



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, May 10, 2023*

**Meeting Started:** 6:03PM

**Voting Members Present:** 24

**Guests Present:** 9

**Minutes:**

**Motion to Approve Minute:** Karl Boldt

**Seconded to Approve Minutes:** Judy Heaton

**Minutes pass unanimously.**

**Chair's Report** (E.J. Iannelli): none

**Guest Speaker:**

**Captain Tom Hendren, Northwest Sector Precinct Report:**

- In the EG neighborhood, violent crime and property crimes are down and residential burglaries are up. Captain Hendren reminded everyone to lock the doors in their home. There have been more police cars patrolling in the neighborhood. Captain Hendren mentioned he is continuing to work with Council Member Stratton to get park trespassing rules in place. Without these ordinances, there is little to no leverage to patrol parks at night. Council Member Cathcart, Bingle and Stratton are all in support of these efforts and he went to the Public Safety Meeting in the beginning of May to present. Captain Hendren also presented this to the Equity subcommittee and there was concern of officers using the ordinance selectively. He assured the council this would not be the case.

**Action Items:**

**2023 CA Community Engagement Grant**

- Gene has proposed using the CE grant to resume the concert in the park. Gene has offered to spearhead the effort. There is a list of items we can check out from the City for a concert in the

park. The list of items includes, but is not limited to PA systems, speakers and tables. In order to check items out we must have an MOU on file with the City. If we don't know if we have one on file, we can ask Gabby Ryan, our ONS Representative. It is recommended that we spend the whole \$850. The application is due June 16 and can be filed online. Unspent grant funds cannot be rolled forward. A report from the 2022 grant period needs to be filed. Performance metrics we need to report on include what the money was spent on and what was the goal of the grant was. Gene mentioned last time we had the concert in the park, it took the whole \$850 plus additional funds that were donated. He mentioned that historically we have done the concert in August and that at that time we did have a MOU on file with the City.

- **Motion to move forward with using CA grant for concert in the park, date TBD:** Timothy Diko
- **Second the motion to move forward with using CA grant for concert in the park, date TBD:** Patti Marland-Stevens
- **Motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Traffic Calming Project Vote Prior to District Workshop**

- Originally 3 neighborhoods got together to create a list of traffic calming issues, and then ranked them. The City took that list and told the Traffic Calming group that they would investigate the issues. Carlie said we will find out at the Workshop if the items that were prioritized in the top 5 have been investigated or have yet to be. It does not appear that the Euclid Hill has made the list. The list will take 4 years to complete. There will not be another list voted on until the next cycle, which will be in 4 years. Because the Euclid Hill is not on the list, it is encouraged that members of the EGNC show up, in hopes of getting it added to the list. Gene contacted the City Council and Streets Department who told him it was not on the list of identified items. Gene mentioned that we tried to identify the Euclid Hill as a priority about 6 years ago, but it was taken out of scope back then. They agreed that they have records that reflect that the EGNC had attempted to prioritize this at that time. The City told Gene that they were discussing internally and would get back to him. Gene will bring update to the June meeting. No vote needs to be taken on this item.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Spokane City Council (Karen Stratton):**

- Zappone updated that the City line promotional period will be from July 15-labor day. He is still working on a low fair program. Council Member Zappone urged us to come to traffic calming district workshop. He will be doing a Request for Information in consideration of a Teen Center with potential funding by the America Rescue funds. The committee meeting is Monday, May 15.

##### **ONS (Gabby Ryan):**

- The 3 mobile speed feedback trailers placement schedule:
  - 28 West Buckeye-**June 26-July 7**
  - 802 W Jackson near Post St-**July 24-august 4**
  - 103 W Euclid-**Aug 21-Sep 1**

The Traffic Calming Workshop will include the Engineers giving a presentation of the list of the projects. Those attending will rank by matter of importance. Support staff that will be present at the meeting are Annie from ONS, Abby Martin from Traffic Calming and Council Member Zappone.

**Clean Up Program** (Karl Boldt):

- Karl mentioned if you can't make the cleanup event on May 20, there are dump passes available at the Spokane Knox C.O.P.S. shop or on the [myspokane.org](http://myspokane.org) website.
- The weeding day at the traffic island near Zips/Subway will be Saturday, May 27. Meet at the Zips on NW Blvd at 9:00 AM. Bring gloves and other weeding tools you might need.

**Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market** (Anne Luttrull):

- The Market will be starting June 2 from 3:00-7:00PM. A mailer will be going out next week within the neighborhood. Posters are going up next week and there will be ads placed in the Inlander. The market is still in need of volunteers for market tours.

**Building Stronger Neighborhoods** (Ginnee/Craig McNeel):

- The goal continues to be coordinating with Gonzaga neighborhood leadership council.

**Land Use** (Bill Heaton):

- There was a second attempt to have a council member at the meeting to discuss the landlord/tenant updates. This was again put off until the August meeting. The comment period on the HWY 195 comprehensive plan is open until June 7.

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

- The meeting was about traffic calming. WADOT is inviting people to take a survey to determine two alternative routes being proposed for the north/south corridor.

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

- Looking into options for getting grants for beautification such as flowers, flowerpots and replacement of dead trees. This may not happen until next year. The Business District is taking over the market on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Corbin Senior Activity Center** (Claudia Ouwerkerk):

- Claudia was not present, but there was a reminder of the auction/fundraiser on Sunday, May 21.

**Community Assembly** (Eileen Kazura):

- Not present

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

- Not present

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

- Looking for a new board member. The brewery is moving forward and there is no stopping it. Neighbor Days starting June 2.

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

- No update

**Treasurer** (Gene Brake):

- Bank balance is \$787.08.

**Transitions** (Sarah Lickfold):

- No update

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

- LB Stone is developing the old machine shop adjacent to REI, just south of Boone and will be putting in pickleball courts. The sidewalk is cracked and almost unusable. LB Stone came to the committee to request \$130K to repair sidewalk. E.J. will be voice of dissent but is not a voting member. As a reminder, votes are advisory to the City Council.

The meeting was adjourned at **7:32 PM**.