



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Meeting Started: 6:01

Voting Members Present: 17

Guests Present: 5

Minutes:

Motion to Approve November 2023 Minutes: Karl Boldt

Seconded to Approve November 2023 Minutes:

Minutes Pass Unanimously

Chair's Report (E.J. Iannelli): none

Guest Speaker:

Northwest Sector Precinct Report:

- Not Present

Kelsey Solberg, Avista regarding: "My Energy Discount Washington" Program

- Melanie Rose-Spokane Regional Manager, Andrew-Product Manager, and Kelsey, Solberg-Community Outreach Program Manager who works mainly with energy assistance programs came to meeting to discuss programs that benefit residential Avista customers. A full summary of programs and contact information will be sent out to members.

Mark, Spokane Public Schools regarding: 2024 Bond and Levy

- Mark provided a summary of the replacement levy, which is on the ballot every 3 years. The levy is for lower class sizes, special education, sports club and music programs. The levy is 13.9% of the SPS budget. He also discussed the bond that will be on the ballot in February as well as the levy. He summarized that the bond will be used to replace Adams and Madison Elementary School, design costs for Balboa and Indian Trail Elementary (construction costs to be funded by next bond in 6

years) as well as modernization of Gary and Chase middle and the original North Central High School. Additional information can be seen at:

www.Spokaneschools.org/bondlevy2024

- Amanda, Director of Marketing & Communications for Spokane Public Library also presented on the library levy. She summarized the strong partnership that SPS and the SPL have. She also mentioned the levy for the SPL will be on the ballot on February 13. This is a renewal levy and voters will vote to either renew or reject the operational levy for another 3 years. The levy accounts for 18% of the SPL budget. This is a 3-year renewal of an already 2x approved/passed levy, and not a new levy. This levy equates to \$28 per year on the median priced Spokane house tax bill. Additional information on the upcoming levy can be seen at: <https://www.spokanelibrary.org/2023/12/measure-no-1-library-operations-levy-renewal-information/>

Discussion Items

Corbin Holiday Tree Lighting Recap

- Katie Joy recapped the Corbin Holiday Tree Lighting event.

2023 Mobile Speed Feedback Report Recap

- Most data was not collected due to damage to machines that was not previously detected.

Action Items

Vote to meet in January 2024.

Motion not to meet for EGNC in January 2024 meeting: Karl Boldt

Second not to meet for EGNC in January 2024 meeting: Katie Joy Newhouse

Motion not to meet for EGNC Meeting in January 2024 passes unanimously

Reports:

Spokane City Council (Zappone):

- Not present.

ONS (Gabby Ryan):

- Not present.

Clean Up Program (Karl Boldt/Jeff Thomas):

- No update.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull):

- Not present.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Alexandra Golikov):

- Alexandra will be leaving as the BSN EG representative.

Land Use (Bill Heaton):

- Not present.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):

- Not present.

North Monroe Business District (Anne Luttrull):

- Not present.

Corbin Senior Activity Center (Claudia):

- Not present

Community Assembly (Eileen Kazura):

- Not present but provided the following update: CA/CC meeting was hosted on 11/30. I connected with incoming CM Klitze and invited her to an upcoming EGNC meeting. Additionally, CM Stratton, Zappone and Dillon were in attendance, as was Giaccobe Byrd. I shared recent bright spots including the Corbin Park tree lighting - she said that she heard about it and saw it in the newspaper. I also shared that one of our ongoing pain points has been the Traffic Calming dollars and process, she agreed that the process has felt broken. Katie Joy attended and can give more of an update if desired; reflections at the CA meeting were that this was the most positive CA/CC meeting of recent memory.
- CA meeting: The CA approved the Latah Valley/I195 corridor/SW Spokane, etc. development moratorium motion. This carried easily, though a hiccup did come forward in that Latah Valley had not been directly consulted with about the language. Points to ongoing struggles with CA cadence - how can we a) be responsive and dynamic, and b) allow neighborhoods to fully weigh in?
- There is increased talk about CA role in redistricting committee - there are ongoing conversations at city council around this and will track for EGNC.
- New items were purchased with remaining CE funds at year end. I have asked for an inventory, so we know what is available for our neighborhood to use for events.

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

- Not present.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays):

- Not present

Way Out Center (Gerriann Armstrong):

- Not present.

Treasurer (Gene Brake):

- Balance today \$1,373.00.

Transitions (Sarah Lickfold):

- Sarah summarized that they are going through their donations that have been coming in.

WQTIF (E.J. Iannelli):

- No meeting so no updates.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:53 PM**.