



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

1. Call to order: 6:02pm

2. Attendance & Introductions

a. *Voting members present:* 19 (quorum met)

b. *Guests present:* 4

3. Housekeeping

a. *Approval of February 2026 minutes.*

i. Tim Musser moved, Daya Goldschlag Gibson seconded

ii. 18 in favor, 1 abstention

b. *Approval of March 2026 agenda*

i. Sarah Lickfold moved, Daya Goldschlag seconded

ii. Unanimous approval

4. Guest Speakers

Spokane Police Department (Scott Hice)

- Officer Hice is the temporary neighborhood resource officer, responsible for everything west of Division and north of the river. Was based in the Northeast/Hillyard area. Usual NRO is Officer Hyman, on leave for six months.
- Will deal with anything that's a nuisance to the neighborhood and negatively impacts quality of life
- 56 problem houses, solved two last week.
- Send him an e-mail at shice@spokanepolice.org if you have an issue or a question. Please document times that the issues are occurring so he can shift schedule accordingly.
- In West Central, he's been tackling speed issues around schools.
- Suggestion: The crossing guards on Washington could use some help with speeders.

City Council Dist. 3 (Sara Sirott, rep for CM Klitzke)

- Council is looking to expand health impact area citywide. Would limit the sale of single-use alcohol containers and vapes.
- Upcoming community conversation about sidewalks, public works etc. is on Thurs. Mar. 26, at the MAC at 5:30pm. Topics include funding, maintenance, repair, sidewalk inventory.



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- Council meetings will change from Mondays to Wednesdays starting on July 14. Committee meetings will change from Mondays to Tuesdays.

Tech Drop-Ins (Bryn, computer science student at Whitworth)

- Bryn is a computer science student at Whitworth and is taking a class on serving the community with computing. One of her assignments is holding tech drop-ins at Knox Presbyterian (806 W Knox).
- The drop-in events will help you troubleshoot issues and, e.g., get your Wi-Fi set up.
- April tech drop-in events (Wednesdays): First one is on April 1, 4–6pm. The second is on April 15 (7–9pm) and will focus on security (how to stay safe on the Internet). The third drop-in is on April 29.
- For more info, e-mail wutechdropins@gmail.com. If you need your e-mail account set up before you can e-mail anyone, go to one of the drop-ins.

Spokane Edible Tree Project (n/a)

- The guest speaker had a family emergency, so the presentation is postponed.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers' Market (Anne Luttrull, Lois Musser)

- The market is actively recruiting volunteers to help with setup and teardown.
- Lois will be selling bread again and is looking for volunteers to help run the KERNEL program.
- SNAP match will go from \$25 to \$10, so the market is looking for sponsors to help increase the match.
- KERNEL program for kids will likely increase the incentive from \$2 to \$4 per participant.

5. Discussion and Voting Items

a. Mobile Speed Feedback Signs

- City is soliciting three locations for trailer placement from each NC. Application is due April 13. No data is collected this year; the signs are just dynamic speed indicators.
- Potential locations (with show-of-hands votes):
 - North Central High School area (heading east on Maxwell and Mission), 19
 - Northbound on Washington at Mansfield, 18
 - Between York and Buckeye on Stevens, either direction, 2
 - Coming off North Hill southbound on North Monroe at Cora, 17



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Motion to approve slate of three locations: NCHS, Washington/Mansfield, N. Monroe

- i. Lois Musser moved, Lori Gibson seconded
- ii. Unanimous approval

b. Approval of Linda Carroll as the new Land Use rep

- The EGNC needs a new Land Use rep to fill the vacancy. Linda Carroll has expressed a keen interest in serving.

Motion to approve Linda Carroll as the new Land Use rep

- i. Mary Charbonneau moved, Tim Musser seconded
- ii. Unanimous approval

c. EGNC elections in April

- Reminder that there will be an election for EGNC leadership in April.
- Open positions: Chair, vice chair, secretary, Building Stronger Neighborhoods.

d. Community Engagement Grant 2026

- Reminder that neighborhood councils can apply for another annual CE grant (\$850) from the Community Assembly.
- In the past we've spent this grant money on our annual Zoom license and then used the balance to fund the annual Concert in the Park. Application is due in June.

6. Select Committee and Community Reports

Community Assembly report (Linda Carroll)

- Neighborhoods USA is online this year, May 28 and 29.
- There will be an update to the City's online web template for neighborhoods. Each neighborhood will be updated one by one.
- Plan Commission: If you follow what's happening, you know that the City is currently planning for the next 20 years. The planning consultant has proposed three different alternatives. Three plans: 1. Do nothing (no change). 2. Distribute greater density throughout the city. 3. Concentrate growth downtown and polar (NE and West Plains). They are coming up with a 4th alternative that will combine elements of all three.
- Once concern about the Comp Plan changes is the failure to account for an increase in mass transportation. Every alternative assumed small mass transit ridership. Linda would like to include



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more transit corridors in the studies. There is an open hearing on the preferred alternative on April 14, which will be a special session about preferred alternative.

- Feedback mechanisms did not include any roles for CA or neighborhood councils.
- The draft housing chapter allows for mobile homes throughout the city.
- CM Klitzke is advocating for commercial development that is in keeping with neighborhood character and priorities.

Spring Cleanup (Katie Schneider on behalf of Jeff Thomas)

- The Cleanup is Saturday, May 16 at Faith Bible Church. That date is locked in with both the City and the church.
- We need more volunteers than ever because Department of Corrections crews are no longer available.
- Dump passes are only available via the city website for the spring. NCs will get them in the fall.

Corbin Senior Center (Tim Musser)

- Corbin Craft Fair is coming up.
- If you have some free time and like driving, Corbin needs van drivers.

7. Public/Community Announcements

- Lori Gibson reminded the council that area neighbors are still dealing with the proposed vacation of Cedar Street. Many of the signs have been taken down, so people assume that the issue is sorted. But that's not the case; Trinity Catholic School is still aggressively pushing for the change.

All other committee/community reports were submitted in writing by their respective representatives and are included with the meeting agenda.

8. Adjournment: 7:14pm