



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Meeting Started: 6:04 PM

Voting Members Present: 20

Guests Present: 7

Minutes: Correct spelling of two members names (Eileen Kazura and Jena Leddon).

Motion to Approve Minutes as Changed: Patti Marland-Stevens

Seconded to Approve Minutes: Bill Heaton. Minutes approved with correction, and no objections or abstentions.

Minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda:

Guest Speaker: Gina Campbell: Anti-vandalism training opportunity.

Gina Campbell, the owner of 1889 Salvage Company and a member of the North Monroe Business District, attended the meeting to share what is happening at her business and see if there is an interest in combating vandalism and property crime within our neighborhood. She summarized that her business has spent a significant amount of money due to people throwing objects into her store windows, breaking them. She stated that this has happened multiple times. The most recent incident she decided to reach out to City Council Member Karen Straton. She suggest contacting Patrick Striker, COPS Executive Director, to explain the situation to him and ask for recommendations. Gina wanted to reach out to the neighborhood council and include the neighborhood. Patrick is willing to facilitate a 1-2 hour workshop where he can make recommendations, and suggest ideas to decrease property crime and vandalism opportunities in our neighborhood. The workshop could be at a time that works best for the EGNC members and others who plan on attending. Gina is willing to put the meeting together and would most likely be at the COPS location on Knox. Gina asked, by show of hands, how many would be interested in attending the workshop and there was a significant show of support. Gina stated she will move forward with putting the workshop together and will let the EGNC know of the proposed time. She also stated that while this may be just the first step in decreasing property crime she is committed to follow through on future steps.

Chairs Report: EJ stated that there would be no COPS representative present this evening due to the fundraiser the organization is putting on at the same time as the meeting.

He also followed up on the agenda item from the September meeting that Mallory Battista presented. He stated that the first tile making workshop for the sculpture that will be placed on North Monroe will be held October 22 at the Hive, on Sprague Avenue from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. He said he would be available after the meeting for more information for those interested.

City Council (Karen Stratton): Karen discussed that the Neighborhood Resource Officer's (NRO's) program would be ending, and that EGNC NRO has been vacant for some time and will not likely be replaced. This program will end soon. She discussed that the Mayor announced a new program will be starting 1/1/2023 that will restructure the NRO program. The city will be divided into 4 quadrants. Each quadrant will have 4 Officers that will serve that area only. The goal is to bring community oriented policing back to the neighborhoods. Two of the quadrant's Officers will be devoted to crime reduction and the other two Officers will patrol the quadrant. These Officers will work out of the COPS shop.

Karen also discussed that the Mayors office has distributed the preliminary budget to Council member which is the beginning of the budgeting process.

Karen provided an updated on Camp Hope which is down close to 200 people. The Council has been working with the Empire Health Foundation who is focusing on getting people out and connected with social service. She said that service providers are talking with and actively working with each other in a way that hasn't happened in some time. She mentioned that Spokane Housing Venture was also able to provide 50 housing vouchers.

Karen discussed the American Rescue Plan and to applying for funding can be done on the Neighborly software website.

ONS: no update

Clean Up (Karl Boldt): Everything is running smoothly with this program, and you can still request \$25 vouchers for dump/disposal passes. To obtain these vouchers:

- Pick passes up at the COPS shop on Knox.
- Go to myspokane.org under neighborhood services and order the pass there. You can print it directly from there or have the pass on your phone. They are valid for one month from pass pickup.

Karl stated that he spoke with the Faith Bible Church and was told that the 3rd Saturday in May will work for the community clean up where dumpsters are on site. He will be reaching out to see if the DOC will be able to volunteer inmates again.

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull): The market had a great season. They fed more food insecure people and had higher WIC/EBT sales than ever before. The last 3 weeks the Farmers Market collaborated with Spokane Catholic Charities to assist refugees in Spokane. Anne thanked all who volunteered. They are looking for music for next season as well as sponsorships.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrull): The group is working on updating the CA handbook.

Neighborhood Safety (vacant): This is no longer an active committee. Will remove from future agendas.

Community Assembly (Eileen Kazura): no update

Transitions (Sarah Lickfold): no update

Land Use (Bill Heaton): Bill stated that at the last meeting the discussion was to establish priorities. He summarized that the main focus is on property ownership and property accountability. This group encourages participation from the neighborhood councils. They also focus on the uses of common spaces. The next meeting is 11/2/22.

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): Carlie discussed that the last meeting there was a presentation by a city employee regarding the bicycle master plan. They are proposing 14 amendments to the master plan that will have a positive effect, focusing on how to continue to make it better for riders, drivers and the community. There were no amendments striking any of the current master plan. Carlie mentioned that Shauna Harshman will be leaving and that they are hoping to have a replacement by January. The master bike plan is on the city website. They will not be doing any amendments to the master bike plan during 2023.

Corbin Senior Activity Center (Claudia Ouwerkerk): Claudia introduced herself as the new Executive Director. She summarized that the Center was close to closing its doors but they are doing new activities and programs that are helping turn things around. She stated that you do not have to be a senior to be a member and distributed handouts summarizing all of the new classes and programs. She also mentioned that they are working on getting a new, more robust security system to address the increase in break ins that they have been experiencing.

North Monroe Business District (Anne Luttrull): Anne discussed the Millennial project. Karen Stratton also stated this project is being done in 2 phases and the project has slowed down due to the rising cost of materials.

Treasurer (Gene Brake): not present

Way Out Center (Gerriann Armstrong): Gerriann stated the center has now been open for 9 months and they closed their first fiscal year, ending 9/30/22. In that 9 months they have served 24 individuals. They have been able to serve those with chronic homelessness and invites everyone to come and visit the center. This center is associated with the Salvation Army. Gerriann reminds everyone that Thursday at

5:30 PM is the Celebrate Recover meeting and dinner following. They will also be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th in the parking lot.

West Central Community Center (Health Kays): Heath shared that they had the Building Dreams fundraiser which had lower attendance than previously, but brought in more funds. They are in need of volunteers for the Halloween celebration on Friday, October 28th.

WGTIF: no update

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Appendix (update of the CA Meeting not presented at the meeting)

CA Meeting - Oct 6, 2022

- CA Land Use committee moving meeting schedule to 1st Weds of each month 5:30pm start, first meeting is Nov 2 and will be hybrid (in person at Shadle Library)
 - Encouraged participation, as they will be collaborating on codifying the emergency zoning changes
- Spokane Police Dept made a presentation on their re-organization - they are changing staffing structure to reduce amount of overhead staff
 - Moving DV officers, NRO's and traffic units to patrol
 - Officers will be assigned to smaller geographic areas
 - I was told slides would be made available (though may be in the CA email inbox) and can share if there is interest
- Jenn Cercedes from the Community Housing and Human Services Team spoke about CDBG funds
 - They are planning an RFP for \$4.5 mil - distribution starting Jan 2023 (note that they are needing to fast track spending of funds because of poor management over the past few years)
 - They are holding a meeting on Oct 20 to develop priorities for CDBG funds - open to all
 - Oct 20 4-5:30 West Central CC
 - Priorities will be guided by consolidated plan
 - There was much discussion around the previous process, where community councils had decision power on a pot of about \$400k. Jenn clarified the city's proposition: CC's no longer have a \$400k carve out, rather these dollars are included in the competitive process \$4.5mil
- There was a CA "Retreat" held this week - open discussion about using this as a 'reset' for the dysfunctional dynamic of the CA. This was unfortunately held during the work day and I didn't attend.