



Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Meeting Started: 6:00PM

Voting Members Present: 18

Guests Present: 7

Minutes:

Motion to Approve Minute: Timothy Diko

Seconded to Approve Minutes: Katie Joy Newhouse

Minutes Pass with 1 Abstention

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

Guest Speaker:

Northwest Sector Precinct Report:

- Officer Jake Jensen provided an update on hotspots that SPD is focusing on in the Emerson Garfield neighborhood. He discussed that the Safeway/Planet Fitness parking lots is an area that they are focusing on. He said that Parks continue to be another area for increased crime, due to it being summertime. Emerson and Corbin Parks are experiencing lower crime than some of the other Spokane parks.

Discussion Items:

Summer Concert Update

- Gene Brake discussed the Concert in the Park that took place on August 26. The Zonky Jazz Band performed. Concert was the best attended in our history of hosting this event. Gene thanked the Concert sponsors: Office of Neighborhood Services, Emerson Garfield Neighborhood Council, Corbin Park Homeowners Association, Emerson Garfield Farmers Market, Spokane City Credit Union, Celestial Sounds and Gene Brake Reality. Additional thanks to The Zonky Jazz Band for reducing their fee by 50%.

August Potluck in Emerson Park

- The August potluck in Emerson Park was well attended.

Asphalt Art Application

- The City and Spokane Arts have put out a call to neighborhoods like ours, for asphalt art. This is for art projects that take place on the street. They are meant for traffic calming as well as neighborhood beautification. There is enough funding earmarked for each neighborhood to qualify for one project. When we apply, we will be paired with an artist for the project.

FYI: Neighbors 3.0 Meeting

- The ONS was supposed to meet to discuss what ways they can better serve the community. There is a neighborhood summit scheduled for November 4. E.J. and Dani will be presenting at the neighborhood.

Traffic Calming Request: North Central High School

- Spokane Public Schools has notified us that a crosswalk is needed at NCHS due to the change in traffic patterns. A representative will be attending our next meeting.

Action Items: None

Reports:

Spokane City Council (Karen Stratton):

- Karen thanked everyone who attended the gateway sign event. She is still working with the utility department to secure the last \$6K for installation fees. Karen sent out a press release the Maple Street and TJ Meenach bridge. The press release is available on the city website. City Council is in support of the Regional Homeless Collaboration. City Council made some changes to slow down the process to ensure that the service providers are able to be at the table during discussions. City is in the midst of budget preparation. City Council is attempting to get the budget done early this year due to City Council turnover. The goal is for the budget to be completed by the end of November. Karen said that they are anticipating a \$20M deficit in next years budget. The City had \$80M of ARPA funds come through, and some of the money has not been spent. They are reviewing eligible projects to fund with these grant dollars. There is Department of Commerce grants that have come through that the City Council approved for projects such as homelessness and housing programs.

ONS (Gabby Ryan): not present

Clean Up Program (Karl Boldt): no update

Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull):

- There are three Markets left. Craftwalk on the first week and North Monroe Business District the second week and the last one is the season finale with a cider press. The port-a-potty was set on fire by vandals and so the contract has been cancelled for the remainder of the season.

Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Alexandra Golikov):

- The BSN met as usual and they continue to work on membership.

Land Use (Bill Heaton): no update

Pedestrian, Traffic, and Transportation (Carlie Hoffman): no update

North Monroe Business District (Anne Luttrull): no update

Corbin Senior Activity Center (Tim):

- Second largest annual fundraiser Friday, September 15. There will be living music and dancing. Tickets are \$100.

Community Assembly (Eileen Kazura):

- Spokane Parks Foundation presented at the last meeting. They are offering grants for specific projects. There is still a Liaison position for the city's Design Review Board. Contact Eileen if interested. The CA has agreed to set up an ad hoc meeting to discuss the organizational structure of the program.

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

- Hours are Monday through Friday 10:00AM-2:00PM. Phone number is 509.625.3348. There are 4 different Block Watch groups in the neighborhood.

West Central Community Center (Heath Kays): no update

Way Out Center (Gerriann Armstrong):

- The Salvation Army was very involved in the fires effecting the Spokane area. The Way Out has the least amount of openings that they have had. Tuesday nights at 5:30PM event includes campfire program and several other programs. This event is free and for kids above 5 years old. In need of drivers 21 years of age or older for the kettle program.

Treasurer (Gene Brake):

- Balance today \$708.72, pending refund of \$662.00 which will bring us back to \$1,370.52. That \$662.00 is from ONS a reimbursement toward band fee of \$800.00.

Transitions (Sarah Lickfold):

- There is a fundraiser coming up in October. Information will be posted on the EGNC social media pages and website.

WQTIF (E.J. Iannelli):

- No update

The meeting was adjourned at **7:29 PM**.