



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, June 14, 2017*

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with 19 voting members present, including 1 new member. The roster also recorded 6 guests. The May 10, 2017 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Additions to the agenda include a guest speaker from Spokane Transit Authority who is requesting a letter of support and a report on trash from Karl Boldt.

Betsy Pozzanghera from [Special Mobility Services, Inc.](#) spoke about their services. Special Mobility Services received a grant with Spokane Transit Authority. They are conducting a transportation needs survey. They need to find gaps in service regarding mobility. Contact Betsy with questions [betsyp@specialmobility.org](mailto:betsyp@specialmobility.org) or 509.217.9375. To take the survey, click [here](#).

Gordon Howell from [Spokane Transit Authority](#) is requesting a letter of support from EGNC in order to apply for a federal grant. This grant is for low or no emission transit vehicles. They intend to purchase nine electric vehicles on the Monroe-Regal corridor. The grant application is for about \$4 million with the overall project cost being \$9 million. It was approved that the neighborhood would write a letter of support and the North Monroe Business District will also bring this forward to their board. STA will provide us with a sample letter, and EJ agreed to write the letter of support.

Edie A. Rice-Sauer from [Transitions](#) spoke about the Cottage Development at Hemlock & Fairview. They serve women and children experiencing homelessness. They will be building cottage housing on two acres of undeveloped land at Fairview and Hemlock (24 homes). Grounds will be cared for by Spokane Housing Authority.

We have \$40,000 of [Community Development Block Grant](#) funding to allocate. The motion to provide [Women and Children's Free Restaurant](#) \$20,000, [West Central Community Center](#) \$10,000, and the [Providence](#) Dental Clinic \$10,000 was approved.

Spokane City Council member Candace Mumm spoke about sidewalks and sidewalk repair allocations from red light money.

She also spoke about the [Normandie Complex](#) and Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery's application for the site. Although they did not meet the minimum qualifications for the site, the City would like to help them relocate to north of the river. Others have proposed uses for the site and the City is considering changing the structure of the request for proposals to open it up to more types of developers and uses.

Next, Councilmember Mumm spoke about helping businesses during the construction on Monroe. There are possible programs available for façade improvement, assistance with signage, and pedestrian access during construction. They are talking about doing multiple contractors that each took a section with the goal of each business having the street closed in front of their business for no more than 60 days.

Lastly, she discussed property crime. The City wants to do a pilot project that will follow property criminals (where they live, work, etc.). We have the highest property crime rate. The hope is that a program to follow criminal after release will reduce property crime rates.

An alternate is still needed for the Community Assembly representative. Contact a neighborhood council co-chair if you are interested at [chair@emersongarfield.org](mailto:chair@emersongarfield.org). Tom Powell was approved to continue as the Community Assembly representative.

It was approved that we would not have a July meeting. The next meeting will be Wed., August 9. The meeting will be at Corbin Park for a potluck beginning at 5pm and the meeting will be at 6pm.

Taylor and Bryce attended presentations from Whitworth students in the Sociology department. They used the EGNC neighborhood plan as a model and created proposal for improvements. They discussed using Corbin Park's unique history and events that center around the old use as a racetrack. They also discussed the large amount of open green space with a gazebo or similar structure. They conducted some surveys with residents about what people would like.

Taylor has 1000 door hangers to be distributed around summer concert season. We discussed when these should be dispersed and who can work on that. These would include neighborhood information and a concert flyer. These should be dispersed in late July.

Karl reported on spring clean-up day on May 20. Recycled metal: 2 20-yard dumpsters (3650 lb.) General refuse: 8 30-yard containers. Clean green: 1 30-yard container. We have funds of \$251.65 from recycled metal. The funds were approved to go to EJ to pay for website hosting. Dump passes (\$20) are still available on the first Friday of the month at the Farmers' Market.

The [Farmers' Market](#) is in need of volunteers. Even just an hour would help. Sign up online or just show up.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (E.J. Iannelli): There is an upcoming training about brochures.

Corbin Senior Center (Laura Schlagen): Friday is the annual golf scramble. On July 7 at 1pm, there is a poetry jam session with music. On August 25, there will be an open house to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On October 7, there is an annual auction and dinner.

Land Use Committee (Barb Biles): They are still working on a survey for neighborhoods.

North Monroe Business District: On June 23, North Monroe Business District will be taking over the Farmers' Market. Come out and show them your support. Gene took a banner to the bank advertising Know Monroe.

Public Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): We were not part of a survey done in the fall that found key issues for the committee. This survey will inform goal-setting. They are going to work on FAQs for the community and acknowledging results of the survey. North Central COPS Shop may be going into Knox Presbyterian Church.

West Quadrant TIF (Megan Kennedy): They are still looking for members so they still haven't met.

Corbin Park Yard Sale - Saturday June 17 9-5

Concert in the Park is Sunday, August 13 at 6pm at Emerson Park.

The mobile speed sign feedback reports – 61% of drivers were over the speed limit, mostly under 5 mph over; 20% were going 5-15 mph over the speed limit.

The next EGNC meeting will be held at Corbin Park on Wednesday, August 9 at 6 p.m. and a potluck at will begin at 5 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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