



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, April 10, 2019*

The meeting began at 6:01 pm with 22 voting members present. The roster also recorded 7 guests. The March minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Rachel Hanson from [Spokane Parks and Rec](#) spoke to the group about summer splash passes. All pools will be open by June 17 and are free. To get your Splash Pass, go [online](#) to create an account or call 311. If you had an account last year, it is still good. They are bringing back [Mobile Rec](#) and starts June 17.

Jeff Benefield from [Spokane Public Library](#) provided information about the library's approved bond. Construction will start at [Shadle Library](#) in mid-March 2020. To see designs, attend an open house at Shadle Library on Tuesday, April 16 from 4-6 pm and at [Downtown Library](#) on Thursday, April 18 from 4-6 pm and 7-8 pm. The former Payless Shoe Store in Northtown Mall will be turned into a temporary Shadle Library during construction. Through April 20 the library is holding a [Food for Fines](#) program – bring in dry or canned goods and they will waive your overdue fines.

Regarding CDBG funding, we voted to allocate all \$30,000 towards Rogers High School Medical Clinic. In the event that this project does not work out, we voted to allocate \$20,000 towards the MLK Family Outreach Center and allow CHHS to allocate the remainder of the \$10,000 as they see fit.

We voted to allocate \$225 for 200 door hangers with cuts, \$350 for entertainment, and \$75 for advertising using the Community Engagement Grant. If any items come under budget, we would like the remainder to be spent towards more door hangers and advertising. The plan is for the concert to be held in conjunction with the Meet on Monroe event on September 14. We voted to use any reallocation money for more neighborhood brochures.

Elections were held. The group voted to elect Taylor Phillips as Chair, Karl Boldt as Vice-Chair, Carlie Hoffman as Secretary, Tom Powell as Community Assembly Representative, and Gene Brake as Treasurer.

Regarding the by-law changes, we need to update the map, change the word less to fewer on page 4, change wording regarding months and meetings on page 1, and update the current boundaries on page 1. All other suggested changes sent out after last meeting were approved. Carlie will update the proposed changes to the document and send it to voting members. We will discuss the changes again next month and vote.

We discussed creating a Parks Plan for long-term projects, a document we can use as a reference to decide which parks projects to work on in our neighborhood. The Parks Project Plan is separate from the EG Neighborhood Master Plan. The Parks Project Plan needs a task force that involves key stakeholders

from both parks, from North Monroe Business District, and at-large representative(s). Taylor will put together a flyer requesting volunteers for the task force, and Karl agreed to be the contact for volunteers.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (EJ Iannelli): They are still looking for \$50 sponsors for the banner. They are looking for KERNEL volunteers. They also need help with music coordination. If you are interested in helping to put together the neighborhood newsletter, contact [market@emersongarfield.org](mailto:market@emersongarfield.org).

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrell): The retreat is April 30 at 6:30 at West Central Community Center. [Cleaning from the Corridor](#) is April 27 - they need volunteers so sign up at [volutneerspokane.org](http://volutneerspokane.org).

Neighborhood Safety Committee (Mella Harmon): The [resource list](#) is completed.

Land Use (Rachelle Bradley): They discussed the bike share project.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): The [website](#) has been updated.

Corbin Senior Center (Jeff Edwards): They were fully funded for their security improvements.

Community Assembly (Tom Powell): They plan on putting in wider crosswalks. They are working on fixing planning regulations and bringing them up to date.

Spokane COPS (Dale Wells): They have been spending a lot of time at Emerson Park and have begun trespassing people. They have been in contact from the owners of the Lloyd Building regarding some problems going on there. City crews have cleaned 7560 lbs of garbage from nine transient camps in the parks.

Mallory Kennedy is working on creating an Emerson-Garfield flag that will be displayed during the [Spokane COPS Mounted Patrol](#).

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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