



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

The meeting began at 6:02 pm with 18 voting members present. The roster also recorded 5 guests. The February minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Melissa Wittstruck from the City spoke to the group about the [North Bank project](#). She is visiting the neighborhoods surrounding the project area to get their feedback on plans for the site. There is a [survey](#) available until March 15. If you have any ideas for the area beyond the survey time period, email Melissa at mwittstruck@spokanecity.org. She also briefly mentioned the [Shared Mobility program](#).

Dale Wells from [Spokane COPS](#) discussed a neighborhood nuisance house that they were able to shut down. He notified us that City law requires you wear a helmet and use a front light at night while biking; police are a bit restricted on when they can stop bicyclists for not following these rules.

Jim Kolva from [Spokane Public Facilities District](#) talked about the [Sportsplex Project](#). The building will be able to hold large sports events and will seat 3500. It will be located near the Arena. They will be configuring the streets and walkways to accommodate the accessibility of the area. They plan to start construction in May 2019 and end in spring 2021.

Phillip Moore and Shaneese Dunigan from [Courage to Grow Farms](#) presented. They grow food on borrowed and leased land from friends and neighbors, have zero waste and sustainability goals, and use recycled materials wherever they can. Future goals include creating a mentorship program. They will be at local farmers markets, including the [Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market](#) and will have CSAs available.

Emerson Garfield Farmers Market (EJ Ianelli): They are gearing up for the season and seeking volunteers. To volunteer, contact the market at (509) 255-3072 or market@emersongarfield.org.

Spring Clean Up (Karl Boldt): Clean Up date will be May 18 from 9-12:30 at Faith Bible Church ([600 W Cora](#)). If you want to volunteer, contact Karl at 325-3031. In fall, there will be a large furniture and appliance clean up. Dump passes will be available the first Friday of the month at the Farmers Market.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrell): They are organizing a spring retreat about the marketing toolkit, sharing best practices, and communication between neighborhoods. Date to be announced. Cleaning from the Corridor will be in Logan neighborhood. To volunteer, visit volunteerspokane.org.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): EJ will be attending [NUSA](#) in May. A rapid flash signal at the crosswalk will be install on Post at Cleveland/Waverly.

Carlie has suggestions for updates to the by-laws. She will send a draft of the changes out to the group to review with the plan to vote on them next meeting.

There are ideas for improving our neighborhood parks. The best way to get these improvements on the Parks Department radar is to form a committee to create a long term plan to send to the City. Candace Mumm's representative suggested that we email our Council Members with a request for funds to develop a plan.

The Community Development Block Grant: We voted to give \$7000 to Corbin Senior Center and give the remainder of our funds to Women and Children's Free Restaurant.

The group voted to apply for mobile speed feedback signs on N Maple at Jackson northbound, N Monroe at Shannon northbound, and N Post at Cleveland northbound all during the school year.

A Gateway Project committee of EJ, Bill, and April was formed to plan the design.

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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