



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, Sept 11, 2024

The meeting began at **6:00 pm with 18 voting members present**. The roster also recorded 10 guests.

Patti Marland-Stevens motioned to approve the July Meeting Minutes; EJ Ianelli seconded. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Patti Marland-Stevens motioned to approve the Sept. Meeting Agenda, with the addition of time for a tree lighting update by Katie Joy. Katie Joy Newhouse seconded, the agenda was approved unanimously, with no objections and no abstentions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Spokane Reimagined – Guest Speaker: Aaron Crandall

Proposal of 140 miles of non-ending bike road infrastructure, creating easy access and safe transportation for cyclists and pedestrians. Would like to implement a more modern road design that intentionally slows vehicular traffic. As the organization is progressing, if you'd like to get involved, you can reach out via the information on their flier (supplied in person), <https://spokanereimagined.org/>

In addition to the aspirational future envisioned in the Spokane Reimagined proposal, we also advocate for low-cost, tactical solutions to address traffic violence, here and now.

Per studies and reports, what really slows traffic is to create narrower, more interesting roadways that demand driver attention. A proposed letter of support will be sent to EGNC.

Mansfield Update - Clay Elliot

Pre-hearing brief is set to be submitted tomorrow. The hearing is set for 9/24/24 - Clay is working to create a witness list and learn what is most appropriate for neighborhood participation for the hearing, such as public support.

- EGNC has provided two letters of support.
- The Gofundme is still live for donation to the cause.

City Hall Meeting - Dani DeJaegher

Monday, 9/16/24 a public hearing. EGNC will have 7 minutes to present to the City Council. Suggestions for topics:

- Allow special event funds to cover more than dumpsters.
- We would like to have a neighborhood council member present each month at our meetings.
- We are proud of our trees and the neighborhood overall.
- Request replacement of trees which were vandalized along N Monroe and the small business district.
- We're lucky to have good engagement from our neighborhood, but would like to see
- We have a generally positive reputation with many people and groups, successful with many endeavors, we have corner pockets that we wish we could engage.
- Public awareness re: our neighborhood. Additional communication efforts and support, from ONS, the City, etc.

Beautification Project - Dani DeJaegher

Reach out if you would like to lead a project and apply for

Tree Lighting - Katie Joy Newhouse

The event will be the first Sunday after Thanksgiving every year. 2024's event will be Dec 1st, 3-4pm.

- There's a new banner sign that has been made and can be reused each year.
- Now accepting donations to cover the cost, has about \$1,000 raised so far, asking small businesses, non-profits, etc.
- Last year there was a drive for Our Place, this year the event will benefit Christ Kitchen. If you would like to get involved, contact Katie Joy.

Special Election - Dani DeJaegher

Personal transitions are necessitating a change and Dani is stepping down. EGNC will need a person to take on the chair role for the duration of the term.

- Dani nominates Eileen to take the Chair role.
- Crystal would be willing to step into Eileen's Vice Chair role, but someone else would need to oversee BSN. Discussion around BSN and what that committee is / does.
- Per our bylaws, a vote will take place at next month's (Oct.) meeting.

REPORTS:

Spokane City Council: (Kitty Klitzke / Zack Zappone)

- Not present.

Office of Neighborhood Services: (Gabby Ryan)

- Not Present. Updates provided by email and presented by Dani DeJaegher.
- Sat. Nov. 2nd Spokane Neighborhood Summit will take place, it is a free event that you must sign up for but that includes resources, training, etc. Lunch is included. You can learn more via this link: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/programs/spokane-neighborhood-summit/>
- Good neighbor awards are open, you can nominate a person via this link: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/community-assembly/awards/>
- There are multiple surveys online, from traffic calming to housing & community development needs, etc.
- School is back in session - please be extra mindful near local schools.
- Dump passes are available, and good through the end of Oct. They're available at the Farmer's Market, the C.O.P.S shop, or you can reach out to EGNC.

Clean Up Program: (Jeff Thomas)

- Not present.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market: (Anne Luttrull)

- Three Farmer's Markets remain. This Friday, 9/14 is senior day with special resources.
- Friday, 9/27 is the market costume day and last market of the 2024 season.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: (Crystal Glanz-Kreutz)

- Mostly covered by Dani's ONS report, a lot of event planning and preparing for 2025.

Community Assembly: (Patti Marland-Stevens / Jackie Treat)

- Many updates covered by others.
- Spokane Parks Foundation offers community grants from \$1,000-\$8,000 grants to make our parks more accessible, and they are open to come speak at Neighborhood Council meetings.

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

- Not present.

Corbin Senior Activity Center: (Tim Musser)

- A new roof was installed over the summer.
- They are working to update the store area.
- All are welcome, they are accepting new members and orientations / tours are once a month. *You don't have to be a senior to join.*

Land Use: (Bill Heaton)

- Community Assemblies comprehensive plan is under review and being updated.

North Monroe Business District: (Anne Luttrull)

- October 10th is a small business mixer - email was recently sent to members.
- *From the group* - Paint In My Hair is moving soon.
- *From the group* - Marilyn's on Monroe is looking for someone to buy the business.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation: (Carlie Hoffman)

- No update.

Community Safety: (Ted Stevens)

- Not present.
- Ted has had technical difficulties, EGNC to follow up with CS to get Ted connected.

Transitions: (Sarah Lickfold)

- 24 transitional residential units on Dalton and Fairview, they are working to fill with residents.
- Transitions is having their fall fundraiser, a 1-hour (12-1pm) lunch on Oct. 15th at the Davenport Grand, registration is online. <https://help4women.org/pwc2024/>

Way Out Shelter: (Gerriann Armstrong)

- Not present.

West Central Community Center: (Heath Kays)

- "Building Dreams - Bright Futures for Our Kids - 2024"
- Sept. 14th Fundraiser event, ticket sales are at near pre-covid numbers.

WQTIF Neighborhood Project Action Committee: (EJ Iannelli)

- Elections were held in August, E.J. is now the new chair of that committee.
- Katie Joy asked if could get funding for tree lighting event. EJ said maybe but she would need to make an economic case.

Treasurer Report: (Judy Heaton)

- \$602.42 is the current balance.
- \$1,000 was paid for the Summer Concert band, we received two sponsorships, and more funds are currently pending.

BONUS Asphalt Art Project: (Dani DeJaegher)

- EGNC Application was submitted to the program, hoping for more updates soon.

The next EGNC meeting will be held at Corbin Senior Center on **Wednesday, October 9th at 6pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at **7:30 pm.**