



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, February 14, 2024*

**Meeting Started:** 6:00PM

**Voting Members Present:** 23

**Guests Present:** 7

**Minutes:**

**Motion to Approve December 2023 Minutes:** Patti Marland-Stevens

**Seconded to Approve December 2023 Minutes:** Linda Carroll

**Minutes Pass Unanimously**

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

- E.J. discussed adding the Summer Concert to the February Agenda, which will be added under discussion items.

**Guest Speaker:**

**Northwest Sector Precinct Report:**

- LT Rich Meyer discussed that an arrest was made that was tied to 5-6 burglaries from our area. He commented that with this person off the streets, the hope is the downward trend in crime should continue.

**Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market 2024**

- Ann Luttrull presented an overview of the Emerson Garfield Farmers Market. The Market was started by EGNC members E.J. Iannelli and Dave Musser and is headed into its 12<sup>th</sup> season. Currently the Assistant Managers are Tim and Lois Musser. The market includes farmers, artisans, bakers and crafters. The vendors at the Market accept cash, EBT, WIC and EBT match. The Market revenue has been declining the past two years at about \$10K per year. Revenue in 2021 was \$100K and has dropped \$10K in each of 2023 and 2022. The Market strives for everyone to feel welcome.

- One of the reasons for the decline is Washington State has reduced the “match” amount in the EBT program. Anne encouraged all of us to reach out to our State Representatives and ask them to increase the match back to \$40. Anne received the Jeanette Harras Award from Community Engagement.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Bicycle Priority Network Plan**

- City is actively asking for feedback on the bicycle network plan. The link to complete the survey is: <https://felt.com/map/Jan-2024Draft-Spokane-Bike-Priority-Network-Community-Feedback-MapVKUeZIEMT9C9BE4mgdL3awfD?loc=47.69997,-117.47353,13.8z>

### **Land Use Town Hall**

- A Land Use Town Hall will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-6:30 at the West Central Community Center in the Newton Room. The meeting will be hosted by Council Members Zappone and Klitzke.

### **Summer Concert**

- This year the concert will be at Emerson Park. After discussion, council consensus is that the best date for the concert is Saturday, August 17.

## **Action Items**

### **Mobile Speed Feedback signs**

- It's time to submit recommendations for where we would like the Mobile Speed Feedback signs located. Very little data was captured last year due to vandalism and models that don't actually collect data. Due to seeing so little return, E.J. wanted to know if we wanted to pursue this. Idea was suggested to submit same locations as last year since very little data was collected from those locations. The locations submitted last year will be attached with the February Minutes for discussion at the March Meeting.

## **Reports:**

### **Spokane City Council (Zappone):**

- The City Council will be voting on a family friendly festive ordinance that aligns with the State law which allows beer gardens for certain activities when fenced off. Spokane's law has been more restrictive. The \$80M American Rescue Plan grant funding has been allocated, and they are now ensuring those allocations are being spent prior to the end of the grant period in 2026. Some outstanding items include \$2.5M grant funds for neighborhood business districts. These efforts include support of the North Monroe, Garland, Hillyard and South Perry districts. There is another \$1.7M for Behavioral Health projects. These efforts could include partnerships with schools and

other providers as well as after school programs. The Spokane Police reallocated \$1.8M of Traffic Calming funds to the Police Department to fill a budget gap. City Council is working to ensure that those funds are reimbursed to Traffic Calming. New Mayor is excited about traffic calming efforts. Working on trying to rebrand Traffic Calming and focus on capital projects. Community Providers should be getting a survey about the Community Access Pass program. The survey is trying to clarify if the CAP program is working as intended.

**ONS (Gabby Ryan):**

- Gabby encouraged everyone to attend the Land Use Town Hall next Thursday. Also discussed was a Fire Resiliency workshop being put on by Firewise USA. The workshop which will educate attendees on how to prepare home and neighborhood for wildfires. The workshop will be February 22 from 5:30-8:30PM at the Spokane Conservation District at the Quarry. The address is 4422 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane Valley. There are two more CE grant trainings, which is a requirement to apply for the CE Grants. The ONS newsletter link is: <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/news/>

**Clean Up Program (Karl Boldt/Jeff Thomas):**

- Friday is Cleaning Coordinator training put on by Amber Groh on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Jeff will be attending. Jeff will inquire about the dump pass program at the training as well.

**Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Crystal Glanz-Kreutz):**

- Crystal-attended BSN meeting. With the exception of the upcoming meeting which will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> all subsequent meetings will be held at the Hive and on Zoom. Officer elections were held, and Tina remains Chair, Dave was elected Vice Chair and Luke was elected Secretary. 2024 goals were reviewed and established which is a continuation of 2023 efforts. Efforts will continue to coordinate with Gonzaga for the Leadership Academy. Also discussed at the meeting increasing Neighborhood Council capacity.

**Land Use (Bill Heaton):**

- Not present

**Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):**

- Carlie discussed that there is a general call for volunteers for CTAB. There is a lack of membership on the board. District 2 and 3 both have two slots, and both are vacant. Funds collected for vehicle tabs are allocated to this program to determine how road work funds are allocated. Council president will be attending traffic calming meeting.

**North Monroe Business District (Anne Luttrull):**

- The annual meeting was held on 1/30/24. It was not well attended.

**Corbin Senior Activity Center** (Tim Musser):

- Tim encouraged all to join the Corbin Senior Center. He also mentioned that they are gearing up for the annual fundraiser in May which will be held in Airway Heights.

**Community Assembly** (Eileen Kazura):

- not present

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

- Keep reporting abandoned vehicles on Cora to Spokane C.O.P.S or crime check.

**West Central Community Center** (Heath Kays):

- Unified Community moved out and they are looking for another medical facility to fill vacated space.

**Way Out Center** (Gerriann Armstrong):

- Gerriann introduced Captain David who joined their community in August 2023. New folks at the Center due to turnover.

**Treasurer** (Gene Brake):

- Same amount as last month.

**Transitions** (Sarah Lickfold):

- The Mardi Bras fundraiser is coming up. This fundraiser is done in conjunction with VOA. They are in need of donations, specifically deodorant, razors, bras, feminine hygiene products, and underwear.

**WQTIF** (E.J. Iannelli):

- Did not meet in January. E.J. volunteered for another year on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:28 PM**.