



# Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Agenda for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Corbin Senior Center

## Neighborhood Council

- Call to order — meeting begins at 6pm
- Quorum verification
- Approval of September minutes
- Additions or changes to agenda

## Guest Speakers

- Officer Traci Ponto of the Spokane Police Department RE: Neighborhood crime
- Lara Strandberg RE: Proposed cottage development near the Transitional Living Center
- Cliff-Cannon Neighborhood RE: Legal services for wireless communication ordinance
- Max Benson of Community Frameworks RE: West 315
- Jonathan Mallahan RE: Mayor Condon's 2016 budget

## Action Items

- Vote on assigning \$11,290.96 in CDBG street tree funds to plantings
- Vote on neighborhood gateway project with North Hill near Cora and Monroe (see attached letter)
- Find new hosting provider for neighborhood website(s)
- Determine date for October Greening Grant plantings

## Discussion Items

- Dump passes and Faith Bible Church autumn leaf pickup (Karl Boldt)
- Proposed trails along Doomsday Hill (see attached image)
- New Jack in the Box on NW Boulevard

## Reports

- Corbin Senior Center (Laura Schlangen)
- Community Assembly (Jay Cousins)
- Land Use Committee (Barb Biles)
- Rental Housing Stakeholders Group (Jonathan Martinez)
- Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation (PeTT) Committee (Carlie Hoffman)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The final Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market of the season is on **Friday, October 16.**
- Spokane First Assembly Church is hosting a Halloween Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 31.**

## North Monroe Street Gateway Project

*A Joint Partnership between the North Hill and Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Councils*

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**PROJECT SCOPE:** The North Hill and Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Councils have chosen to allocate CDBG funds to improve vacant land located between Courtland (south) and Glass (north) Avenues on Monroe Street. The project will incorporate pedestrian connections along Monroe, a major arterial that will link the two neighborhoods and the Garland business district. The project also forms a link between the Comprehensive Plan designated Monroe District Corridor and the Garland Neighborhood Center aligning with policy guidance of the Comprehensive Plan. The scope also includes greenscape to improve stormwater filtration and gateway signage for both neighborhoods enhancing separate city capital stormwater improvements. The cost of this project is anticipated to exceed what the neighborhoods can allocate. The City will seek to leverage neighborhood CDBG allocations with other funding sources to fill whatever funding gap may exist.

**PROJECT TIMELINE:** In an effort to leverage as many non-CDBG funds as possible and to get a more complete project, the City proposes a delay until 2018 when the North Monroe corridor project is scheduled for construction. This larger scale project will allow for increased cost savings and incorporate additional amenities to the site that will benefit residents in both neighborhoods.

**CDBG FUNDING:** North Hill has elected to allocate all of their 2016 CDBG Neighborhood allocation to this project and Emerson-Garfield has offered to match those funds. The total financial commitment between the two neighborhoods is approximately \$64,000.00. Since this project will not be ready for the 2016 program year (July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017), the City has offered to delay the financial commitment until the 2017 program year (July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018). This delay will result in a financial commitment of approximately \$128,000.00 for this project.

**NEIGHBORHOOD VOTE:** The City seeks approval from both the North Hill and Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Councils to move forward with this project as described above, with the understanding that this project will not take place until the 2017 program year.

**NEXT STEPS:** Following neighborhood vote and approval (please send meeting minutes to George Dahl in CHHS), the City of Spokane will draft a formal commitment letter in the amount of \$128,000.00 to support this combined neighborhood project. The letter will be signed by Jennifer Stapleton (interim CHHS Department Director) and recorded on file. Copies will be distributed to both Neighborhood Councils for their records.

*Questions regarding this project/proposal should be directed to George Dahl in the Community, Housing and Human Services (CHHS) Department. George can be reached by email at [gdahl@spokanecity.org](mailto:gdahl@spokanecity.org) or by phone 625-6036.*

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The neighborhood council next meets on Wednesday, November 11.