



# Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

**1. Call to order:** 6:00pm

## **2. Attendance & Introductions**

*a. Voting members present:* 14 (quorum met)

*b. Guests present:* 3

## **3. Housekeeping**

*a. Approval of May 2026 minutes*

- i. Tim Musser moved, EJ Iannelli seconded
- ii. Unanimous approval

## **4. Guest Speakers**

### **Spokane Police Department (-)**

- No police department rep was in attendance.

### **City Council Dist. 3 (Zack Zappone)**

- On August 4, voters will be asked to renew the existing 0.2% sales tax that funds the Spokane Transit Authority (STA). This funding is used to maintain today's routes, frequencies, hours and Paratransit services. The remaining funding would enhance that service over the next 10 years and go towards projects like the Division Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.
- City council has introduced an ordinance imposing an immediate one-year citywide moratorium on the processing and approval for construction of new data centers.
- City council is also considering a cooling ordinance, which would require landlords to maintain bedrooms at a safe temperature. There has had some push back as this could affect housing affordability.
  - Q: Could the city council instead create a grant to help renters obtain a cooling unit?
  - A: A grant is currently being pursued by Avista, but Zack was uncertain on the timeline.
- City Council unanimously passed the Aggressive Speeding and Street Racing ordinance, which will enforce harsher penalties for anyone found guilty.
- The city council members are considering attending less meetings in the future to promote a more sustainable work/life schedule.



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## 5. Select Committee and Community Reports

### Clean-Up Program (Jeff Thomas)

- The neighborhood spring clean-up held in May was a huge success, rendering \$432.25 from the metal that was collected and recycled. That money has been deposited into EGNC funds account.
- Dump passes will not be available until Fall 2026. When available, the passes will be given to the Community Assembly (CA) representative to distribute.

### Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market (Anne Luttrull)

- A report from Anne was read, stating:
  - The first day of the farmers' market was a hit. There was a good crowd turn out and a lot of vendors to choose from.
  - Thanks to BECU, the farmers' market is able to offer a \$25.00 match to SNAP users, as well as \$4.00 coupons to children who do the activity of the week at the Kernel Booth.
  - The Farmer's Market will be open every Friday from 3-7 pm at Emerson Park through September. Please come and support our vendors.
- If you are interested in volunteering, e-mail [market@emersongarfield.org](mailto:market@emersongarfield.org).

### Treasury Report (Katie Schneider)

- A report from Katie was read, stating:
  - She was unable to attend the [Community Engagement \(CE\) Grant](#) Training due to illness. However, Linda Carroll was able to go in her place and will be taking charge in applying for the 2026 CE Grant funds for our neighborhood. The application deadline is June 19, 2026.
  - EGNC received a \$432.25 check from Pacific Recyclers for the metal we recycled during the neighborhood spring clean-up. That check has been deposited into our EGNC funds account, resulting in an overall balance of \$1,855.70.

### Office of Neighborhood Services (Gabby Ryan)

- Reviewed the [June 2026 ONS newsletter](#).
- Introduced [Cycle 15 - Traffic Calming Projects](#). 30 projects have been selected for further scoping and design. Due to the city's limited budget of a couple million dollars, the selection will be narrowed down to 8-12 projects before presenting to city council in December 2026 to vote.



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- EJ Iannelli commented that he would like the [Traffic Calming Program](#) to return to its former ways when there was more consistent communication and involvement with the neighborhood councils. Gabby acknowledged his comment.

## Community Assembly (Linda Carroll)

- On May 18, the City Council approved the Preferred Alternative for PlanSpokane 2046.
- A suggestion was made to hold a special meeting outside of the neighborhood council for those interested in reviewing the Preferred Alternative and determining the general goals for each block in the EG neighborhood. Please contact Linda at [lindalouise701184951@yahoo.com](mailto:lindalouise701184951@yahoo.com) for further information.

## 6. Discussion and Voting Items

### a. Reimburse Jeff Thomas (Chair)

- Jeff Thomas spent \$178.90 on printing EGNC brochures to hand out during the neighborhood spring clean-up. He asked to be reimbursed.

*Motion to approve a reimbursement of \$178.90 to Jeff Thomas.*

- i. Eileen Kazura moved, Daya Goldschlag seconded
- ii. Unanimous approval

### b. Move EGNC Monthly Meeting (Chair)

- Since city council legislative sessions will now be held on Wednesday evenings, it was suggested that EGNC's monthly meetings should move to an alternative date to prevent conflict.
- Tim Musser pointed out that the Corbin Senior Activity Center might not be available other days of the month. He volunteered to speak with their scheduler to discuss possible alternative dates.
  - Tracy Lockhart from the [St. Andrews Episcopal Church](#) volunteered their space as an alternative meeting site if the Corbin Senior Activity Center is unable to accommodate.
- Gabby Ryan from ONS suggested that the EGNC should consider meeting during the first or last weeks of the month as there are fewer committee meetings then and, therefore, would result in fewer conflicts. Linda Carroll agreed.
- EJ Iannelli suggested that we wait and see what date the other neighborhood councils within District 3 choose before making a final decision. EGNC agreed to this "wait and see" approach and will put the matter up to vote at the neighborhood council's subsequent meeting.



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## c. Cancel EGNC Meeting in July (Chair)

- Traditionally, there is no EGNC meeting held in July as not much is happening in the community, and many members are away travelling.
- If ENGNC votes to cancel July's meeting, the next EGNC meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at [Corbin Park](#) as a potluck.

*Motion to cancel the EGNC meeting for July 2026.*

- i. EJ Iannelli moved, Tim Musser seconded
- ii. One abstention, Unanimous approval

## 7. Public/Community Announcements

- West Central Community Center (WCCC) is looking to add more members to its board of directors. If interested, please contact EJ Iannelli at [ej.iannelli@gmail.com](mailto:ej.iannelli@gmail.com).

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

**8. Adjournment:** 7:10pm