



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with 16 voting members present. The roster also recorded 8 guests. The December minutes were approved with two minor changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Jenny Arnold from [Spokane Regional Health District](#) spoke to the group about the [Walk Bike Bus](#) program. They provide safety products and maps to help residents walk, bike, and bus in Spokane. If you are interested in participating, contact SRHD at 509-324-1537 or info@walkbikebus.org. The program begins in our neighborhood in May, and Walk Bike Bus will be sending a letter out to 450 total households to let them know about the program.

Taylor discussed the upcoming Community Engagement Grant. A small committee is looking into putting together bags or door hangers targeting groups with lower participation at neighborhood meetings. She brought up a few different ideas of what information could be included. The committee will get back together to propose a product to apply grant funds for at the March meeting.

Taylor also brought up the idea of moving the annual summer concert from August to another month. In addition, she suggested requesting funds for banners to direct people on arterials to the concert. An option may be to coordinate with North Monroe Business District and their Cruise on Monroe event. The committee will meet again to work out details to present to the EGNC in March.

We also discussed the Monroe Street Gateway sign and the need for neighborhood representatives on a committee to design the sign. This will be brought up again at the March meeting.

Jeff Benefield from Spokane Public Library presented to the group. The library system recently passed a bond, and they are currently in the design phase. The Shadle Library will be expanded in 2020. Additional information is available at future.spokanelibrary.org.

Carlie discussed Traffic Calming applications. Two projects were discussed – the turn from Northwest Blvd onto Indiana near Perfection Tire and the Washington and Buckeye intersection. We voted to table these discussions until next fall.

We voted to apply for speed feedback signs on Washington, Post, and Monroe.

A council member volunteered to design the Mounted Patrol Flag.

The West Central Community Center board of directors EGNC vacancy will be applied for by Rachelle.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrell): Cleaning the Corridor will be in District 1. The marketing toolkit will be called Resources for Building Stronger Neighborhoods and will be in the [neighborhoods](#) section of the City website.

Neighborhood Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): Their goals for this year are focused on cleaning up neighborhoods.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): The City has a problem with housing shortage.

Land Use (Rachelle Bradley): They are trying to engage neighborhoods to get more participation. Every second and fourth Tuesday at City Hall are meetings for land re-zoning and development. The Spokane Regional Health District is holding a growth management steering committee on Feb. 20 at 9 am.

North Monroe Business District: Two new vintage shops (Chic & Shab and Rustic Daisies) and a meditation center have all opened in the Hoban Building, across from the Adult Extended Learning Center at Monroe and Montgomery. The social media profiles for North Monroe Business District and Meet on Monroe are combining, and the calendar of events will soon be released for the year. They will be having a blood drive on Monroe on March 9, please e-mail meetonmonroe@gmail.com for more details.

West Quadrant TIF (Megan Kennedy): Funds that were already allocated but not successfully spent on the Monroe Street project may still be available for further improvements, in the amount of approximately \$104,000. The neighborhood and the business district will need to present their proposal to the TIF Committee so they can formally propose to Council how to spend the funds. The proposal will be strengthened if focusing on the intersections, and if supported by our Comprehensive Plan. Next possible presentation date is April 3rd.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards): Corbin has a security system project for CDBG and he asked that we provide our funds toward the project. We voted to devote up to \$7000 for this project.

To see the current CDBG menu, visit

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/neighborhoods/programs/ncdp/2019/menu-application-2018-10-11.pdf>.

Farmers Market (Brenda Martinson): The first market will be on June 7.

Spokane COPS (Dale Wells): He thanked the group for passing the recent funding for more police officers.

EGNC elections will be held next month.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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