



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

The meeting began at 6 pm with 16 voting members present. The roster also recorded 7 guests. The September minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Spokane Public Library (Jeff Benefield) - Shadle will open in the North Town Mall on January 2 with expanded hours. The Downtown library is still looking for an alternate location downtown.

April and EJ presented the designs for the North Monroe Neighborhood Gateway sign ([image Emerson-Garfield](#); [image North Hill](#)). The sign was made possible by pulling our CDBG funds and North Hill pulling their CDBG funds. The helix represents the two neighborhoods coming together. It will be backlit and internally illuminated with LED lighting. We voted to approve the design without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Council member Candace Mumm wanted to let us to call 311 if we have any branches blocking roadways. City Council has authorized funding for a warming shelter but the mayor and his administration have yet to secure a location, though she heard that they may have found a place. The City is looking at multiple options for housing, but they need a social services operator. If you would like to learn more about meeting needs of those experiencing homelessness, [contact your County commissioners](#).

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (EJ) – This year sales are up almost 25%. Taylor will be the new market manager beginning next year. If anyone is interested in helping out, contact EJ (ej.iannelli@gmail.com) or Taylor (myneighbortaylor@gmail.com).

Large appliance pick up (Karl Boldt) – More than 90 locations registered. He received much more requests than could be accommodated.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrull) – The fall retreat is Oct 14 from 9am-1pm at West Central Community Center. They will be discussing what was learned at the recent NUSA conference.

District CDBG funding priorities that were brought up last month were discussed. Housing, childcare, and senior services are all high priority.

Land Use (Rachelle Bradley) – They are working on re-electing for their executive committee.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman) – They are thinking about changing the name of the committee.

North Monroe Business District – Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is coming up.

Community Assembly (Rachelle Bradley) – They had a presenter come to discuss putting a face on homelessness. There is an updated plan being considered for downtown Spokane. They also discussed the changes to traffic calming and school safety.

CA Community Development Grant (Taylor Phillips) – We spent \$300 for the band, around \$80 for our flag, and were reallocated for our updated brochures. She will be stepping back from CA grant duties next year so others will be needed to step in.

Door hanger outreach (Taylor Phillips) – Bags have been distributed to 500 doors. The outreach has been positive and people have expressed that they learned about EGNC from them.

Gabby Ryan from the City spoke about our 2019 [snow removal plan](#). It is pretty much the same as last year. The deadline for removing RVs and anything on trailers is November 15. Sidewalks should be shoveled by 9 am after a snow event. View the [presentation](#) for more information.

We agreed to have a guest speaker to come in December to talk about greenways.

Mary May and Deb Elzinga from [Community Frameworks](#) talked about their organization and their upcoming projects. Over the last 10-15 years, their focus has been on housing. They work on rental development and home ownership for those having difficulty with affording housing. Sinto Commons, a project they are working on if the funding sources come together, will have between 42 and 50 units. Renters will be able to access social services on-site. They anticipate the project will be completed in fall 2021.

The group was introduced to Heath Kays, our neighborhood's new representative on the West Central Community Center board. You can read his bio below.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Heath Kays bio:

My name is Heath Kays. I am a local Allstate Agency owner in the West Central neighborhood. Born and raised in Spokane, I grew up on the Northwest side of town, and graduated from both St. Charles and Gonzaga Prep. As a small business owner over the past 3 and half years, I have been actively involved in many different capacities in our community. Our weekly participation in the Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market, as well as providing resources with various school supply drives, stand out as some I am most proud to partner with. I am also passionate about volunteering with Inland Northwest Honor Flight, The Rypien Foundation and Gleason Fest. As a business owner, I feel I have a responsibility to try to do what I can to better the lives of the people in the area in which I do business. It is this sense of duty and desire to cultivate a positive legacy that drew me to align myself with the Community Center.

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