



## Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council

*Wednesday, September 14, 2022*

**Meeting Started:** 6:02 PM

**Voting Members Present:** 17

**Guests Present:** 4

**Minutes:** Jena Leddon motioned to approve minutes. Tim Musser seconded to approved minutes. Minutes approved with no changes, objections or abstentions.

### **Agenda:**

**Guest Speaker:** Lisa Soranaka & Mallory Battista ("Sun Shine Through")

Lisa Soranaka & Mallory Battista, visual artists, from The Sun Shine Through Project, came to provide information about a collaborative project they are working on. There was originally funding from a Community Development Block Grant for the neighborhood sign prior to the pandemic. However, the CDBG funding earmarked for this project was reallocated to other city programs during COVID. The project is a public sculpture and has received granted funding for the space for building from The Hive. There has been no funding for the installation yet. Lisa and Mallory wanted to reach out and engage the neighborhoods in the project and encourage community involvement. Mallory highlighted that the sculpture is something positive and Spokane centric. The Design is being called "Sunshine Through" and it is a large cloud shaped mosaic with ceramic tile and stained glass. They have not yet received City of Spokane approval. Based on feedback received, they remarked that Karen Stratton is confident that City will be able to find funding. Mallory asked for support from the EGNC. The estimated cost of the installation is unknown at this time. Because the funding will be at least partially City funded, the pair will have to go through a Contractor bidding process. That process can be prohibitively restrictive. The area currently earmarked for the installation is on North Monroe as traveling south at the bottom of the hill behind the street lamp. The design is 14 feet wide. A member asked Mallory what kind of ongoing maintenance is involved with this kind project. Lisa noted that there should not be any maintenance for the mosaic, but that they want to also include landscaping in the project which will required upkeep as well as some lighting. Another member mentioned that there will be maintenance on the construction grade grout. Mallory discussed that there will be communication about Community engagement as they want to put on a tile making workshop. The tiles will be featured in the installation. Mallory stated that she wants to promote near the area where the sculpture will be located. Currently, the workshops are slated from

10:00am -12:00pm on October 22, November 12 and February 4 at The Hive. Lisa will supply link as soon as the workshops are open to register.

**Motion to Support the Project:** Tim Musser

**Seconded to Accept the Project:** Timothy Diko

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Chair report:** EJ highlighted the technical issues as we transition back into in person meetings, and that he appreciated everyone's patience. EJ discussed the action items needed-installing Katie Schneider as Secretary.

**Motion to Approve Katie as Secretary:** Ted Stevens

**Seconded to Approve Katie as Secretary:** Gene Brake

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**City Council (Gabby Ryan):** Not present/no update

**ONS:** no update

**Clean Up (Karl):** Not present/no update

**Emerson-Garfield Farmers Market (Anne Luttrull):** The market is going well. This Friday is senior citizen day and craft walk. There will be Medicare Specialists, Para transit Specialists, and a representative from ALTCEW present. A reminder that the last day of the market for the season is September 30. The theme will be Book Character and there will be a potluck.

**Building Stronger Neighborhoods (Anne Luttrull):** did not meet

**Neighborhood Safety (vacant):** This used to be headed by neighborhood resource officer. Several members discussed that code violations are up and gave suggestions on how to manage them. Gene discussed that the code enforcer department is very shorthanded, and encouraged members to be the squeaky wheel and continue to report until issue is resolved.

**Community Assembly:** This committee still meets online and this doesn't work for current CA member. Eileen Kazura volunteered be the EGNC CA member. Several members highlighted some of the historic challenged of this committee.

**Motion to Approve Eileen as CA Member:** Ted Stevens

**Seconded to Approve Eileen as CA Member:** Mary Charbonneau

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Transitions** (Sarah Lickfold): Sarah distributed brochures of the non profit program that's mission is to end homelessness for women and children. Their biggest fundraiser of the year is October 6 at 12:00 at the Centennial Hotel.

**Land Use** (Bill Heaton): Bill was not present. However, Gene stated that the City is voting on the land dwelling issue the same evening as this meeting. The proposal being voted on was for structures up to 75 feet high with 400 units. This vote will effect the area at the two sections of property that Faith Bible Church intends to sell.

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

**Corbin Senior Activity Center:** Heidi is no longer Executive Director. The new ED has stated they will attend in future EGNC meetings.

**North Monroe Business District** (Anne Luttrull): Anne discussed the Art on Monroe event. There was to be approx 99 artists, however a dozen didn't attend. There was great weather for the event. Anne mentioned this was the last even for the year.

**Treasurer** (Gene Brake): Gene reported that the bank account has a balance of \$783.95.

**Way Out Shelter** (Gerriann Armstrong): not present/no update

The next EGNC meeting will be held at Corbin Senior Activity Center on Wednesday, October 12 at 6pm.

**West Central Community Center:** There is a green auction coming u p net Saturday. Tickets available at the center.

**WGTIF:** Neighborhood Project Action Committee Megan Kennedy is advocating for the neighborhood. EJ replaced Megan on this committee at their first post COVID meeting. EJ stated that the boundaries are different than those of the neighborhood council boundaries. These funds this committee controls is higher because of the increase in property tax revenues associated with higher prices/accessed home values. This The goal is to take the increase and reinvest in the neighborhood. Developers will also be wanting to tap into this fund.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** Linda Carroll

**Seconded to Adjourn Meeting:** Tim Musser

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.