to get more feedback. This is a new levy, and not a replacement. The funding will focus on Fire, Police and Community Resiliency. The city currently has a \$50M budget deficit. If nothing is done, the city will have to lay off 50 police officers, 30 firefighters and 70 city employees.

ONS: (Gabby Ryan)

- Gabby provided an update on the ONS mobile speed feedback machines, timeline and process and tentative schedule. Gabby provided an overview of the neighborhood beautification program. Gabby discussed the Spokane Neighborhood Summit. The Summit is a peer-to-peer opportunity that addresses topics such as officer transition and marketing NC's to neighborhoods. The Summit will be November 2. There are no more garbage disposal passes. Gabby discussed the ONS involvement in the Expo 50th anniversary.

Clean Up Program: (Jeff Thomas)

- Event will Saturday May 18 at Faith Bible Church. The event will be on the East side of the church.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: (Crystal Glanz-Kreutz)

- Crystal discussed the current SNLA cohort will be graduating soon.

Land Use: (Bill Heaton)

- Parking in Spokane City was discussed at the last meeting. In the meeting the discussion revolved around increased density around transportation zones. They focused on the Logan and Bellwether district. Bill discussed the importance of understanding zoning and municipal codes. He discussed looking at the statutes, and evaluating recommending changes if the current ones are undermining our neighborhood objectives .

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):

- Did not attend last meeting. Carlie wanted to remind the council that the mobile speed feedback is not just to show drivers their speed, it also provides valuable traffic data.

North Monroe Business District: (Anne Luttrull)

- There is a business mixer May 9 from 5:00-7:00PM.

Corbin Senior Activity Center: (Tim Musser)

- No update.

Community Assembly: (Eileen Kazura)

- Eileen will share the minutes from the last meeting, as she was not in attendance.

C.O.P.S.: (Gee Sutherlin)

- Gee provided a summary of the Block Watch program.

West Central Community Center: (Heath Kays)

- They meet next week.

Way Out Center: (Gerriann Armstrong)

- The Center is in need of twin blankets and quilts. Please reach out to Gerriann if you would like to donate.

Treasurer: (Judy Heaton)

- Balance \$1,478.06

Transitions: (Sarah Lickfold):

- It is giving day and Sarah has cards that include the QR code if you would like to donate to the program.

WQTIF: (E.J. Iannelli)

- E.J. is working to get Kevin Freibott to present at a future EGNC meeting. The WQTIF just funded a project for the Spokane Native Project.

Emerson Garfield Farmers Market: (Anne Luttrell)

- The first market will be Friday, June 7 from 3:00-7:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:46 PM**