



## Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, April 13th, 2016*

The meeting began at 6:02 P.M. with 27 voting members present. The roster also recorded 6 guests. The March, 2016 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and 1 abstention.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Cindy Kinzer from the City of Spokane spoke on the new sewer tank and storm water overflow tank location on Petit Drive (Doomsday Hill). Getting storm water in the sewer lines overwhelms the treatment plant. Spokane is updating the system in order to have less sewer waste in the rivers due to overflow. The Environmental Protection Agency would fine Spokane if these updates are not made. Construction of the tank in our neighborhood will take one year from beginning to end. Attendees were able to ask questions regarding the project and speakers gave information to contact them for further information.

Caris O'Malley reported on the Spokane Public Library Future Study. Spokane is looking at changing the functionality of the libraries to meet our community needs in the next 20 years. Some buildings are in disrepair and outdated. The 2017 levy for libraries will be for existing costs. A bond will be needed for all additional improvements that are needed to revitalize the library buildings.

### ACTION ITEMS:

We need someone to head this Concerts in the Park for our neighborhood. The fund currently contains \$217.00. [Community Assembly](#) has made \$500.00 available for projects such as this. Brianna Musser volunteered to head this up. Melody Dunn, who represents another neighborhood on the Community Assembly, volunteered to help with the application process for this money.

For the Executive Elections, the current chairman is stepping down as is the vice chair. Each of the three positions, Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary were divided into co-positions for the division of labor. Ballots submitted by the 27 voting members selected Tim Musser and Carlie Hoffman as the Co-Chairmen. The Vice Chair position is shared by Karl Boldt and Tom Powell. The Secretary position will have Stan Burke taking minutes and Bryce Morrison handling attendance. The Community Assembly rep is Jay Cousins, with Tom Powell as the Alternate Representative. Donna Emmingham will represent Community Development.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Neighborhood Budget application is due April 30, with July 1 being the hard deadline.

The Office of [Neighborhood Services](#) is organizing Cleaning from the Corridor ([CFTC](#)) throughout the city in different locations between April 16 and April 23.

The start of North Monroe revitalization is on the agenda for the Public Works Meeting. The project will actually start in 2018, but groundwork is beginning now. A stakeholder group is being organized. Business owners, residents, and legislature will represent all citizens. Interested members can apply to be on this committee.

The Silver Auction parking lot is not going to work for the [Farmers' Market](#) site. The owner is selling the lot. The Institute for Extended Learning has offered to let us use their parking lot for free.

Community Members are asked to look over the [Neighborhood Profile](#), and respond to E.J. Iannelli with any changes or suggestions, which will be passed on to the creators of the profile at the City level.

#### REPORTS:

Laura Schlangen reported on the [Corbin Senior Activity Center](#). Plans are still being revised for the elevator. A tour is leaving for New York the end of April. Corbin Golf Scramble is June 24. Tea in the Afternoon (\$15 in advance) is April 29.

Jay Cousins reported on the [Community Assembly](#). There is a new Police Ombudsman for the City. The Budget Committee is allocating money to send a representative to a workshop. The City is looking at a new measure to help take care of sidewalks. CA training meetings are available for those interested in learning about the Community Assembly.

Barbara Biles reported from the [Land Use Committee](#) on changes taking place in the committee. Barb is the new facilitator.

Carlie Hoffman reported on the [Pedestrian Traffic and Transportation \(PeTT\) Committee](#), where funds would come from for sidewalk repairs within the city. How to fund sidewalks in our city is a point of discussion in several committees! It was suggested that we ask the City to take responsibility for the sidewalks, as is commonly managed east of the Mississippi.

The neighborhood's position on the Rental Committee is open again, and there is especially a need for renters to be represented.

Paul Kimball spoke on the issue of their upcoming move, leaving the neighborhood, and asked for any help with the Community Garden this year. The future of the garden is uncertain this year, with the water supply being dependent upon two adjacent properties that are going to be for sale, but it is still possible to use the garden this season.

A representative from Parking Services will be speaking at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.