



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, November 8, 2017*

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with 22 voting members present. The roster also recorded 9 guests. The October 11, 2017 minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Candace Mumm spoke about the City [budget](#). It is stronger than anticipated, and the average household income is up from \$39000 to \$49000 in the city. Retail sales taxes are up so the City is able to add to the rainy day fund. [North Monroe Corridor Project](#) is on track. Two contractors will bid so that the construction window will be 7 months. The City is looking to secure a federal grant to hire police officers.

Karl Boldt spoke about the fall clean up. They filled  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a 30 yard dumpster in 45 minutes so they had to send some people away to come back later after emptying the dumpster. Next year the fall clean up day will move to a week earlier to the last Saturday in October.

Kelly Cruz presented on sex offenders in our community. There are 1580 registered sex offenders in the County; as of June, 287 were supervised by the Department of Corrections. Supervision includes vendors housing sex offenders together in a single house. Department of Corrections is supposed to track population density but they are not currently following the law and there is no current policy in place. Mr. Cruz is working with legislators and the City on codes, policy, and ordinances. To view the registered sex offenders in your area, visit the [Spokane County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registry](#).

Staci Lehman from [Spokane Regional Transportation Council](#) (SRTC) presented on their long-range plan, [Horizon 2040](#). The work of SRTC includes planning for transportation and distributing federal and state dollars to local projects. We played a trivia game to learn more about transportation issues in Spokane. All of the information learned can be found in the Horizon 2040 plan. The list of projects in the plan are not currently funded – projects will be selected based on a matrix that includes priority and funding.

Al Stuart provided a summary of the Whitworth students' neighborhood project ideas. You can read a [copy](#) at the end of these minutes.

Dan Jarms, pastor from [Faith Bible Church](#) talked about ideas for the land at the church. He brought a list of ideas and asked the group to rank the items on the list in order for how important the items are to the neighborhood. Depending on what project is chosen and desired, the church will be looking to secure grants to fund the projects.

[Traffic Calming](#) applications were discussed and the types of measures that are applicable. One of our three applications were approved. We are looking for ideas for applying for next year so if you are aware of any traffic calming needs, read the [Traffic Calming Toolbox](#) to read more. Contact the neighborhood council chair if you are interested in applying for a project at [chair@emersongarfield.org](mailto:chair@emersongarfield.org).

Next month will be a potluck. Bring a dish and celebrate the year!

Budget Committee (Taylor Phillips): Our neighborhood brochures request was approved and we are getting around 700.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (E.J. Iannelli): They are looking for a replacement on the committee. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at noon at Vessel. Contact EJ [ej.iannelli@gmail.com](mailto:ej.iannelli@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards): [Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels](#) is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homes. Visit their [volunteer page](#) for more information.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): Mayor Condon talked about the budget. Things under the new Ombudsman are going well.

Land Use Committee (Barb Biles): They are working on infill housing ordinances for cottage housing so that new developments reflect the character of the neighborhood. They are also working on committee goals based on survey responses.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): They agreed to fiscally sponsor EGNC and we will get a report each month on our current funds. If you make a donation to North Monroe Business District for EGNC, it will be tax deductible. They are planning to do lots of events next year during the Monroe Corridor construction period.

Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation (PeTT) Committee (Carlie Hoffman): The Office of Neighborhood Services presented a historical snapshot of past traffic calming projects. They are looking to replace 20 mph signs at high schools to 20 mph while flashing signs and are encouraging neighborhoods to use their traffic calming applications on these projects.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. Bring something for the potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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## SUMMARY OF WHITWORTH EMERSON-GARFIELD COMMUNITY PLANNING PAPERS

### Paper 1 – “Emerson Garfield Neighborhood Beautification”

Paper 1 presents the results of research by a group of Whitworth University honors students based on the E-G District “Comprehensive Neighborhood Action Plan” (2014). The students focused on one of the six neighborhood priorities identified in the Action Plan – neighborhood beautification. Following some E-G history and demographics, the students describe three “phases” of neighborhood beautification. Phase 1 is creating “a clear and cohesive entry way” for the district with “Welcome to Emerson-Garfield” signs at Northern entrance (Monroe & Cora) and Southern entrance (Monroe & Indiana). Phase 2 is beautification including installation of vintage lamp posts in “priority areas,” sidewalk rock gardens, street trees & flowers, and banners reflecting theme of entry signs. Phase 3 is additional beautification projects including a designated graffiti wall, vinyl wrapping power boxes, experimenting with “Big Belly” trash/recycling solar powered bins at each end of Corbin Park, placing standard round metal outdoor garbage cans around the District, more utilization of existing code enforcement, and expand cleanup events with “Adopt a Street Program.” Funding sources are discussed and there is a “Sources and Citations” list.

### Paper 2 – “Emerson Garfield Community Commons Comprehensive Plan”

Paper 2 presents the results of research by a group of Whitworth University honors students related to establishing a community center in the E-G District “to fulfill the wishes of the Emerson-Garfield community as laid out in the Community Action Plan.” The plan proposes a “commons” area surrounded by four buildings and a skate park instead of one large community center. For “Youth and Recreation,” in addition to the skate park, an indoor recreation area is proposed including several classrooms. Also an outside play area for children and families with ample green space. A “main building” is proposed with a community information room and a large meeting room. A third building is proposed with multi-use classrooms to be used for health education, job skills education, and landowner/tenant resources. A fourth building is a proposed “tea room” for hands-on job training. Suggested location of this commons area is the lot on Atlantic and Mission (which is now listed for sale per my understanding). The paper includes a section on implementation of the plan including potential funding sources and strategies.

### Paper 3 – “Emerson Garfield Neighborhood: A Neighborhood Life Plan”

Paper 3 presents strategies “to create a more vibrant community.” After a bit of E-G history and background and an analysis of “neighborhood life,” various community activities are discussed including “Neighborhood Watch,” a “Winterfest event” for Corbin Park described as a “festival full of fun activities and attractions, with hot food and drinks” including ice sculpting and snowman building competitions and soup/chili competitions and holiday lighting and sledding and snow fort building and ice skating, setup a “Subcommittee for Volunteering” in the District to promote volunteering in the neighborhood, create a District “Resource Directory” listing skills of E-G residents willing to trade or barter, have a designated “social media” person in the District Council to promote use of social media to build community, have a “Neighbor Night” at one District meeting to provide different community members opportunity to share what is going on in various community organizations, further develop Corbin Park by creating space for a splash pad and adding a rose garden and gazebo and have more events at the park (expand concert in the park), promote block parties. These suggestions are discussed in detail. Also included is discussion of improving and marketing the E-G Farmers’ Market. A description of financing and grants is included. References list included.

This summary reflects biases of Al Steuart. If interested in copy of one or more papers, email [alstuart@gmail.com](mailto:alstuart@gmail.com) with subject line “Whitworth Papers,” specify Paper 1, 2, 3 or All.