



## Emerson-Garfield Steering Committee and Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, April 8th, 2015*

After introductions, the meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Quorum was present, with 26 voting members, including 5 new members: Steve Anderson, Brent and Donna Emmingham, Carlie Hoffman and Anne Luttrull. According to the sign-in form, 24 other people were in attendance. The March minutes had been previously reviewed by email, and were also unanimously approved in person.

A representative from Spokane Transit Authority informed the attendees of the funding history of STA. If approved, Proposition 1 would provide an estimated 25% increase in bus service, which is expected to accommodate a 30% increase in ridership. If the sales tax rate is approved, it would increase taxes by 3 cents per \$10.00. Otherwise, it would remain at 6/10ths of 1%. The Sunset Clause would have the rate extended to 2025, when it would be voted on again. Fares can be expected to go up after 2 to 3 years.

One of the [High Performance Transit](#) (HPT) corridors proposed is the N. Monroe / S. Regal Corridor, which would start its schedule earlier and end later. On a pilot basis, they plan to extend service to Post Falls and Coeur d'Alene. Saturday night service would extend until 11pm, allowing riders to reach the end of line by midnight. [STAMovingForward.com](#) has more information.

With officer elections, Megan Kennedy, who asked to step down from the Vice Chair position, explained her current activities with the North Monroe Business Association and the [West Quadrant Tax Increment Financing](#) (WQ TIF) Committee. Kali Romju and Steve Anderson were presented as candidates for Vice Chair. Two volunteers who were not up for election counted the 25 ballots submitted.

Judith Gilmore, representing the Lands Council (and Fulcrum Institute), gave an update on the [1926 N. Ash](#) building which will become a greenhouse, [training former inmates](#) with farming skills. It was partly funded by Emerson-Garfield (\$5,000), and the Lands Council is welcoming the E-G Farmers Market to use a section of the facility. The funding will become available in July. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Dave Dahl, the founder of Dave's Killer Bread, will be speaking. He has a history of incarceration *and* food production.

Amy Dutton volunteered to spearhead the committee of greening grants, which would last a month. On a similar topic, Lois Musser discussed the Emerson Community Garden and invited attendees to the Spring Work Day on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Starting June 5<sup>th</sup>, Al Steuart will be giving composting demonstrations at the [Farmers Market](#). Volunteers were invited to help find master composters to demonstrate on certain days.

Jackie Caro with the City of Spokane [Neighborhood Services](#), announced three upcoming locations for the speed signs as part of the traffic calming program. The office is currently waiting for bids for the planting of shrubbery the traffic circles. Around September, the City Council will decide on the funding for the Greening Neighborhoods Grant [proposals](#) recently voted on by the Neighborhood Council members.

Laura reported on the [Corbin Senior Activity Center](#), and the Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Madhatter's Tea Party and June 5<sup>th</sup> Golf Scramble. An anonymous donor as well as Hoffman Music contributed to the replacement of

the stolen sound system. Another anonymous donor replaced the stolen Wii Bowling controls. If you are interested in becoming a board member, contact Christa at 327-1584 x10.

Karl Boldt reported on the upcoming neighborhood cleanup, from 9 to 12:30 on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at [Faith Bible Church](#). Volunteers are welcome for helping with the unloading (and please arrive by 8).

Steve Anderson invited an additional volunteer for the [Pedestrian Traffic and Transportation \(PeTT\) Committee](#). Contact Steve regarding Safe Routes to School or missing parking signs.

Tim Musser reported on [Community Development Block Grants \(CDBG\)](#), which will be funding very few neighborhoods, due to the prioritization of “the poorest of the poor.” The city hopes that neighborhoods will pool their money together with other neighborhoods to work on certain areas (such as the hillside of North Monroe).

Timothy Diko attended a meeting with the [Summer Parkways](#) committee to see if Emerson-Garfield's summer concert could coincide with a Summer Parkways event, but they do not have one planned for Corbin Park this year. Timothy Diko and Melissa Parker will update E-G on any progress in choosing a date and booking music for a Sunday concert in Emerson Park.

With the voting results counted, it was announced that Steve Anderson won the election for Vice-Chair. E.J. Iannelli and Bryce Morrison retained their offices of Chair and Secretary, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.