



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

1. Call to order: 6:00pm

2. Attendance & Introductions

a. Voting members present: 16 (quorum met)

b. Guests present: 4

3. Housekeeping

a. Approval of April 2026 minutes

i. EJ Iannelli moved, Katie Scheider seconded

ii. Unanimous approval

b. Approval of May 2026 agenda

i. Anne Luttrull moved, Daya Goldschlag seconded

ii. Unanimous approval

4. Guest Speakers

Spokane Police Department (-)

- No police department rep was in attendance.

City Council Dist. 3 (-)

- No City Council rep was in attendance.

5. Discussion and Voting Items

a. EGNC Elections (Chair)

- The need for new leadership within the EGNC was discussed as both the chair and vice chair positions remain vacant following recent registrations.
- Hunter DePriest volunteered to serve as chair and Lois Musser volunteered to serve as vice chair.

Motion to approve the current slate of officers: Hunter DePriest as chair and Lois Musser as vice chair.

i. EJ Iannelli moved, Eileen Kazura seconded



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ii. Unanimous approval

b. Air Quality Preparedness (Lisa Woodard)

- Lisa Woodard, Communications/Outreach Manager from Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, provided a presentation on air quality preparedness, covering topics such as wildfire smoke, indoor air filtration, and available resources to residents.
- Please contact Lisa at lwoodard@spokaneleanair.org for further questions or information.

c. Excelsior Wellness *Gildred's Garage* Project (Demetrius Palmer)

- Demetrius Palmer, Excelsior Wellness's Vice President of Community Outreach, presented plans for two major projects in Spokane.
- The first project will take place on Northwest Boulevard and will feature 25 intergenerational housing units, designed to house young adults transitioning out of foster care alongside older adults seeking affordable, permanent housing.
- The second project will take place at the nonprofit's 32-acre campus on West Indian Trail Road and will be known as the Excelsior Wellness Village. This project is a 10-year, multiphase buildout of housing, health care services, early-learning facilities, and community spaces designed to support residents through different stages of their lives.
- Demetrius posed question to the council: If we were to build a neighborhood focused on wellness, what would we like to see? Responses included a farmer's market, walking paths, a swimming pool, a coffee shop, public transit, a rec center, a library and a dental clinic.

6. Select Committee and Community Reports

Spring Cleanup (Jeff Thomas)

- The cleanup is scheduled for Sat., May 16 at Faith Bible Church, 9am to 12pm.
- Department of Corrections crews are no longer participating, so additional volunteers are needed to help guide traffic and shift refuse from cars to containers.
- If you plan to volunteer, please bring gloves, work clothes and closed-toe shoes.

Plan Commission (Linda Carroll)

- The City Council will be holding a hearing on Monday, May 18th, to approve the Comprehensive Plan: Preferred Alternative for PlanSpokane 2046.



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- Further encouragement was given to review the [Preferred Alternative](#) and submit written comments to PlanSpokane@spokanecity.org or our neighborhood's designated city council members.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market (Anne Luttrull)

- The Farmer's Market will begin on Friday, June 5th, from 3-7 pm.
- Still looking for volunteers for setup and teardown, plus to run the KERNEL program.
- If you are interested in volunteering, e-mail market@emersongarfield.org.

Way Out Center (Daniel Winters)

- The Way Out Center is currently full, pulling 55-60 people off the streets monthly.

Treasury Report (Katie Schneider)

- Update on TIF funding - \$1.2 million was awarded to the Habitat for Humanity for revitalizing homes in West Central and filling them with refugee families.

7. Public/Community Announcements

- None.

All other committee/community reports were submitted in writing by their respective representatives and are included with the meeting agenda.

8. Adjournment: 7:20pm