



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

The meeting began at 6:05 pm with 19 voting members present. The roster also recorded 14 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

We voted to move Candace Mumm's report to the top of the agenda.

The first initial of people's last names will now be included in meeting minutes.

Councilmember Mumm discussed snow removal and increased road plowing. Call 311 if you find a sidewalk that consistently not getting cleared. The City will notify the home or business of removal requirements and will find help with removal for those who need it. Clean green yard waste pickup ends Dec 4. Recycling is going to every other week – watch your mail for notification. There are plans to open Cannon Shelter soon. The City Council is working on the budget.

We discussed the 55 W Mission shelter. If you need to report any issues on the 55 W Mission property, call Salvation Army at (509) 866-5476. If you need to report any issues happening elsewhere in the neighborhood, call Crime Check at (509) 456-2233. The City and the Salvation Army are coordinating with the police regarding issues with the area, and they are trying to streamline the reporting. Gabby R is our neighborhood resources - email her (gryan@spokanecity.org) with any questions, and she will help you find an answer. Officer Wells saw complaints from a 2-block radius around shelter after opening, and police are going through neighborhood after dark to encourage people to go to shelters. Law enforcement, the City, and the neighborhood are all concerned to make this work long-term.

Brent W presented to the group regarding an organization, [Life Services](#), requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a residence on W Chelan. They propose to convert a single-family home into an intake office, resource center, and group meeting place. Concerns mentioned include: losing an affordable single-family home in the neighborhood, potential of a domino effect in more housing being converted for other uses, impact on desirability of surrounding homes, safety issues, and parking issues.

The group discussed inviting Life Services to an upcoming meeting to present their plans.

Councilmember Mumm mentioned that this is not a zoning change, just a conditional use change. She also reaffirmed that when the City looks at permits, they do not make decisions based on what service the organization provides, rather it is based on what happens outside.

All present voted to request unallocated Community Engagement Grant funds to purchase a neighborhood Zoom account.

We voted to cancel the December meeting and resume our meetings in January.

Mark Agee from Ten Talents LLC presented to the group. They own the Lloyd building, the corner lot on Monroe and Montgomery, and the triplex at 1015 W Montgomery. They are in preliminary planning stages to request a zoning change to demolish the 1015 W Montgomery triplex and build a six-unit building on the property. They are very early in the process and are seeking feedback from the neighborhood. They would like any new building to fit the neighborhood and remain affordable. They plan to return to present to the neighborhood council again when they have firmer plans.

Spokane Public Library (Jeff B) – Libraries are offering curbside service, 30-minute computer sessions, and grab-and-go 30-minute appointments – [reserve your time online](#). With current spike in COVID, cannot offer greater access. November is Native American heritage month – [check out their programs](#).

Spokane COPS (Dale W) – He discussed difficulties in shutting down nuisance houses right now due to the no eviction decree. There is an arsonist in Emerson Park but no suspects yet. They are working on transient camps but harder during COVID.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Taylor P) – It was a successful year with about 20 consistent vendors throughout season. They saw about 350-450 people for every market, and four vendors broke sales records. Due to COVID restrictions, there was no live music, no KERNEL kids activity, and no craft walk or craft vendors. They hope to add arts and crafts back next year. This is the only all-volunteer market in Spokane, providing over \$3000 in WIC and more than \$5000 through EBT and match program They also distribute food boxes. Anne L will take over as market manager and Brenda M will still be volunteer coordinator next year.

Clean Up Program (Karl B) – The program is done for the year and will probably follow the same format next year with dump passes. They are awaiting the final tallies.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne L via email) – They are investigating trainings on neighborhood government subjects. They also discussed purchasing books for each neighborhood council. There is about \$4000 in the training budget. Some trainers discussed were YMCA and Gonzaga University.

Land Use (Bill H) – They discussed [Accessory Dwelling Units](#), an adjacent or a portion of a residential structure/property suitable for occupation day-to-day in all seasons. It is associated with owner occupation of the residential site, and cannot be a shed or office or RV. There are limits to the proportion of the land or existing structure and overall heights; the style should harmonize with the primary structure. These are welcome because owners can realize income, efficiency, and property value while some residents can obtain affordable housing throughout Spokane. They also discussed loud noise causing disturbances and the importance of councils to have input to city that on temporary or permanent disruptions.

PeTT (Carlie H) – Spokane Transit Authority presented regarding [service changes](#). Washington State Department of Transportation presented on their [active transportation programs](#) – fewer people driving and more walking and biking with less fatalities.

Community Assembly (Chris S) – They are voting for next year’s administrative committee. Snow plow plans will be 3 days long. They discussed the police reform task force and chose a representative from CA. They are postponing awards. They also discussed RV parking restrictions. The building of a new park near North Indian Trail will be postponed.

Treasurer (Gene B) – No money spent since last month.

West Central Community Center (Heath K) – A new ordinance will extend the end date of the WQTIF to 2047, allowing for much more revenue to accumulate. After 2032, 50 percent of the funds will be mandated for affordable housing (though funds can also be spent on affordable housing prior to 2032). Greenstone and the City have agreed that after 2032, all the funds that would have gone into the Kendall Yards subarea will be directed instead to the neighborhoods, with the exception of funds for any affordable housing that Greenstone builds in the Kendall Yards area.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.