

EMERSON-GARFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 12th, 2016

The October meeting of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council was held at the Corbin Senior Center. There is a fair amount of construction going on around the Senior Center so the meeting started a little late to accommodate people navigating the maze to get through the building and into Upper South. The Rescue Team finally got to everyone and verified that Quorum was in attendance and sitting quietly in the back. Co-Chair Carlie Hoffman got the meeting started with introductions. The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Ed Lukas, the Asset Management Director from the City of Spokane, spoke about the Normandie Complex, five acres located off Mission between Calispel and Atlantic. The city has been using the complex as a Fleet Maintenance facility and other city departments. It is now empty and for sale. The site is zoned for commercial use and the city is seeking proposals for its future. Mr. Lukas wanted to get the opinions of the E-G Council as to what we thought would be a good use of this site. EJ Iannelli said that Community Frameworks was interested in the property for affordable housing. Other comments were made during a lively discussion, including making it a park, an office complex or a mix of the two. Anyone who would like to comment on the project can contact Ed at rlukas@spokanecity.org.

Carlie passed out a form for Community Block Grant Neighborhood Project Menu in hopes of approving allocations for projects at the November meeting. We have \$24,800.00 to allocate.

Discussion Items: Work on the Pedestrian Island on N.W. Blvd may begin this fall but because it's a project in Spokane AND in our neighborhood, it will in all likelihood start next Spring.

In other projects on hold, lighting in Emerson Park is on hold while CHHS is waiting on HUD to issue a line of credit.

Reports:

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: EJ Iannelli reported there is a neighborhood Social Media Training Workshop Monday, Oct 17th, Room 614, 6-8pm

Corbin Sr. Center: Jeff Edwards presented the report for Corbin as a way of introducing himself as the new Director of Corbin. He talked about the Elevator Project and the Parking Lot Project that created the maze through the building. The Corbin Auction is coming October

22nd, with the doors open at 3 and Dinner is at 4:30. There is a Veteran's Luncheon on Nov 10th at Noon or Noon:30. It is free to Vets and their spouses.

Land Use Committee: Barb Biles said there was no meeting last month. The next meeting is Nov. 7th.

Amy Dutton said cleanup work is required on the planting area at Maple and Alice. Amy has access to some semi-heavy equipment but needs some bodies on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 9AM.

North Monroe Corridor Project: Bri Musser gave a fine report concerning the continuing meetings for the upcoming construction plan for N. Monroe. The Fire Dept spoke at the last meeting and had some concerns about the pedestrian islands that were planned. Concerns have been expressed by many business owners on how much down time they may experience.

Next month's meeting will be at the Corbin Senior Center at 6PM on Wednesday, November 9th.

The meeting was concluded at about 7:18.

Stan Burke
Secretary