



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, March 14, 2018*

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with 27 voting members present. The roster also recorded 12 guests. The February minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Michele Vazquez, Construction Relations Manager, and Jonathan Adams, Senior Engineer, from the City of Spokane presented on the [North Monroe Project](#).

The construction will take place in two phases with two contractors working on the project the entire time. Each piece of the project will take 3-4 months. Construction will begin in April and end in September.

Traffic will be detoured to Post. The detour signs will be posted from Indiana to Garland.

Business detour signs have been finalized and will be placed on Post Street; the signs will include logos of the businesses. Billboards will be displayed with large "Open for business" text that will inform people that all of the business are open during construction. Marketing materials are available for businesses during the project. If you need to access these materials, contact [Rogue Heart Media](#).

There will be two public liaisons on the street during the entire project from 6am-10pm daily, and those people are the best first contact if you experience any issues. Their contact information will be provided soon. If there are any problems during construction that the liaison is not able to help with, contact Michele at any time (509.625.6349; [mvazquez@spokanecity.org](mailto:mvazquez@spokanecity.org)). There will be weekly meetings at Christ Kitchen: north half on Tuesdays 8:30-9:30am and south half on Wednesdays 8:30-9:30.

Storm water swales will be added to the hill to help alleviate water run-off. There will also be a section in this area with signage for the neighborhood.

See the maps below to see the phases of the project showing which streets will be affected during each phase.

Abby from [Spokane C.O.P.S.](#) spoke about the C.O.P.S. North Central Open House at [Knox Presbyterian Church \(806 W Knox\)](#) on Tuesday, March 20, 12-2pm.

Taylor spoke about [traffic calming projects](#). She received a few emails from residents about possible projects. One of these projects is regarding Cora between Post and Division. This area was applied for in the past, and Taylor will be talking with the City about getting additional data to move forward with this application.

Taylor provided follow up on traffic calming discussions from last month. Post Street between Waverly Place and Cleveland: This was applied for in 2018 as an arterial project. Howard Street: This would be a school safety project, and we are working with North Central High School and the Streets Department to

finalize plans. Mansfield speed read: We are unable to get a speed reader on non-arterial streets.

Drumheller Springs Park: The neighborhood would have to go through the Historic Preservation officer to discuss crosswalks or move where we propose a crosswalk.

Jeff Edwards talked about an annual fundraiser picnic in July he is proposing. He would like to work with Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council to move the picnic from Mission Park to Corbin Park and partner with the neighborhood. The group voted to partner with the Corbin Senior Center on the picnic.

The Neighborhood Council needs to select a representative for the [Community Development Block Grant Committee](#). The representative mainly does relationship building with other neighborhoods to find opportunities for CDBG funds. Email [info@emersongarfield.org](mailto:info@emersongarfield.org) if you are interested.

There is a new ordinance introduced that gives neighborhoods more control over historic home demolition. If you are interested on serving on the Historic Preservation Committee, contact E.J. at [ej.iannelli@gmail.com](mailto:ej.iannelli@gmail.com).

The Farmers Market is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, contact E.J. at If you are interested in being a sponsor on the sponsor banner, contact E.J. ([ej.iannelli@gmail.com](mailto:ej.iannelli@gmail.com)). The first market will be June 8. It runs through Sept. 28.

Rod Minarek from the City is retiring on March 31.

Neighborhood Council elections will be held at next month's meeting.

A resident spoke about a violent incident involving a firearm in the area. She implored the group to work together to prevent crime. Taylor informed the group that crime as an issue would be addressed at next month's meeting.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (E.J. Iannelli): They are looking for a committee representative, and if you are interested, contact E.J. On Tuesday, March 20, there is a Community Assembly handbook training at Shadle Library at 6:30. They will be going over how the neighborhood system in Spokane works. There is a Facebook marketing training open to anyone on March 26 at Shadle Library at 6pm.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards): The Health Fair will be on April 7 from 9am-2pm. Half price memberships will be available that day.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): There are 300 miles of unpaved alleys in the City. They are looking for ways to alleviate the damage. Only 20% of animals in Spokane County are licensed. License fees are expensive but if more people licensed their animals, the cost would be lower for everyone.

Land Use Committee (Barb Biles): They are working on five comprehensive plan amendments. They are looking to get more representatives from neighborhoods to participate.

Neighborhood Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): There will be a survey coming out for residents to provide feedback to the City and committee.

North Monroe Business District: They are still recruiting membership and gearing up for construction. They are focusing on four events throughout the season. The first is April 21-22 – more details will be forthcoming. They will be creating informative resources to let people know the status of the project, events, and business promotions.

Pedestrian, Traffic & Transportation (PeTT) Committee (Carlie Hoffman): Carlie attended a focus group about Downtown parking. The City is conducting a study to analyze current parking conditions in the Downtown area.

Emerson Park Pathways (Tim Musser): The Parks Department will be putting a trail in at the bottom of the hill behind the ball field. There are also hoping to put in some lighting. This will begin this summer.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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## Phase a

### Monroe II-a -

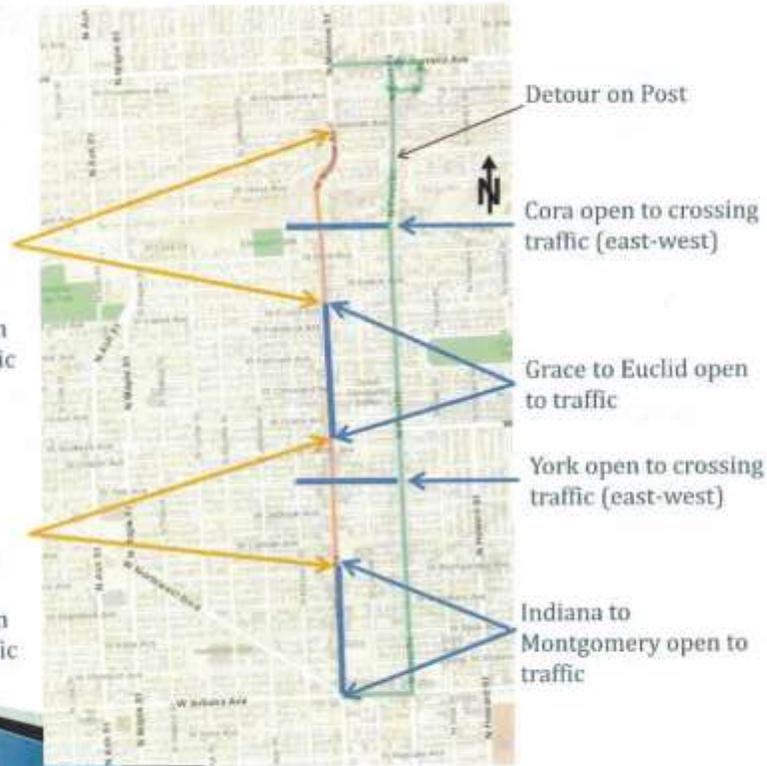
Dalton to Kiernan

- Closed to through traffic
- Cora Ave to remain open to cross traffic

### Monroe I-a -

Carlisle to Chelan

- Closed to through traffic
- York Ave to remain open to cross traffic



## Phase b

### Monroe II-b -

Grace to Euclid

- Closed to through traffic
- Fairview Ave to remain open to cross traffic

### Monroe I-b -

Indiana to Montgomery

- Closed to through traffic
- Knox Ave to remain open to cross traffic

