

## Emerson Garfield Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes

**August 14, 2019**

- forgot sign-in sheet, oops

6:01pm: Meeting Start

6:02: Introductions

6:07pm: Quorum Verified

6:07pm: June Minutes Approved

6:10pm- Reports

6:10pm Spokane Public Library – Jeff

- News from the Library – no longer overdue fines for late material, feels like it penalizes the most needing populations of the libraries
- Library Card Perk: 50 free prints, scanning/fax is free
- As of today (8/14/19), library card holders can check out a one-day pass to the Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC)
- Future Plans for the Library: temporary location is still going to be at the mall
- Mitigation Measures: green space at the new library location – two trees planted for every one removed initially
- Look at the Catalog for the library of things – you can rent many things for free

6:12pm City of Spokane Update- Councilmember Mum and Ryan Torvy (sp?)

- Prioritizing biking and walking safely to school
- Washington State Department of Transportation Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) application
- Ryan: handouts on the Spokane Traffic Calming Program (toolkit), SRTS grant information
- Next Steps: there is no deadline for school related traffic/transportation projects
  - 70% of sidewalks in our district are not finished – Councilmember Mum

6:20pm Emerson Garfield Farmers Market – EJ

- West Quadrant TIF Committee is looking for a representative for our neighborhood– decides how to spend money locally with taxes, including West Central, Kendall Yards – vacancy contact EJ or Taylor
- Farmers Market: 10 markets under our belt, 7 left in the entire season
- September 20, Pen-Ultimate Market – Craft Walk Market
  - extra vendors for crafts, Avista, Spokane Arts present
  - looking for volunteers – especially for KERNEL Kids
  - please come out and support the market by shopping

6:25pm CEG: Door Hangers – Taylor

- Community Engagement Grant Door Hangers distribution operations
  - Due to the canceling of the concert, we had extra money available and dedicated it to door hangers for neighbors
  - Jeff handed out over 50 and Corina helped – THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED
  - 1,750 bags left to fill which can be strategically planned to distribute in the future
    - contents included: SCRAPS pet licensing, vaccinations, firehouse – fire detectors, treasure map, EG farmers market information, Walk, Bike, Bus maps
  - Goal was 500, reached 200 in the newly acquired neighborhood area near TJ Meenach and parklet (used to be Audubon)
  - Think about WHEN we will distribute in the future and WHO we will reach out to based on the outreach outcomes

6:30pm Building Stronger Neighborhoods – Anne

- absent

6:30pm Land Use – Rachelle

- North Bank
- SUD – contact Chris Green from the City for more information

6:32pm North Monroe Business District – Gene

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cruise on Monroe – September 14<sup>th</sup>, vintage car show in the extended learning parking lot on Monroe, starts at 10am
  - THERE WILL BE PORT-A-POTTIES!
  - Atomic Threads anniversary party, Bellweather is hosting a Sours Festival, Slow the Flow, Gene Brake Realty, Sunbeam Artistic & Spatial Design
  - 8pm is the concert – Starlit Motel and Blue Cannon bands
  - new sponsor at Allstate Insurance, THANK YOU KEITH!
    - also thanks to our other sponsors
  - After you Cruise into Monroe, keep cruising into Corbin Park for the concert!
  - cars will also be joining the concert at the park!

6:37pm Corbin Senior Center – Jeff

- no updates

6:40pm Community Assembly – Tom

- no updates – where is Tom?
- Does anybody have Tom Powell's personal contact information? We are worried about our dear neighbor and would like to ascertain we have a healthy Community Assembly rep. as well.
- Community Assembly Representative: First Thursday of every month 5:30-8:00pm at City Hall
- Need to elect an alternate representative at the least
- Rachelle Bradley will attend the

6:43pm Spokane COPS – Dale

- no report

#### 6:43pm Treasury Update from Gene

- \$1,136.92 in account
- Gene hustled money from sponsors to pay for the concert event
- 3 outstanding invoices
  - reimbursement for Taylor for mounted patrol flag, \$78.88
  - reimbursement for Taylor for treasure maps prints for door-hangers, \$464.02
  - reimbursement for Allstate for insurance for the concert
    - last year \$180 thinks it'll be the same as last year
    - increase to \$270 for liability, if COPS is willing to be a sponsor then this cost might not be so high
  - Motion to approve Taylor's reimbursements and Allstate Insurance Liability cost increase by Gene, seconded, and approved at 6:44pm
  - Gene will reach out to COPS and Tracy to be at the event
- Gene will give a report at next month's meeting
- TELL EVERYBODY YOU KNOW ABOUT CRUISE ON MONROE, IT IS FREE!
- The concert is local bands

#### 6:50pm Neighborhood Gateway Sign with North Hill – EJ

- Community Development Block Grant funded this joint project, process started 3-years ago
  - Gateway Sign
- something that represented the intersection of the neighborhoods while also representing there are distinct identities in each neighborhood
- AHBL Planners – big concepts and elements, like weathering steel and powdered steel for the sign and later presented crude designs
- 3 designs are very donut shaped, 1 design is a helix (all signs have lighting and can change based on seasons)
- Please contact Taylor, EJ, or April regarding your feedback and comments on the proposed designs ASAP because there is a time crunch on getting this finished because of the CDBG spending deadlines. End of August in the absolute latest for feedback. Email at: [info@emersongarfield.org](mailto:info@emersongarfield.org)
  - Think about how this can become a new icon for both neighborhoods
- Questions:
  - Where the sign be located?
    - North of Diamonds in the Rough on North Monroe at the boundary of the neighbors
  - Will it look different on each side?
    - yes, the names of the neighborhoods will be different on each sign but the font/face type should be the same
  - Will the sign say "welcome to...."?
    - right now, it is just the neighborhood names

7:00pm New Market Manager – Taylor

- Why our Farmer's Market Matters:
  - access to our neighbors, access for children to have safe activities like KERNEL
- EJ has been Market Manager for 7 years
- great local musicians, our vendors are the best, we accept everyone
- We need a volunteer to take over EJ's old job, he came in without knowing anything but learned by doing
- Market is in a cool place and just needs to be taken over, we are going to hit \$6,000 in sales this year – awesome for a grassroots Farmers Market
- If you are interested please talk to EJ and Taylor to keep the Farmers Market going – if we can't get a volunteer manager the Farmer Market will most likely cease to exist

7:12pm Meeting Adjourned

\*We need to contact Tim about an update on the Emerson Park pathway. \*

Post Meeting Notes:

Free Dental Clinic on Fridays at Better Living Center on Division

- Gayle Haeger, 509-992-1976
- 185% of the poverty level and below, no insurance except Medicaid is allowed
- general dental, fillings, cleanings, extractions, no root canals because of insurance
- need for volunteer dentists – full staff but not dentists
- 400 families every month for the food bank Tuesdays and Thursdays – serve 99205, 99208 (not north of Francis, & 99207
- contact Spokane County United Way about looking for volunteers
- Greater Valley Network – once a month, have presentations and organizations share cool stories