



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Agenda for Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at Corbin Senior Center

Neighborhood Council

- Call to order — meeting begins at 6pm
- Quorum verification
- Approval of October minutes
- Additions or changes to agenda

Guest Speakers

- Tim Schwering, Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Spokane Police Dept. RE: body cameras
- Brandon Blankenagel, Senior Engineer, Capital Programs at City of Spokane RE: STA Moving Forward

Action Items

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. Total funding is \$54,254.
 - Rick Harris, West Central Community Center (see attached letter)
 - The Lands Council, RE: Fulcrum Institute (see attached letter)
- Approve E-G boundary expansion from Northwest Neighborhood (see next page)

Discussion Items

- Neighborhood-wide planting: November 15
- Corbin Park: improved tennis courts and new restroom roof

Organization Reports

- Corbin Senior Center (Cheryl Steele)

Official Reports

- Police (Capt. Tracy Ponto-Douglas)
- Community Assembly (Jay Cousins)
- Community Development (Sara Kimball)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

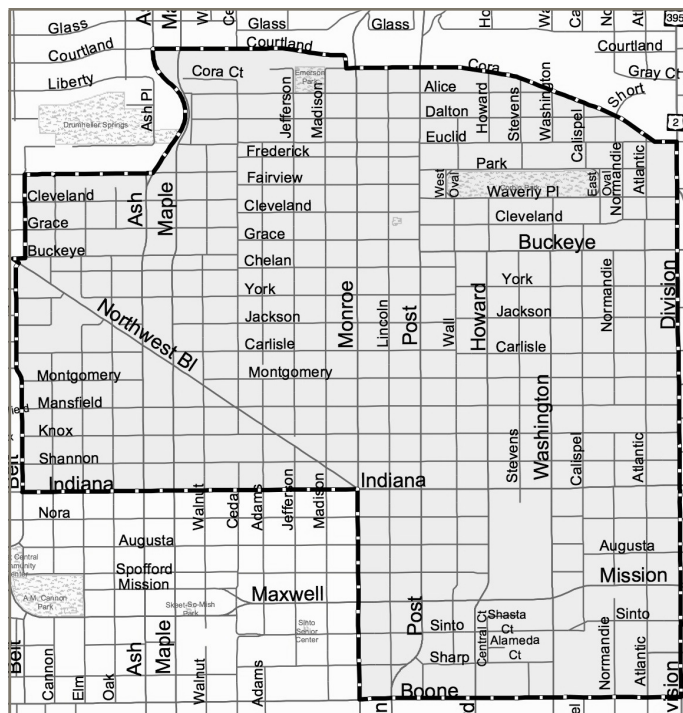
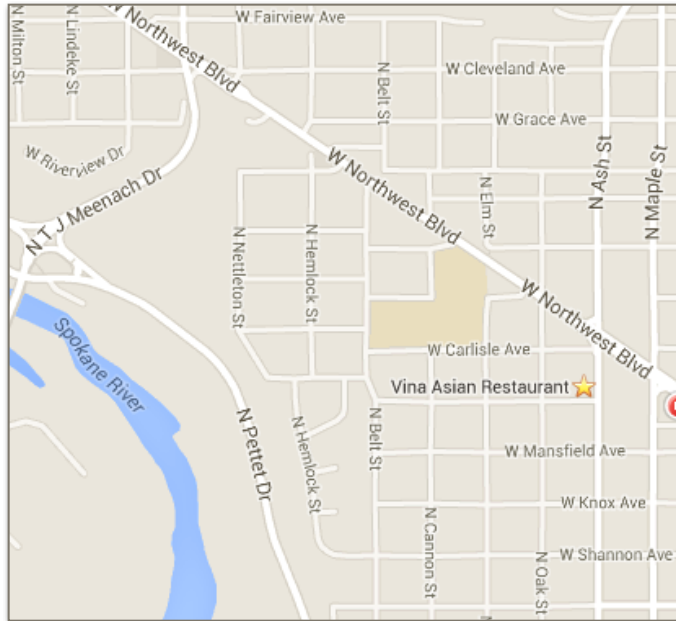
- Emerson-Garfield is holding a neighborhood-wide planting day on **Saturday, November 15** starting at 9am. There will be two independent groups: One starting at N. Atlantic next to the Garfield Elementary playground, and one at 3100 N Maple.

The next meeting will be the Holiday Potluck on Wednesday, December 10 at Corbin Senior Center.

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Boundary extension for approval: To the north are Fairview and Ash to Cochran, south across the Meenach Bridge, along the Pettit Drive Ridge, to Indiana. Indiana east to Belt, Belt north to Fairview.





West Central Community Center

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October 28, 2014

Dear Emerson Garfield Neighborhood Steering Committee,

The West Central Community Center is seeking support for replacing carpeting within three areas of our facility. We are hoping to get funding support from West Central, Emerson Garfield Neighborhoods and use some funds that we have in reserves to complete the projects.

Last year we installed carpet tiles in our Head Start areas and it looks great, is easier to maintain and we can replace tiles when stains occur that will not come out with shampooing. The carpet tiles are Hybrid 64505 Stipple from Caruso's Floors.

We would appreciate any support your steering committee could provide. Here is a breakdown of the project, cost and in order of priority. The prices include removal and disposal of existing carpet and installation of new 4" base.

The first is to replace our hall carpeting with carpet tiles (\$4,504.86). The carpet is old, stained in many areas and is in poor overall condition. The square footage is 1029.

The second area is to replace carpeting with carpet tile in the Newton Lounge (\$4,836). The square footage is 1,151.

The last area is to replace carpeting the back support services wing which leads to the Mason Auditorium (\$1,704.73). The square footage is 378.

The total amount needed to complete the projects is \$11,046.07. Please consider this request as we are making a great effort to keep this building maintained at a very professional level.

Please call us if you have any questions. We can be reached at 326-9540.

Thank you,

Kim Ferraro
Executive Director

Rick Harris
Recreation and Facility Manager

From: Judith Gilmore [judith.gilmore@spokane.gov](#)
Subject: CDBG Request
Date: November 4, 2014 at 8:56 AM
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JG

Hello E.J. – I wanted to get some information to you prior to your upcoming EGNC meeting at which a staff member of The Lands council will be present to answer questions about the greenhouse dollars request for Ash Street. “...the numbers of or an estimate of NL residents who are or recently have been incarcerated?”

While Fulcrum (& The Lands Council) instruct classes at Geiger Correctional Facility (both male and female inmates) we only learn the neighborhoods in which a formerly incarcerated person lives when they check into Fulcrum for post-release services which are available for them to begin and/or use following their release. These include: mentoring, Re-entry closet, job search [if the individual has completed Fulcrum’s Job Skills training classes during/post incarceration they are eligible for our employment assistance using the Business Roundtable (a coalition of over 300 area-wide businesses cooperating with Fulcrum & agreeing to interview and/or hire former offenders referred to the business for employment)]. Both staff and computers are made available to assist re-entry clients in their efforts to secure employment upon their release. Fulcrum also matches any re-entry client with a mentor if the client determines a mentor would be a valuable asset.

Fulcrum can provide appropriate interview and/or on-the-job clothing from our Re-entry closet in order to get a client dressed for an interview or for at least two weeks of work until they receive a paycheck & can begin to rebuild a work wardrobe.

The Ash Street site is going to expand the services already being provided by offering workforce training in a variety of job skills, e.g. building trades, horticulture (The Lands Council), silk screening, graphic arts, janitorial, upholstery and other trades as contracts are signed for instruction to be offered at Ash Street for program enrollees. It is for the horticulture classes and hands-on training/gardening, etc which will be produced and instructed by The Lands Council for which we are seeking an allocation to install an indoor greenhouse at Ash Street.

The Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood currently has approximately **71 persons who were recently incarcerated and are working with Fulcrum on job skills and/or will be eligible to enroll in** classes at Ash Street to learn a job skill they are interested in or in which they may already have some training. These numbers are fluid as there are inmates released into the Spokane community every month, but the 71 persons currently on Fulcrum records are still using our assistance and/or would qualify for training dollars at the Ash Street site. Out of these 71 at least **62 of them are parents with under-aged children for whom they are responsible**. So any funding that might be considered by the EGNC would not only be assisting the re-entry individual but his/her spouse and children as well, therefore by providing training that will better enable the person to secure living wage employment and thus assisting an entire family in the Emerson Garfield Neighborhood.

Using ONLY the former-offender numbers (71), should EGNC even consider a **\$5,000 allocation** towards the Ash Street training facility needs that would amount to **approximately \$70.00 per person; if you consider a spouse and even two children involved in a family, that figure drops to less than \$23.00 per person** for training that will render an individual skilled, better prepared for a specific area of hire as requested by a number of local employers with whom we have discussed various areas of training that will be offered.

These numbers given you at this point, as I said, are ever changing AND it should be remembered the greenhouse will be present for many years to come and able to be used to educate low-income individuals throughout the City of Spokane. I am asking four neighborhoods for financial assistance to get this done on behalf of The Lands Council, and it is true that the EG numbers, at this point, are 71, BUT I can only imagine how the numbers will climb over the years of instruction that are to follow.

I wrote & submitted, on Fulcrum's behalf, a grant application to the CHHS applying for HUD funding to renovate the great building in which all this training will be housed. We were successful in securing those HUD grant dollars for renovation, however in order to receive that funding the owner of the building and Fulcrum had to sign a **15 year lease** saying that the building will be used for that length of time to **educate and provide workforce training for low income individuals**. I would like the EGNC to know, that providing funding which will assist in establishing of the indoor greenhouse, will be a part of job skills training that will go on for NO LESS than the next 15 years – the numbers of low income persons who will be enriched by this training can only be somewhat imagined at this point.

Please, feel free to contact me with any other questions; I wish I could be in attendance on the 12th, but again will be at my own West Central meeting that night. I'd be glad to meet with any EGNC representatives at a different time however.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this request; I am absolutely convinced that this Ash Street Workforce Training site is going to become a phenomenal community asset!

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