



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

The meeting began at 6:02 pm with 17 voting members present. The roster also recorded 8 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Chair report: If you would like to wish Council Member Mumm a farewell, there will be a gathering at [Chase Gallery](#) on December 13 at 5 pm.

City Council (Karen Stratton):

- City Council is they will pass a budget on December 13. Residents can watch live on channel 5 at 6 pm.
- She addressed a rumor that council is trying to defund the police. Council discussed a reclassification, not a defund.
- The City is interviewing for vacant Community, Housing, and Human Services positions.
- There is a new snow plan in which plows are strategically placed around the city to allow for earlier plowing in each area

Community Assembly (Sarah Lickfold): City Council Member [Michael Cathcart](#) spoke about [requested feedback](#) regarding the vacated East Central Library. There will be a new traffic calming program with a new timeline. There is still time to send in nominations for the Good Neighbor Award. Sarah suggests nominating Anne Luttrull. If you would like to nominate someone, contact Gail Cropper at [nwncspokane@gmail.com](mailto:nwncspokane@gmail.com). The City Council is discussing how to distribute funds to neighborhoods.

COPS (Georgiana Sutherland): [COPS North Central](#) is open 5 days a week from 10 am – 2 pm. They gave away 85 dump passes between May and November. If you have any code complaints about abandoned cars, etc., contact them by phone or in person. They can help with the case in conjunction with the city.

Way Out Shelter (Gerriann Armstrong): All contracts on the building were signed November 30. They are in the hiring process for staff and opened the referral portal on Monday. Over 25 applicants so far and hope to have 10 individuals by the end of December. The Salvation Army will have holiday events.

Antony Chiang from Millennium Northwest presented on an upcoming mixed use housing development at [2002 N Monroe](#) (corner of Monroe and Shannon). Their vision is to invest in neighborhoods where there is an opportunity for mixed used housing to add vibrancy and walkability in neighborhoods. He showed the group images of early concepts. The project will be done in two phases. The first phase will be a building on Monroe and the second phase will be a building on Shannon. The design will have a

contemporary feel that respects the culture of the district. The first floor of the Monroe building will be for commercial businesses. Parking will be behind the buildings. They are building according to new state energy code standards. They are utilizing multifamily tax exemptions. They are also looking to build elsewhere in the neighborhood. Email [achiang@millenniumnw.com](mailto:achiang@millenniumnw.com) with questions or ideas for the project.

Land Use (Bill Heaton): via email – Housing Action Plan recommended amendments to change the minimum square feet of lots, allow duplex and townhouse style housing, allow more diverse designs of accessory dwellings, reduced fee for short plats, more SEPA exemptions for smaller units.

The next EGNC meeting will be held online on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.