



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with 16 voting members present. The roster also recorded 10 guests. The May minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Alter Church ([2803 N Lincoln](#)) contacted us to partner with them on a neighborhood clean up on June 23 with a BBQ afterwards at Bellwether. We agreed to donate 4 dump passes for the removal of trash. A vote was approved with no objections and no abstentions.

Door hangers will need to be distributed throughout the year. We will also consult the [Building Stronger Neighborhoods toolkit](#) to decide on materials and will focus on non-profit organizations. If you would like to see anything added to the neighborhood treasure map, send the information to Taylor at myneighbortaylor@gmail.com. A group of volunteers agreed to meet at the Farmers Market on Jun 14 at 3 pm to discuss what will go in the bags and which houses to target. They will meet again at the Farmers Market on Jun 21 at 3 pm to stuff the bags and distribute them.

Spokane Public Library (Jeff Benefield): The library no longer charges overdue fines on materials. Spokane Youth Cards allow students to check out a bus pass and get free skate rentals at the ice ribbon. This Saturday the Shadle Library will hold a program featuring a Border Patrol agent.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (EJ Iannelli): Sales were good for the first week. The dump passes were gone in 20 minutes. Many volunteers came out.

Spring Clean Up (Karl Boldt): We had 12 volunteers and our turnout was about half as usual. 4000 lbs. in metal was recycled with a \$104 profit. The mailer is working well as people from a large area attended. We had an increase in the amount of e-cycle items. Faith Bible Church agreed to continue with us next year. The Department of Corrections has helped us secure a crew for future clean ups. Curbside large appliance and large furniture pick up will be this fall; a mailer will be sent out to households.

Neighborhood Safety (Mella Harmon): The committee will be submitting a regular blog post to the City's blog dealing with topics in their calendar. The first post will be about ideas for neighbors to meet their neighbors.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): The 6-year capital improvement program is mid-program. They have spent \$33 million for new pedestrian and bike transportation construction. The City launched Spokane In Motion, a program to learn from European bike transportation methods.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): They will be taking over the Farmers Market on Jun 21, kicking off the summer selfie spectacular and giving away t-shirts. They are working with the City to get hanging baskets on light poles.

Community Assembly (Christopher Savage): They are working on coordinating with the NDCP system.

Spokane C.O.P.S. (Dale Wells): For the last 6 weeks he has been re-assigned to address illegal homeless camps in the City. They are focusing on people experiencing chronic homelessness who do not desire help with services. They have made around 110 arrests for illegal camping. There may have been an uptick of homeless at Emerson Park because he hasn't been able to patrol there lately.

Heather Trautman presented to the group about the North Monroe Corridor Subarea Plan. They are looking to work with the neighborhood to pursue business, housing, and service opportunities that come with high performance transit and zoning and land use. The timeline begins by the end of the month and will go through the end of the year. Gene Brake is working as liaison to the City, building a committee to work on this project.

Barb Brock gave a presentation on homelessness, encouraging the group to help. Current research shows that about 40% of the population is a paycheck away from homelessness. Ms. Brock discussed her experiences with homeless populations. Richard, who is currently homeless, spoke with the group about the need to show kindness to the homeless and shared some of his story. Sampson spoke about disaffiliation with homeless populations and the need to hear their voices.

Ryan Broadwater discussed the STA Monroe-Regal Line. They will be re-working some of the bus stops for improvements. Two of the stops will have a fare validator to speed boarding. The amenities will be installed in early 2020.

The summer potluck will be on Wednesday, August 14 at 5 pm at the Corbin Senior Center. The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 6 pm, following the potluck.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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