



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Meeting Started: 6:00pm

Voting Members Present: 18

Guests Present: 5

Minutes: Update Clean Up Program date/location to tentative.

Motion to Approve Minutes as Changed: Karl Boldt

Seconded to Approve Minutes: Timothy Diko

Minutes approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

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

Guest Speaker:

Officer Tom Hendren, Northwest Sector Precinct Captain:

- The new program reconfigures the department and splits the city into 4 sectors. The reconfiguration is due to staffing shortages. With the new configuration the department closed independent traffic unit as well as dedicated neighborhood resource officers. These officers were absorbed back into patrol configuration. The goal is to get back to community-oriented policing.

Action Items:

Website and social media maintenance:

- The emersongarfield.org website and facebook page are not being updated and maintained. Sandra Neperud and Gene Brake volunteered to help with maintaining the website and facebook page.

NW Blvd traffic island landscaping:

- The city has maintained they are not in favor of paying for landscaping of traffic islands. This is due to inconsistency of neighborhood upkeep. Post COVID, some of the EG traffic islands are in

need of maintenance. E.J. is asking to organize a gardening day to address two traffic islands in need of weeding, tidying up and weed killer application. We will likely have to make accommodations with the roads and street departments. Karen Stratton requested E.J. send an email and she could help facilitate with streets department. Goal is to set a date at the March meeting.

Mobile Speed Feedback application:

- Potential locations to be included in our application. Will be voted on at the March meeting.
 - Atlantic & Buckeye (westbound)
 - Euclid & Atlantic (westbound)
 - Mansfield & Jefferson
 - Post & Jackson (southbound)
 - Stevens between York & Buckeye
- Gina McKenzie also discussed the hill on Euclid coming down Division. She would like to discuss street vacation at a future meeting.

Park speed radar camera recommendations:

- Effort to start putting these up around schools, parks, and hospitals. Recommended locations:
 - Waverly Place (at Corbin Park)
 - Audubon School
 - Park Place (at Corbin Park)

Building Stronger Neighborhoods replacement:

- Ann, the current Building Stronger Neighborhoods representative will be leaving her position. E.J. asked if anyone is interested in serving on the Committee. Ginnee McNeil volunteered.

Reports:

Spokane City Council (Karen Stratton):

- Patrick Striker has left his position as Director of COPS program and has started as Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services. Mallory Batista and co-artist have created the “Welcome to Emerson Garfield/North Hill” entry way sign. Karen will go to the City Council to discuss possible funding of the installation. E.J. discussed that there is a private gofund me page to contribute to the installation funding initiative which will be posted on the EGNC FB page. Karen provided an update on the American Indian Services Center. They have never had a permanent location, and the city is working to secure one close to Sandifur bridge. There is a land use agreement for the Center in place. Capital funding initiatives are currently underway. There is proposed Landlord/Tenant legislation being voted on at the City Council on at the February 27 meeting. The number of residents at the Camp Hope location are steadily decreasing.

ONS (Gabby Ryan): Not present

Clean Up Program (Karl Boldt):

- City cleanup meeting will be held later in February.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull):

- Vendors and partners are starting to sign up. The Market season is from June 2-September 29 and is held every Friday from 3:00-7:00 PM. Ann is working on securing funding for the \$3K cost for portable facilities. The Market needs volunteers with set up and take downs.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrull):

- At the last meeting they discussed ways to communicate to neighborhoods and how to get info out to Neighborhood Council's. They also discussed creating a toolkit on how to host events.

Land Use (Bill Heaton): not present

- E.J gave update provided by Bill. There was a presentation about Spokane local historic preservation districts. There are currently five local historic districts and a proposed new one for Cannon Streetcar is being evaluated for designation. E.J. highlighted requirements to be considered for this designation.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):

- Last meeting focused on 2023 priorities, including bike and PETT safety, neighborhood busses, and traffic calming. There will be a city virtual open house meeting on February 15 at 6:30PM to discuss bike parking code updates. This will include space requirements for long term bike storage for new buildings as well as design requirements for short term storage.

North Monroe Business District (Anne Luttrull):

- The annual meeting was held, and it was well attended.

Corbin Senior Activity Center (Claudia Ouwerkerk):

- There is a sustained increase in membership and programs which is great, but the center is running out of space. They will be asking for additional funding from Parks and Rec. The need for additional funding is due to increased growth, need, an aging building and higher property crime on the building. E.J. offered to write a letter of support.

Motion to write letter of support: Karl Boldt

Seconded to write letter of support: Timothy Diko

Letter of support approved unanimously.

Community Assembly (Eileen Kazura):

- New Director, Patrick Striker has spoken with legal counsel and thinks there is potential to use community engagement grant funds for foods, potentially. Community Engagement grant training meeting is Monday, March 13 at 6:30 PM, location is TBD. There has been some concern over the utility of the volunteer park board. After initial set up, it is not functioning as intended. Some concern has been raised around police reform task force. There has been some effort in revitalizing CA and the relationship with city council. There is a CA strategic plan being developed. City Council Member Beggs starting up cc neighborhood committee which intentionally focuses on relationship between city council and CA.

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

- Every two weeks Knox Presbyterian Church hosts pickleball in their gym. The next one will be Friday, February 17 from 6:00-9:00PM. COPS is located in the back of the church. COPS is open Monday – Friday 10:00AM-2:00PM. The phone number to COPS is 625-3347.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays):

Way Out Center (Gerriann Armstrong): Center has been open for one year. On the second Saturday of every month, the center offers a men's fellowship breakfast. There is open gym every Wednesday and Friday. There is an upcoming Breast Intentions event coming up. This event provides under garments for women in need. Center phone number is 866-5476 ext 3.

Treasurer (Gene Brake):

- Bank balance is \$785.83

Transitions (Sarah Lickfold): not present

WQTIF (E.J. Iannelli): no update

The meeting was **adjourned at 7:34 pm.**