



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Meeting Started: 6:05 PM

Voting Members Present: 10

Guests Present: 5

Minutes: Linda Carroll motioned to approve minutes. Motion seconded to approve minutes. Minutes approved with no changes, objections or abstentions.

Agenda: Linda Carroll motioned to approve Agenda. Gee Sutherlin seconded to approve July agenda. July agenda approved.

Discussion Items

Chair report: NA

City Council (Gabby Ryan): NA

Amanda Beck from City Planning: Amanda attended the meeting to present a proposed City of Spokane 1 Year Pilot Ordinance. The presentation started with a historical overview of Spokane housing and the advent of zoning ordinances. She highlighted that 2/3 of the city is currently residentially zoned. To address the housing emergency that was declared by the Spokane Mayor's Office in July 2021, the Council Housing plan was approved July 2021. Amanda summarized that the need for additional housing is great and that there is not sufficient time to put emergency plans in place. Traditional emergency planning typically takes 9+ months and then additional time to trigger construction and development. In the year since then progress has been made, albeit not as much as was initially expected. To address the continued housing emergency, Spokane City is Proposing a 1 year pilot ordinance. The proposed pilot includes:

- Encouragement of construction for housing in Centers and Corridors. This includes increasing building heights for viability and decreases required parking for residential component and non-residential components near transit stops.
- Pilot would apply uniform design standards for all projects built in the residential single family zone.

- The language of the drafted Pilot would include triplexes and fourplexes permitted in all residential areas and allow duplexes on all residential lots. The pilot would also remove attached home unit maximums on all residential lots. It would also adjust lot standards to improve viability and allow fourplexes on residential lots subject to additional criteria.
- Other development standards will still apply, depending on the type of development. Examples include: limits on lot coverage, heights/setbacks, engineering requirements, environmental protections, building code and storm water review.
- The City will continue with robust public engagement on housing-related issues, comprehensive plan modifications, permanent development standard adjustments and design standard updates.
- Evaluation of results with special attention given to neighborhood impacts, equity concerns, developer feedback and success in new development activity.

Action Items

Vote on Bylaws-Gene Brake summarized the proposed changes to the current bylaws. The change would take duties currently under the Treasurer position, and add these duties to Vice-Chair position. This would eliminate the position of Treasurer. Motion to accept changes to bylaws as proposed-Linda Carroll. Motion to accept change in bylaws as proposed seconded by Gerriann Armstrong. Motion to accept change to bylaws approved.

Organize Volunteer Garden Day for NW Blvd Traffic Islands-Gene Brake opened discussion for suggestions of a date for volunteers to weed the two traffic islands. Gerriann Armstrong said that she thought several of the residents in the housing facility she works in would likely be interested in volunteering to do this without scheduling a formal time and requested the specific location. Carlie Hoffman stated she would email Gerriann with the specific locations once she has these.

Reports

City Council (Karen Stratton): NA

ONS Update: NA

Emerson Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull): Anne stated the market is going well. Last week the Inland Northwest Opera performed Carmen and the Bull and the event was well attended. This Friday, July 15 is kids day. There will be mounted police and other kids activities. On July 19 the North Monroe business district will be taking over the market. They are sponsoring a "selfie" contest.

Clean Up (Karl): NA

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrull): Anne stated there is nothing to report, as the group is not meeting in the summer months.

Neighborhood Safety: NA

Land Use (Bill Heaton): NA

Pedestrian, Traffic and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): Carlie discussed the traffic calming meeting that occurred earlier in the week. The group discussed bike routes, pedestrian routes, etc. The group broke off into two different “neighborhood” groups. The groups discussed the top 5 location, with much of the discussion devoted to the Buckeye/Washington location.

North Monroe Business District (Gene Brake): NA

Corbin Arts Senior Activity Center (Heidi Weir): Heidi has left Corbin Arts Center and no new representative was present.

Community Assembly (Sarah Lickfold): NA

Treasurer (Gene Brake): \$783.95 bank balance. No other updates.

The Way Out Shelter (Gerriann Armstrong): Gerriann stated the shelter has been open for 6 months and reported data on the success of the shelter since opening its doors. The shelter has seen 165 unduplicated guests with a culmination of 6,475 nights of shelter provided. They have provided 19,425 meals. The guests include a mix of 70% male, 29% female and 1% non binary. Gerriann reported that 23% of guests were previous staying outside or camping, while 32% came from other emergency shelter, and 12% were staying in vehicles, and 22% came from shelters. The remainder were previously staying in hotels/motels, doubled up or came from the hospital or jail.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays): WCCC was named the Bloomsday charity and received \$13,700. Heath discussed that the Cruise on Monroe will be August 6 and that the Artwalk will be September 9-11.

COPS (Georgiana Sutherlin): Georgiana discussed the car racing/hangouts. These issues have arisen previously at the Maverick gas station and The General Store. The Stores worked with law enforcement to shut down the congregation of these. Now they are meeting at the Staples parking lot. The property owner is not as cooperative and so this problem has thus far been sustained. The COPS station is continuing to monitor situation and work towards resolution.

Announcements

Next Meeting: Gene Brake discussed that because we met in July this year, and historically don't, asked about having the next meeting be a potluck BBQ at Emerson Park on the meeting day. Meeting attendees were very receptive of this idea. The BBQ will be Wednesday, August 10 at 5:30PM at Emerson Park. Hot dogs will be provided, and those attending asked to bring side dish for a nice evening in the Park.

1. Karl has talked with Nathan at Faith Bible Church. The 3rd Sat in May is good for them for holding another clean up event in 2023. He will start moving forward with that.

2. Millennium Monroe is planning to break ground within the month. Apparently development has accelerated slightly. Old Silver's Auctions building is getting a steel and glass facelift. Indaba Coffee is going in on the ground floor and will move their roasting & HQ there.
3. The Lloyd has apparently been bought by two Calif.-based developers who want turn it back into habitable space with market-rate apartments. OPPORTUNITY: Please be advised the Liaison Committee has posted application information for the Community Assembly's liaison member position on the Design Review Board (DRB). The Liaison Committee has set an application deadline of July 22, 2022, which may be extended if need be:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/community-assembly/>

Other

Fran Papenleur, Vice-Chair of Audubon Downriver Neighborhood Council discussed concerns with graffiti in the Audubon/Downriver area. She commented that they are open to working together in an effort to reduce graffiti.

Meeting Adjourned 7:37 PM