



## South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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**APPROVED 2017-05-09 (NO CORRECTIONS)**

Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, April 11th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

Ian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

### I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

#### 10 people were in attendance:

Joe Ader  
Alicia Ayars\*  
Matt Blaine\*  
Sam Lux\*  
Danielle Martini

Kim Mortensen  
Peggy Parker\*  
Captain Dave Richards\*  
Bettie Stirtz\*  
Ian Sullivan\*

\* Indicates Voting Members

#### Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Deb Conklin

### Quorum

6 voting members in attendance

**14** total voting members currently;  $6/14 = 0.43 = \mathbf{43\%}$  (Quorum requirement is 25%)

### II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

#### Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the March minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list earlier in the month. Bettie moved to accept the minutes as presented, Peggy seconded. All were in favor, with no abstentions. Minutes were approved as presented.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Profit & Loss Statement as of March 31st, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden. The only transactions so far this year are for the Submittable.com website (\$20.00), for taking Street Fair vendor applications, and the payment for the Directors' and Officers' (D&O) insurance (\$665.00). The current register balance for SPBNA funds is \$4,882.09; and \$790.56 for the Garden.

### III. SPD REPORT

Captain Richards reported that they have been focusing on the north Gary Park and south Riverton areas recently.

He also reported on a child luring attempt that occurred on March 28th in the area of 44th and Myrtle. A man in a Subaru Outback approached a 12 year old girl and asked her to get in his car. She refused and kept walking to her house and went inside. It was also reported that as she was walking home the man was taking photos or video of her with his phone. Police investigated but were not able to find the man based on descriptions.

He also mentioned that they were able to catch another man who had been watching children outside the fence of a school in East Central, admitted to a couple of things, and was charged with 4-5 counts. He would now be “on the radar”, so that will help them keep an eye on him in the future.

A resident asked Captain Richards about a neighborhood problem house whose residents had threatened neighbors who had reported on the house. SCRAPS had been out there two times in the last week. Captain Richards said he would check on the calls for service to the location, to see if code enforcement has been out there yet. He told her that dealing with nuisance houses may take some time if it doesn't fall into certain categories, but that it would eventually be taken care of, hopefully.

#### **IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS**

##### **ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)**

Alicia Ayars reported on some highlights from the last ECNC meeting:

- Captain Richards had given a presentation at their last meeting on the lighting project he had been working on for East Central, which has put up a total of 47 new street lights so far.
- John Mallahan had reported on highlights of State of the City 2017, which is up on the City website.
- April 18th ECNC meeting next week will be a Safety Forum; they will spend 15-20 minutes on neighborhood business, then have people coming to talk about different aspects of crime and safety
- A postcard for the clean-up in May will be sent out soon. There are 3 different pick-up dates depending on where people live, for people who need to have extra stuff picked up to get rid of
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding decisions would be made in the next two months. Alicia explained that the City sends them “menu items” to choose from, and some times others come up if they meet the requirements, etc.; this year the deadline was bumped up 6 months, so they are making decisions again very soon after last year's. Details can be found on the Community Housing & Human Services website.

##### **ESBA (East Sprague Business Association)**

No report.

##### **Thursday Market**

No report.

#### **V. STREET FAIR GRANT APPLICATION PRESENTATIONS**

##### **TEAM Grant (Danielle Martini)**

Danielle gave a brief overview of what TEAM Grant does, which is mainly providing support for things that the state and Title 1 funds don't cover. They do their Citizen of the Month awards, Walk in the Park, Garden Club, Computer Club, Math Club, purchase library books, and keep an emergency clothes closet stocked for children who need clothes. The school's needs surpass what they receive. The school is extremely diverse, and has the highest mobility rate of the district. The goal is to provide consistency at school for the children.

They are raising money for the Citizen of the Month Awards program. Each month they choose a couple of students to recognize examples of PAWS behavior (Positive (Positive choices, Achieve goals, make Wise choices, Show respect). All the kids who are chosen each month are celebrated at a ceremony each month, to which all the parents are invited. At the end of the ceremony they get to take home books that they choose. Their annual budget for purchasing the books the kids get to choose from is \$4,000.

##### **Family Promise (Joe Ader)**

Family Promise has been in Spokane for 20 years, in Perry for 9 years. Their Bridges program is one of the most successful in the country. The Village program follows the Bridges program, to offer mentoring

and enrichment for 3 years after they find housing, as well as offers rental assistance. Open Doors is the first homeless family shelter in Spokane, and is located in Richard Allen Court in South Perry. The facility was designed around the question "What would a 9 year old want?". It doesn't feel clinical, and is designed from the loudest activities to the quietest as you go through the facility. It has 43 people in the shelter today. They are looking for funding for their summer program. When school gets out there the kids will be there 24 hours a day. They need money to help fund the day programs and the extra staff. Currently they move to the Salvation Army overnight, but starting June 5th they will be there day and night. Joe also mentioned that 200 volunteers from Windermere would be coming to help build a playground and a dog run, and clean up outside of Richard Allen Court.

## **VI. DISCUSSION AND VOTING FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Ian reviewed the process and the history of how the grant recipients had been chosen in the past, and awarded a portion of the Street Fair Proceeds. He also mentioned the possibility of allotting extra money at the end of the year. Sam reviewed the list of the organizations who had been chosen before (Family Promise had not been chosen as far back as Sam had records for).

The group discussed the two organizations who had presented. There was some consensus that the money would probably go further for TEAM Grant. The group also discussed the fact that non-profit groups can get a free booth at the Street Fair, and we could help promote them both at the Street Fair. And it seems like there might be a good chance we would have some extra money which we could consider giving to the other organization.

Bettie moved that the group choose TEAM Grant. Peggy seconded. All were in favor. TEAM Grant was chosen as the recipient of a portion of the Street Fair funds this year.

Peggy moved that if there are any extra funds at the end of the year the Family Promise is at the top of the list to be considered. Bettie seconded. All were in favor.

The group also discussed trying to do a tour of the different non-profit organizations over the summer. We could maybe try to meet at a different non-profit maybe once a quarter. Alicia mentioned that the ECNC is reaching out to past CDBG fund recipients to see how they had used the money. We could ask previous recipients to do a tour or a presentation. Alicia also mentioned that some of the non-profits could get involved in applying for CDBG applications, if they wanted to. We could partner with ECNC to help boost them up on social media.

### **Community Garden**

Peggy reported that last summer they were ½ full, but so far they have picked up a few new neighborhood people. Their first meeting is this Saturday, which is the same day as the Easter Egg Hunt in Grant Park. She has put out announcements on Next Door and Facebook, and people have been spreading the word. She is hoping they might be able to get a few people from the Easter Egg Hunt. She asked people to help share on social media and spread the word.

She also said that this year the Grant Garden Club would be planting along the fenceline around the Garden. They want to put up some signage to let visitors know what is available to take. Also, she said that this year they are going to try to garden "by committee", to try to split up the work a little better.

Matt reported that he went to the last Spokane Urban Agriculture meeting. Under them is the Associated Garden Club National, of which Spokane is a chapter. Spokane Community Gardens Association is under that. Someone will be getting back to Matt about whether they might be able to help Grant Community Garden with insurance, etc. Peggy said she had gone to their meetings before, but Matt said it sounded like this was maybe a newly formed group that had some of the same board members or something. Peggy would try to talk to Parks about it after getting the information from Matt. It could also help that they are a 501c3 organization, so that the Garden could apply for more grants.

#### **South Perry Business Group**

*Currently meeting to plan Street Fair.*

#### **Street Fair Committee**

Ian reported that the last Street Fair meeting had to be cancelled due to the Gonzaga game. Mady, who works at the Lantern, is organizing the social media for the Fair. They have an updated logo, the same as last year but with different colors. The Submittable.com website is open for new applicants. Melinda and Ian are working together to coordinate, Melissa is helping with vendor applications, and others are also helping. Sarah passed on her organizational binder from the last two years, which has been a big help. They will be making an announcement on Facebook soon.

The Street Fair is July 15th this year (the 3rd Saturday of July).

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

*None*

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING**

Alicia mentioned that the traffic calming applications, one of which was for a pedestrian crossing at 9th and Perry.

Sam announced that the Easter Egg Hunt in Grant Park would be happening on Saturday.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary*