



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Meeting Started: 6:00PM

Voting Members Present: 22

Guests Present: 6

Minutes:

Motion to add to the minutes that at the March meeting's City Council update Council Member Zack Zappone noted that there was an article in the Spokesman Review regarding Police Chief Craig Meidl. Gina McKenzie

Second to add to the minutes that at the March meeting's City Council update Council Member Zack Zappone noted that there was an article in the Spokesman Review regarding Police Chief Craig Meidl. None

Motion does not pass.

Motion to Approve Minutes with change of updating Farmers Market dates: Karl Boldt

Seconded to Approve Minutes: Geriann Armstrong

Minutes passed with 1 abstention.

Chair's Report (E.J. Iannelli):

- The mobile speed feedback application was submitted.

Guest Speaker:

Lieutenant Rich Meyer, Northwest Sector Precinct Report:

- LT Meyer expressed support for Chief of Police Craig Meidl. He summarized that burglary rates are down. Recent studies reflects that traffic stops and traffic tickets continue to trend at a consistent level. He reminded us all to continue to call on chronic nuisance houses and that 3 calls within 90 days will prompt landlord and tenant notification to resolve issue.

SpoCanopy: Justyce Brant of The Lands Council

- Justyce Brant from the Lands Council, which is a nonprofit whose mission is restoring wildlife and public land presented. She came to present the SpoCanopy program which is an urban forest program. The program goal is to increase canopy coverage to 30% which in turn has environmental, social, health and economic benefits. Their focus areas are lower income neighborhoods. If interested in SpoCanopy planting a tree in front of your home, contact tlc@landscouncil.org or call 509-838-4912.

Action Items:

Euclid Ave Traffic Calming Resolution

- This traffic issue was addressed, previously, on the traffic calming focus list, however, it was dropped later for consideration on that list.
- Gene Brake volunteered to be lead on project. Gregor Klante and Jeff Thomas volunteered to assist Gene.

Motion to approve resolution to prioritize Euclid to Atlantic hill as a top traffic concern: Gina McKenzie

Second to approve resolution: Gene Brake

Resolution to prioritize the Euclid to Atlantic hill as a traffic concern approved unanimously.

EGNC 2023 elections

- Executive Board elections-each position running uncontested:
 - **Chair:** E.J. Iannelli (incumbent)
 - **Vice Chair:** Danielle DeJaegher
 - **Secretary:** Katie Schneider (incumbent)
 - **Treasurer:** Gene Brake

Motion to approve Executive Board: Gene Brake

Seconded to approve Executive Board: Bill Heaton

Executive Board election approved unanimously.

- All Committee Heads affirmed that they want to stay in the current position. All Committee Head ran uncontested

Motion to approve Committee Heads: Bill Heaton

Seconded to approve Committee Heads: Tim Musser

Committee Head election approved unanimously.

NW Blvd Traffic Island Weeding Day

- This island is being prioritized because it is the worst of the two.

Motion to approve NW Blvd Traffic Island Weeding Day on May 27: Ginnee McNeel

Second to approve NW Blvd Traffic Island Weeding Day on May 27: Randy Baker

NW Blvd Traffic Island Weeding Day on May 27 approved unanimously.

Reports:

Spokane City Council (Karen Stratton):

- Karen provided an update on the EG/North Hill sign. All costs were covered by grant funding with the exception of installation, which is budgeted to be approximately \$10K. Avista has agreed to donate \$2,500 and the Downtown Rotary has committed \$2K. There is a gofundme to support the remaining funds needed. This will be posted on the EGNC social media pages and the website. City Council approved listening forum to look at different models for providing resources and homeless shelter. The City Council has decided to move forward with the modeling used in Houston, Texas, which is a regional approach. At the request of Spokane Police Department, Council Members Cathcart, Stratton and Bingle have drafted an ordinance that will address the geographical area facing the highest crime rates, which is the Northwest Spokane City Parks. The ordinance would allow for signs being posted that state "No Trespassing between 11:00PM-5:00AM". This will allow the police to make offenders of the new ordinance leave or be arrested. Council Member Stratton wanted to remind us that City Council Members cannot direct department heads or staff, and can't fire staff or Division Directors. She wanted to clarify that she has not heard of anything at City Council regarding Police Chief Meidl. While City Council does have the right to ask for an investigation, the Mayor has the right to accept or reject that request.
- **ONS (Gabby Ryan):**
- Gabby is not here but provided report to EJ who can provide you full report. Many of these updates provided in other program reports be covered during the meeting.

Clean Up Program (Karl Boldt):

- Neighborhood Cleanup day is on schedule for May 20th. Still in need of volunteers. Fliers will be going out approximately 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Dump passes are available again. You can get them on spokanecity.org or you can pick them up at the Spokane C.O.P.S. shop on Knox.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull):

- Good news-INNW Farmers Market gave \$2,700 to cover the cost of the portable toilet. Market is still in need of volunteers for market tours and the new KERNEL program. There will be a mailing going out prior to the Farmers Market season begin date.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Ginnee McNeel):

- Ginnee went to the neighborhood development grant training. The grant is for \$850. If we don't have an MOU with the Parks on file, we need to get one. Some of the things the grant funds can be used for are welcome bags, facebook ads, A-Frame signs, and corrugated plastic signs. They can't be used for non-profits. Budget Meeting liaison for EGNC is Ken Cruz and his phone number is 509-385-6473. Accepting applications now and due by June 16. There is no rollover and no cash out.

Land Use (Bill Heaton):

- The meeting had to be rescheduled due to City Council members being unable to attend meeting. Bill said he will speak on it next month after that meeting.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):

- No updates.

North Monroe Business District (Anne Luttrull):

- Meeting was cancelled, no update.

Corbin Senior Activity Center (Claudia Ouwerkerk):

- Center receives \$31K a year from Parks. Claudia reported that she sat down with Brian from the Parks Department to request more money.

Community Assembly (Eileen Kazura):

- Traffic calming-City hired Abbie Martin. This is an effort to reboot the program. Potential dates for the meetings (for the different Districts) are 5/16, 5/17 and 5/18. The goal is to confirm district wide traffic priorities. Engineers of the traffic study will be present. Community Housing and Human Services (CHHS) has released a draft of annual action plan which identifies priorities.

C.O.P.S. (Gee Sutherlin):

- There is a Shred day on 4/28 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Shadle C.O.P.S. shop. There is a Bike swap at the Fairgrounds on 4/22. Garfield School received an outstanding safety report. You can pick up "Drive 25" signs at the C.O.P.S. shop.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays):

- There is a First Responders lunch on May 17 from 11:30am-1pm. The location will be at the West Central Community Center. There is a Brewery wanting to move in nearby the Center and

a Diversion Center. It is next to the Native Project. The Brewery did send notification to the City on 2/14/23 with no response from the City. They then moved forward with posting the required 20 days posting on the front door which no one responded to. City Council is having meeting to write some letters of concern to the Liquor Control Board.

Way Out Center (Gerriann Armstrong):

- The program has been open over a year and continues progressing. She requested to have presentation time at the next EGNC meeting.

Treasurer (Gene Brake):

- Bank balance is \$787.08.

Transitions (Sarah Lickfold):

- no update

WQTIF (E.J. Iannelli):

- The group went over long budgetary brochure on funding. They are where they want to be from a funding perspective.

The meeting was **adjourned at 8:06 PM.**