



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. with 22 voting members present. The roster also recorded 23 guests. The June 14, 2017 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Spokane City Council Member [Karen Stratton](#) gave some updates. Some mailboxes on W Wabash have not gotten deliveries for a few weeks, and they are working on getting mail restored there. On August 8, Transitions celebrated their housing development groundbreaking. Traffic calming applications are starting to be reviewed.

Jason Ruffing, liaison from the [Office of Neighborhood Services](#), provided an update. [Traffic calming](#) submissions for 2019 are underway. The reallocation funds for neighborhood clean-ups have been sent out. There is a new supervisor for code enforcement who is working on improving the process to submit [code enforcement](#) complaints through an online portal.

The [Parks Department](#) and [Community Assembly](#) is beginning a pilot program in which they will co-sponsor a new event in parks by covering insurance. Each neighborhood is invited to apply, and events must occur by the end of September of this year. A motion was approved to create a committee and put together a movie night event. Gene Brake will head up the committee.

This week is [National Farmers' Market Week](#). [West Central Community Center](#) and [WIC](#) will be providing voucher distribution for WIC clients with special incentives to provide more access to fruits and vegetables to this clientele. The [Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market](#) can always use more volunteers. On September 1, they will have a [Craftwalk event](#). Every second market of the month, the market holds a cooking demonstration.

This Sunday, August 13 come see [Buffalo Jones](#) at a [free concert in Emerson Park](#) at 5pm.

The [Garland Street Fair](#) is Saturday, August 12.

The [CHAS clinic](#) on Maple Street is hosting a [Health Fair](#) on Saturday, August 19.

[Whitworth](#) students took our neighborhood plan and looked at ways to expand it as part of a class project. They have great ideas for us to think about incorporating. If you would like to view their project documents, contact Taylor Phillips at chair@emersongarfield.com.

[Faith Bible Church](#) will be reaching out to us to discuss ways in which they could use some of their land to benefit the neighborhood.

[Spokane Public Library](#) is providing presentations about the upcoming solar eclipse. Be sure to use special glasses when viewing the eclipse and do not take photos of it with your phone.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (E.J. Iannelli): They had a brochure training. They are taking out an ad in the Annual Manual that is general about the neighborhoods, inviting people to get involved. They will be pursuing a more aggressive marketing campaign next year.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards): Corbin Senior Center is having a 50th anniversary party on August 25 from 3-5pm. The auction is coming up in October.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): A map of all of the neighborhoods will be included in the Annual Manual. An audit will be done regarding the community engagement grant money that was allocated.

Land Use Committee (Barb Biles): They are continuing to work on revisions for zoning for commercial lots. There is some talk about reducing some of the green space near Grant Park.

North Central C.O.P.S.: Patrick shared exciting news – they have a new location at Knox Presbyterian Church. They will have their own entrance at the northwest corner. They will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Dale Wells is the neighborhood's new resource officer.

North Monroe Business District: Know Monroe summer selfie raffle is happening. For every business you take a photo in front of, you get entered into the raffle.

Public Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): Property owners can get lights for their alley poles from Avista for \$14 a month. They reviewed the city's neighborhood web page and they are looking for ways to revise it to add more information about public safety.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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