



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, May 11, 2022*

The meeting began at 6:06 pm with 20 voting members present. The roster also recorded 2 guests. The minutes were approved without any changes, with no objections and no abstentions.

Chair report: The [West Quadrant TIF](#)'s Neighborhood Advisory Committee is looking for an alternate representative from Emerson-Garfield. Visit the [City's vacancies page](#) to learn more and to apply.

John Edmondson from [Growing Neighbors](#) discussed how his organization works to grow and share healthy food and relationships. They help people start hyper-localized community gardens with over 50 growing spaces so far. They also help neighbors access food with deliveries to those with mobility challenges. In addition, they build, install and stock little free pantries. They also help build composting systems and hold food centered workshops. If you would like to donate extra produce or compost or would like to volunteer, contact John at [jedmondson77@gmail.com](mailto:jedmondson77@gmail.com).

Clean Up (Karl): [Disposal passes](#) are available all year. You can get one online or through the COPS shop.

COPS (Georgiana Sutherland): They are looking for more [volunteers](#). The shop is open 10am-2pm Monday-Friday. The Mounted Patrol Unit will be at Corbin Park from 12-1pm on:

- Saturday, June 4
- Sunday, June 12
- Saturday July 2
- Saturday, July 16, and
- Sunday, August 7

Homebound residents are eligible to have the fire department install smoke detectors in their homes for free. If you know of someone who needs this, pick up an application at the COPS Shop. They also still have Neighbors Drive 25 signs for your yard.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Lutfull): The [market](#) starts Friday, June 3. It runs 3-7pm every Friday through September 30. Watch [social media](#) for announcements about monthly events.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Lutfull): The next leadership training will be on working with difficult people. They are working on updating the online toolkit and the CA handbook. Brian Walker from City Communications will be presenting the group about planning community events.

Community Assembly (Sarah Lickfold): Mayor Woodward summarized her [State of City address](#). The Planning Department presented on changes to zoning and any questions or comments should be directed to them. They are still looking into purchasing the Mighty Networks online platform that would allow all neighborhood councils to store documents and provide communication. Spokane Arts started a [neighborhood poetry program](#). Mobile speed feedback trailers will be placed soon.

Land use (Bill Heaton): Nate Gwinn presented on [Shaping Spokane Housing](#).

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): WSDOT Highway System is holding an [online Community Equity Workshop](#) on Tuesday, May 17 at 6-8pm. There will be two [Traffic Calming](#) workshops upcoming:

- Tuesday, May 31 at 5:30-7pm at West Central Community Center (District 3 kick-off)
- Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30-7pm at North Central High School Gym (Emerson-Garfield, North Hill, and West Central neighborhoods)

If you have traffic calming concerns you would like to be related during these workshops or at the PeTT meetings, please email the details to Carlie at [ag4646@gmail.com](mailto:ag4646@gmail.com).

City Council (Zack Zappone): The Planning Commission is voting Shaping Spokane soon. The group discussed the proposed homeless shelter on Trent. The City administration and City Council are trying to come to a compromise and collaboration to ensure making this shelter successful. They are looking at best practices around the country regarding homeless issues. They Request for Proposals will start at 150 beds and grow up to 500. They are also working on a good neighbor agreement between shelters and neighborhoods. Council Member Zappone is talking to public works about closing car traffic on Post Street bridge. He is also looking into creating rainbow painted community crosswalks.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays): They will hold their annual Neighbor Day on Friday, June 3 at 4-7pm.

North Monroe Business District (Heath Kays): They will hold a business district member mixer at end of the month.

Treasurer (Gene Brake): The account accrued \$.30 in interest.

Gene Brake provided the group with an update on the Plan Commission meeting regarding [Shaping Spokane Housing](#). He opposes the expansion of short-term rentals, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) that do not require owner occupancy on the property, and duplexes on single family lots. He hopes that City Council will help temper these amendments.

The [Corbin Park Yard Sale](#) is on Saturday, June 11 at 9am-4pm.

The group discussed safety and crime issues present on the Mansfield and Monroe corner at the Lloyd Apartments. EJ noted a decline in safety around building, more transient traffic and likely drug dealing, damage to the building across the street, and an assault and theft on a local business owners.

Way Out Center (Gerriann Armstrong): They can now offer tours for 5 or less people at a time. They require guests to remain clean and sober, though are not overly punitive and offer them a recovery plan. The Center is requesting that the neighborhood provide them with a letter of partnership, showing that the center is an active member of the community and responsive to any issues. They are sleeping 60 people, served 74 people last month, 18 people have become employed, and 8 people moved into permanent housing. Movies in the Park begin at dusk on Friday June 17. They are signing children up for summer youth camp. They offered to host the neighborhood council for the September meeting.

As we ran out of time and had technical difficulties with the Zoom link, the group voted to move the elections to the June meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Corbin Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, June 8 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.