



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Meeting Started: 6:02 PM

Voting Members Present: 27

Guests Present: 11

Minutes:

Motion to Approve February 2024 Minutes: Linda Carroll

Seconded to Approve February 2024 Minutes: Bill Heaton

Minutes Pass with 1 Abstention

Chairs Report : (E.J. Iannelli)

- No update

Guest Speaker:

Northwest Sector Precinct Report: (LT Rich Meyer)

- An arrest was made in the burglaries he discussed at February's meeting. No other updates.

Spokane Arts Asphalt Art Program: (Shelby Allison)

- Shelby from Spokane Arts presented. The Asphalt Arts Program is responsible for the public murals and other public art in Spokane. Each neighborhood is allocated one intersection asphalt art project. The program already has city vetted artists. The neighborhoods get to select the artist from the list of approved artists. Arterial roads are not permitted for this program. The program works to pair an artist with the neighborhood to design and paint the intersection. Please consider potential locations for this project to discuss at April's meeting.

Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy: (Sherry Miller)

- Sherry discussed her background and how she matriculated to the Spokane Neighborhood Leadership Academy (SNLA). She discussed what they do in the program, including a class

project. She also discussed how the program educates enrollees in the city programs especially ones that directly affect the neighborhood councils.

Discussion Items

April EGNC election

- E.J. discussed per our bylaws, we will be holding elections during the April meeting. E.J. will not be running for reelection as Chair. If you would like to run for a position please let the Council Board know. Katie will send out a summary of the positions that will be covered in the election next month which will include a brief summary of what responsibilities the positions entails.

2024 Concert in the Park (August 17, Emerson Park)

- The Concert in the Park will be Saturday, August 17 at Emerson Park. Donations are being accepted at Spokane City Credit Union. On the check, in the memo field please write in EGNC Concert in the Park 2024. Sponsorships are available in the amount of \$100, \$300 and \$500.

Action Items

Mobile Speed Feedback signs (+ Euclid)

- Because the data collected during last years Mobile Speed Feedback cycle was incomplete due to damage, vandalism and incompatible machines, the Council is recommending that we resubmit the same locations as last year.

Motion to use same Mobile Speed Feedback locations as last year: Tim Musser

Second to use same Mobile Speed Feedback locations as last year: Timothy Diko

Motion to use same Mobile Speed Feedback location as last year passes unanimously.

Reports:

Spokane City Council: (Zappone)

- Not present

ONS: (Gabby Ryan)

- Gabby reminded everyone to forward upcoming events and meetings. These can be added to the calendar and added to the monthly newsletter, to encourage increased support and engagement. Email Gabby at gryan@spokanecity.org. For more information, go to <https://my.spokanecity.org/neighborhoods/news/>.

Clean Up Program: (Jeff Thomas)

- Jeff attended the ONS meeting for clean-up coordinators. The event will be Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. At the Faith Bible Church. The event is in need of

volunteers. Please contact Jeff to volunteer. Dump passes also became available March 1 through May 31 or until the funds run out. They are available at Spokane C.O.P.S. shop, City Hall or on the Spokane City website. You can now designate a second person who will be the one going to the Waste to Energy Plant for you, if necessary. Beginning August 1 the passes will be given directly to the Neighborhood Councils. There is a new Neighborhood Beautification project. Each NC is allotted \$1K to clean up private residence(s), graffiti abatement, or at a park. The city will bring equipment and dumpster. The application must be filled out until October 19, and must be filled out at least 2 weeks ahead of time. This will be an action item on the April agenda.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods: (Crystal Glanz-Kreutz)

- Meeting was virtual and well attended. ONS Representative Amber Groe went to national convention. She will be sharing those ideas with the BSN. There was a Leadership training recap. At the meeting there was continued discussion of how to increase neighborhood councils' outreach, volunteerism, and community engagement. Crystal was hoping to create flyer to advertise events coming up, including the clean-up event and the concert in the park. The flyer would be distributed around the EG neighborhood.

Vote taken to compile a flyer and hand it out to neighborhood residents was unanimous.

Land Use: (Bill Heaton)

- The docketing committee's hearing for the six proposed amendments to update comprehensive plan which is inline with updating the plan by 2026. There are three areas in West Hills and three areas in other parts of the city. There are three public meetings scheduled at City Hall on March 18 at 3:30 PM. The hearing that all can attend and make a verbal comment will be at City Hall on March 25 at 6:00PM.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman):

- Not present.

North Monroe Business District: (Anne Luttrull)

- At the last meeting, they discussed concerns about crime and safety. They are going to talk to the City about funding opportunities.

Corbin Senior Activity Center: (Tim Musser)

- Tim summarized that a majority of the Center's budget comes from fundraising. Their largest major fundraiser is coming up on May 19 in Airway Heights. The cost is \$75 a

plate. The event will be catered and there will be a silent and live auction. They are also working to coordinate a car show at Corbin Park which will be in June.

Community Assembly: (Eileen Kazura)

- There is an active neighborhood safety committee that has started up in the past couple of months. The committee meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the Hive on Sprague Ave. There was discussion surrounding the idea of a memory garden to support people with dementia and their caregivers. When the CA's pass resolutions, this information is passed along to the City Council. However, that isn't necessarily being discussed at the City Council meetings. The recommendation was made for a CA representative attending the City Council meeting and making a public statement on the resolutions made. In an effort to increase transparency, City Council is publishing meeting highlights on their youtube channel.

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

- Gee is happy to report that for the first time in five years, there are no abandoned vehicles on Cora.

West Central Community Center: (Heath Kays)

- The Center hosted a very successful food bank. The Center is receiving Council Member Zappone and Council Member Klitzke's support to receive the ARPA funds that have been previously approved by the City Council.

Way Out Center: (Gerriann Armstrong)

- With the closure of the Cannon Street Center, there were 25 new folks that entered the Way Out Center. Movies in the park will start up in June. It will be every Friday night and starts up after the EG Farmers Market closes in the evening. The Spring Carnival will be March 23. The center will also be hosting a Vacation Bible School during spring break.

Treasurer: (Gene Brake)

- Balance \$1,375.68

Transitions: (Sarah Lickfold):

- Sarah provided a summary of a successful Mardi Bra-bra themed fundraiser that was held in February.

WQTIF: (E.J. Iannelli)

- There was no meeting.

Emerson Garfield Farmers Market: (Anne Luttrell)

- The Market will be opening in about 3 months. There are 9 vendors signed up currently. The Market received a \$1,500 grant from CHAS for the refugee program The Market are still looking for sponsors for musician program. There is a children's program where kids can submit a drawing. Please submit drawings by the end of March.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:33 PM**