



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, January 8, 2024

Meeting Started: 6:00 PM

Voting Members Present: 31

Guests Present: 10

Minutes:

Motion to Approve December 2024 Minutes: Ted Stevens

Seconded to Approve December 2024 Minutes: Lonnie Boldt

Minutes pass with 1 abstention.

Agenda:

Motion to Approve January 2025 Agenda: E.J. Iannelli

Motion to Approve January 2025 Agenda: Linda Carroll

January 2025 Agenda passes unanimously.

Guest Speaker:

Northwest Sector Precinct Report: (Captain Tom Hendren)

- Captain Hendren solicited feedback on top priorities from our neighborhood. Feedback included open drug use, speeding and homelessness. Captain Hendren also discussed the city's response to reported camps and the need for a faster process. He mentioned the importance of increased daily patrols and the identification of a hot spot around Mansfield. He addressed concerns about tagging and the need for property owners to report incidents.

Spokane City Council: (Zack Zappone)

- Zack provided an update on the intersection of Buckeye and Washington. He discussed the pilot project of closing south bound traffic at this intersection. He said that he would follow up with engineers about the possibility of adjusting traffic lights at this intersection as an alternative to the

proposed one-way pilot program and report back to the EGNC. He also mentioned he would investigate opportunities for traffic mitigation on the Euclid Avenue hill.

Discussion Items

Asphalt Art: (Mallory Battista)

- Mallory was introduced to discuss the asphalt art project that she will be creating at Alice and Montgomery. She proposed various design ideas, including a school theme, nature-inspired designs, and a farmers market theme. The attendees provided feedback and suggestions. Mallory confirmed that the art would be placed in the intersection and would last about a year, with touch-ups made annually. The attendees were encouraged to provide further suggestions before Mallory creates the designs.

Mansfield Grocery: (Clay Elliott)

- An update on the Mansfield Grocery was given. The application has not yet been resubmitted.

Reports:

Spokane City Council: (Zack Zappone)

- Council Member Zappone discussed that the city budget has been completed and the city has a balanced budget for the year. He also discussed that because the safety sales tax passed, the city is currently working to hire more police officers. He discussed the state talking about transit oriented development and potential changes that may be made in conjunction with that. One idea being discussed is potentially eliminating parking reform statewide. Council Member Zappone discussed that the search for a new CEO for STA is currently underway.

ONS: (Gabby Ryan)

- Gabby mentioned the Community Assembly's open liaison positions and the city's survey on climate change. Gabby discussed the Cop Shop contract extension was signed for a three-month period to bridge funding while the city conducts a formal request for proposals. A new homelessness management information system dashboard was launched, and car clubs were suggested as a preventative measure against vehicle theft.

Clean Up Program: (Jeff Thomas)

- Jeff discussed that the clean up event is slated for May.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: (Clay Elliott)

- Upcoming meeting next week.

Land Use: (Bill Heaton)

- Bill discussed the proposal to modify or change parking minimums in the community, expressing concerns about the potential effects on existing neighborhoods and residential areas without sidewalks.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):

- Not present.

North Monroe Business District: (Anne Luttrull)

- Annual meeting is January 28 at Bellwether. Anne will not be reporting after that, as she is stepping out of the roll. E.J. will be transitioning into that role.

Corbin Senior Activity Center:

- The Board President of the Corbin Senior Activity Center, discussed the center's activities and needs. She highlighted the ongoing remodeling of their boutique, the need for volunteer drivers and coordinators, and the upcoming gala fundraiser on February 21st. Jan also emphasized the center's role in providing food and services to seniors and those in need, and encouraged attendees to consider volunteering or supporting the center. Emerson added that the center offers various services, including end-of-life decision support and senior housing placement, and encouraged attendees to visit their Facebook page or website for more information.

Community Assembly: (Patti Marland-Stevens)

- Meeting is tomorrow. Agenda includes CDBG.

Community Safety Committee: (Ted Stevens)

- Ted discussed the committee is currently working on drafting questions for the upcoming Public Safety panel on January 29. The meeting will be at the Hive at 5:30PM.

C.O.P.S.: (Katie Schneider)

- Katie shared that the funding for the Cops program would remain until March 31st, and they offered a latent print program for car break-ins. The conversation ended with the announcement that the Cops program would undergo an RFP process after the funding period ends.

West Central Community Center: (Heath Kays)

- Not present

Way Out Center: (Geriann Armstrong)

- Geriann, from the Way Out Center, shared updates on their activities and achievements. They have served 165 different individuals since opening the warming center, with 27 moving into permanent housing last month, and 5 more this month. She also mentioned the upcoming Homeless Connect event on January 23rd and encouraged attendees to distribute flyers and business cards. Geriann addressed the temporary

warming center's no-barrier policy, stating that they are evaluating the situation and following the Good Neighbor Plan.

Treasurer: (Judy Heaton)

- We have \$704.88 in our account.

Transitions: (Sarah Lickfold):

- Sarah discussed that Transitions is partnering with Little Scholars for child care which is supposed to be starting in February. The program is for toddlers and infants.

WQTIF: (E.J. Iannelli)

- Meeting will be held next week.

Emerson Garfield Farmers Market: (Anne Luttrell)

- Meeting next month and will have an update at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:36 PM**