



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

The meeting began at 6:10p.m. with 18 voting members present. The roster also recorded 6 guests. Introductions ensued, new neighbors attended. The June minutes were approved without any changes, no objections and no abstentions; the May minutes were on the agenda but were thought to be approved at the June meeting and were not voted upon. Let the record reflect upon verification that the May minutes indeed were voted upon without any changes, no objections and no abstentions at the June meeting. The September Agenda was approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Candace Mumm's Legislative Assistant Kandace Watkins attended and reported on the sustainable green project up for discussion at city council - money is an issue, more will be reported as developed. Co-Chair Tim Musser expressed thanks to the City of Spokane and City Council for the completion of the Monroe Street Project.

Neighborhood Clean Up - Karl Bolt absent but sent a report: Clean Green Clean Up will be the First weekend of October at Faith Bible Church (600 W Cora Ave) - leaves must be in bags, no refuse or recycling.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrull) absent, no report provided.

Neighborhood Safety Committee (Mella Harmon) 312 respondents recorded for Survey. Mella can email a copy to those who want it. Neighbors will be able to go online to get info. Major concerns highlighted in Survey responses: Property Crime (Garage, Vehicles, etc.), Traffic/Transit/School Zones Etc., Code Enforcement Issues, Drugs/Drug Houses.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell) Infill housing was a major topic - discussion of smaller "micro" lot sizes which would be "too close to each other". Motion approved to ask Nathan Guinn to attend the November Council Meeting and present on Infill Housing. The CA also discussed that the City is running out of money for the homeless. Tom also mentioned that the CDBG funds for this year have been frozen as of Thurs 9/6.

Land Use Committee (Gene Brake) Rolling discussion at city level regarding cottage housing/infill to combat undesirable urban sprawl - lots of issues. Discussion ensued to differentiate what infill qualified as. Townhouses were identified to have their own ordinance. Apartments were determined to be Multifamily housing which is a different zoning/land use issue. Additionally, there is little neighborhood participation in the Land Use meeting, only 7 of 30 neighborhoods are participating.

Corbin Park HOA (Gene Brake) Beautification project in Corbin Park approved to landscape traffic triangles where there are junipers and add flower beds around Park Sign. Volunteers needed to plant flower beds. Next goal: to make park accessible to wheelchairs with pathways and a sitting space.

North Monroe Project (Bri Musser) Cruise on Monroe this Saturday Sept 15 from 10am to 4pm. Volunteers needed Friday at 10 am to prime the N. Monroe East Retaining Wall for the temporary mural project on Saturday.

CDBG (Mella Harmon) Funds for this year have been frozen. Jeff Edwards of the Corbin Center mentioned that project submissions were accepted for CDBG funding. We will await further information. Two previously slated CDBG projects were brought up: Corbin Park Tennis Court Refurbishment and Emerson Park Lighting and Pathways. It was noted that the Corbin Park refurbishment projects was scheduled to already be completed and the Emerson Park Lighting and Pathway project was to be completed during the 2018 construction calendar. The Corbin Park HOA was told from the Parks Dept. that the funding for the Tennis Court Refurbishment project was cancelled due to the bid costing more than the CDBG funds and that the CDBG funds were spent at a different park.

Group requests leadership reach out to George Dahl (CHHS) and Garret (Parks) for explanations on the projects funding and status. Kandace Watkins offered assistance from herself and Skyler (Karen Strattons L.A.). Requested that Kandace and Skyler be invited to any meetings with George and Parks, Gene Brake also volunteered to attend those meetings. Taylor will follow up with an email to George and Garrett.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards) reported that the grant funds have been used for a carpet replacement project. The next projects slated are a full security system and a new front door. Additionally, the annual auction is coming up on October 6th, one of the largest and most important fundraisers the center puts on - donations are needed. Please bring anything of good quality ranging from Paint-By-Numbers Activities to toaster to antiques, crafts, vacations or that toaster your kids gave you a few years ago that you left in the basement.

Emerson- Garfield Farmers Market (EJ) Friday 9/14 is the annual Craft Walk event where a ring of crafters will set up around the Farmers Market. 9/14, 9/21 and 9/28 are the last three Farmers Markets, please support as the season closes. Monroe Street accessibility began 9/7. Season Finale is 9/28 featuring live music and our annual season closing cider press activity.

Action Items: Reschedule Concert in the park or cancel and reallocate funds? August concert was cancelled due to hazardous air quality day of the event. Discussion of funding EGNC Ambassador T-Shirts for volunteers or Tote Bags for "Welcome to the neighborhood bags". Group voted unanimously to fund \$400 worth of various sized Pistachio Ambassador T-Shirts which will be worn by volunteers at annual clean up events, 17 weeks of Farmers Market, Concert in the Park, while distributing EGNC materials and other events; if T-Shirts were not possible the group approved to use funds for Tote Bags. Taylor to email Abbey Martin to inquire if Reprographics will need to be the vendor for T-Shirts.

Gene Bake brought up a second Action Item: Since the Concert is cancelled for 2018, should Concert Sponsorship Monies be refunded or rolled over to next year? Group discussed rolling funds over to next year if possible, if sponsors would prefer the reimbursement it has been approved - Gene will talk to sponsors and report their preference.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on at 6 p.m. on October 10, 2018.

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

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