



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

The meeting began at 6:03 pm with 20 voting members present. The roster also recorded 4 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Chair report: Mark met with Council Member Karen Stratton about going back to in-person meetings. The plan is to begin Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council meetings in-person at Corbin Senior Center in May. We are hoping for a hybrid model and looking for advice from City Council. Mark has spoken with World Relief and local community centers regarding new Ukrainian refugees.

Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council officer elections will be held at the May meeting.

We voted unanimously to approve \$350 of our [Community Engagement Grant](#) funds to pay for printing of brochures. This will be used at the Farmers Market to let customers know about the neighborhood council.

Gene updated group on two legislative bills we discussed last month. Both bills failed but pieces of them may return to government discussions in the future.

The [Housing Action Subcommittee](#) is meeting March 10 to discuss affordable housing options. Gene can update us next month.

City Council (Zack Zappone):

- There will be a new neighborhood resource officer at COPS North Central.
- The City added some new grind and overlay projects this summer – Gardner from Maple to Monroe; Cataldo from Washington to Division.
- [Mobile speed feedback](#) applications are due Friday, April 1.
- West Central will be getting a crosswalk and signage at Dutch Jakes Park.
- Neighbors Drive 25 Kickoff event will be on Thursday, March 24 at 9:30 am at the Neva-Wood COPS shop ([4705 N Addison St](#)).
- EJ and Karen Stratton met with ONS about the Emerson-Garfield/North Hill gateway sign. They are trying to revive the project by doing a Request for Information which will be followed by a Request for Quotes.
- You can reach Zack Zappone at zzappone@spokanecity.org

Clean Up (Karl): [Disposal passes](#) now available. You can acquire a pass online or at [COPS locations](#) during their open hours. Each resident can get one per month.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Lutfull): The planning is going well. They have secured the SCC Adult Education parking lot for this summer. Anne is putting together an event calendar for the season.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Lutfull): Gonzaga University Leadership trainings are still in progress. They are discussing additional trainings and a mentorship program. They also discussed the possibility of using the Mighty Network software to manage neighborhood council documents and information.

Community Assembly (Sarah Lickfold):

- An ad hoc committee has been formed to investigate the feasibility of purchasing and making available to neighborhood councils the Mighty Network software.
- There is now a [Video Library](#) in the neighborhood section on the City's website. Please share the videos with people new to the neighborhood council.
- The [Citizen's Transportation Advisory Board](#) is looking for members – they meet the third Wednesday of the month. Email chair@ecspokane.org if you are interested.
- There will be a joint Community Assembly/City Council meeting online on Thursday, March 31 from 5:30-7 pm. Email topics to Spy.pawn007@gmail.com.
- Two Emerson-Garfield residents were given a Good Neighbor Award – Steve Ferse and Anne Luttrull!

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): They are working on outreach to neighborhoods to encourage their participation on the subcommittee. They are also working on creating a list of transportation projects city-wide to provide better communication with the different departments and neighborhoods.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays): Adult services programs participation is picking up. Heath plans to speak with the center director about help for refugees. The library will be fixing their kiosk soon.

COPS/SPD (Patrick Striker): They will be holding an open house on Wednesday, April 13 at 6 pm at the COPS North Central location ([806 W Knox Ave](#)). This will be the Emerson-Garfield regular meeting time. Attend to learn about all their programs.

COPS (Georgiana Sutherlin): They have disposal passes available for pick up Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm at COPS North Central location ([806 W Knox Ave](#)). If your car has been broken into, call COPS at 509-625-3348 and they can dust for latent finger prints.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): If you are business owner or know one in the neighborhood on Monroe, go to meetonmonroe.com to sign up to be a member.

Treasurer (Gene Brake): We have \$783.96, earning \$.30 last quarter.

Way Out Shelter (Gerriann Armstrong): They served 55 individuals last month, successfully exiting 5 individuals into permanent housing. There will be movies in the park will start this spring, a summer camp

celebration in June, youth programming on Tuesday nights, and an after school program. Visit makingpokanebetter.org to learn more about programs and to volunteer.

We voted to have Timothy submit the mobile speed feedback application for the neighborhood council. He will provide the details to the officers for approval prior to submitting.

The next EGNC meeting/social will be held at the North Central COPS Shop ([806 W Knox Ave](#)) on Wednesday, April 13 at 6pm. Bring a side dish to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.