



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, July 14, 2021*

The meeting began at 6:02 pm with 15 voting members present. The roster also recorded 4 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

We will have an outdoor meeting in August, in which we hope to include a health clinic and activities. We will resume in-person meetings with a hybrid component at the Corbin Senior Center ([827 W Cleveland](#)) starting in September. There was some discussion about how the hybrid format will function.

We discussed future social hour meetings with neighbors at different business on Monroe. Dates and times will be determined. Look for more information in the future.

The group voted for Sarah Lickfold to serve as Community Assembly representative and Brenda Martinson to serve as alternate.

We discussed proposed [Land Use](#) changes to support increased density wherein the single family housing definition would be expanded to include duplex, triplex and fourplex housing. This could mean that single family homes may be replaced with a larger structure. Council Member Stratton is meeting with the committee tomorrow and will gather more information.

Geriann Armstrong from the [Way Out Shelter](#) shared that the last sleeping night was June 30. The building is in a remodel phase. The timeline for construction completion is late October with occupancy in early November.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market going well. There are some concerns about mask wearing. If you are vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask. If you are not vaccinated, wearing a mask is recommended. Anne works with vendors and customers to wear masks when appropriate. Follow the market on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Officer Dale Wells was promoted and is no longer be our Neighborhood Resource Officer. His position will not be filled immediately. In the meantime, Officer Keith Cler will be taking over Officer Wells' area, and will be attending our meetings when able. The North Central COPS location will be volunteer only for now.

Officer Wells updated the group on some of the legislative changes that go into effect soon. With these changes, it may take longer for police to be able to respond to calls. A promotional video will be released soon so the public can learn more specifics about the changes.

Council Member Karen Stratton reminded the group that the city is continuing to work with the administration and non-profits on cooling centers. Please check on your family and neighbors to ensure

their safety. Spokane Regional Health Departments has a list of cooling centers. Spokane Transit Authority is offering [free rides to cooling centers](#).

The next EGNC meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.