

**Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee
and Neighborhood Council
Wednesday, November 13th, 2013**

It was a dark and stormy night. Well...it wasn't that stormy. But it was night and it was definitely dark. But darkness was not enough to prevent the November gathering of the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council to convene and gather and get together in a spirit of convening gatherness to discuss the big issues of the day that shall hereintofore be presented here in these minutes designed to capture the excitement of the event in one very long run on sentence. Take a breath!

Chairman E.J. Iannelli brought the meeting to order just after 7PM. After the customary introductions by those in attendance, a quorum was verified and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The evening began with a short presentation from Jaime Borgan and Andy Dodge of Transitions. They have requested support from this council and stopped by to talk about what they do and who they help.

In Organizational Reports, we heard from Corbin Senior Center. Laura reported that the Corbin Players performed on November 8th and they were better than ever. I find that hard to believe because I saw them once and they were pretty better than ever then too. The Spokane Magic Club gave a performance on November 9th and they were better than ever as well. The building and Grounds Committee has met with Senator Andy Billig and Representative Tim Ormsby (who were better than ever) to try to find funding for a new reception area and an elevator. Corbin's tours are better than ever. 21 people will be going on a European river cruise next year and 27 people met for Happy Hour just the other day. I'm not sure how I missed that but I know it was better than ever. Corbin's next fund raiser is the Christmas Event on December 6th. Tickets are on sale and it is going to be...well, you know!

Vice Chair Megan Kennedy reported that the Planning Committee was meeting the next night and attendance was mandatory...or at least very important for as many peoples to show up as possible. They have identified their top six priorities and will be discussing them.

Eline Helm talked about the Concert Committee. For the concert that was held in July in Emerson Park, she received \$1,000.88 in donations and had expenses of \$763.37. That means the Concert Committee has \$324.00 to start off next season. They would like to have two concerts next year; one in Emerson Park and one in Corbin Park. The big thing right now is the need for more people to help out. Eline is just one pregnant person and soon will not be pregnant and then busier than ever. She can't do it alone. With your help, the concerts next year can be better than ever!

Lt Dean Sprague has moved on to other duties and will now be replaced by Officer Traci Ponto. Traci told the group that the Police Department is moving to a Precinct Model that started Nov. 12th. The Precinct Office for this area is located at Market and Diamond.

Community Assembly is resetting goals and they hope to come out of it better than ever.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods held a seminar for Non-Profit Training. Since Emerson-Garfield has talked about becoming a Non-Profit organization, E.J. asked that they have the seminar at Corbin Senior

Center. The seminar was not well attended and nobody from our neighborhood committee showed up, therefore E.J. considers the plan to become a Non-Profit a dead issue.

The report for Community Development essentially is the same report as last month. Sidewalks are finished and the play equipment in Emerson Park has been installed. For anyone who knows of a sidewalk that needs to be addressed to make it better than ever, contact Sara Kimball. She submits her list of sidewalks in the spring.

The Farmer's Market is done for the year. There were 14 markets held throughout the summer and fall and it was considered a success. It will return next year.

The evening ended with the big event of the night: The allocation of Community Block Grant Funds. We had \$57,274.00 to allocate this year. Additionally, we had \$10,755.00 to re-allocate. The money was returned to us because it was allocated to Emerson Park projects. However, criteria have changed and the park no longer qualifies for those funds. An additional small amount (\$246.00) came back from the C.O.P.S. Shop.

It was decided to split that amount between the two organizations who had requested funding from us, that directly benefit the neighborhood.

Corbin Senior Center	\$5,377.50
West Central Community Center	\$5,377.50

After a great deal of discussion, questions, comments, and amusing anecdotes that essentially went like this: "blah blah blah, yadda yadda yadda," it was decided to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$ 2,000.00 Pedestrian Enhancement
- \$ 1,000.00 Corbin Park
- \$30,000.00 Sidewalk Repair
- \$24,274.00 Home Rehabilitation

Upon approval of the funding, E.J. wasted no time in adjourning the meeting.

Our December meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th. It will be our Annual Holiday Pot Luck Extrava-Feast-A-Rama! You are requested to arrive at 6PM with a tasty dish, salad, dessert or Thanksgiving left over's for the Pot Luck. A brief holiday style meeting will follow at around 7 with fruitless hopes of adjourning at 7:05.

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E-G Secretary Humbug