



South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, May 9th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

Ian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

9 people were in attendance:

Matt Blaine*
Deb Conklin*
Sam Lux*
Captain Tracie Meidl
Peggy Parker*

Captain Dave Richards*
Bettie Stirtz*
Ian Sullivan*
Karen Sutula

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Danielle Martini

Quorum

7 voting members in attendance

14 total voting members currently; $7/14 = 0.50 = \underline{50\%}$ (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the April 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 presented a printed copy of the report that is on the Comstat website. He said they recently made some good stops in some of their hotspots. Southgate was a hotspot previously. You can see the trends go down as soon as they pick up some people.

Captain Richards also handed out a map of the area, to see what's happening, which can also be found on the Spokanepolice.org website under the Citizen tab. You can also look at what's going on during a certain timeframe. Captain Richards explained what some of the symbols and types of crimes were, and mentioned that a break-in into an unlocked attached garage is considered a residential burglary.

They make it through Bloomsday with no major incidents, now he is hoping to get through the upcoming hot weather and some of the other major events this summer (Hoopfest, etc.).

Karen asked what is being done about the RV's in the alley on the north side of the freeway, between Pacific and 1st at Napa. Richards said they chased them off, don't always know where they move to until they find them or people report them. They can stay somewhere for 24 hours at a time. Can't be in a public right of way. Not licensed or expired over 45 days they can just come and tow it.

No repeat calls after recent child luring incident.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)

Karen reported on some highlights from the last ECNC meeting:

- Public Safety meeting went well, had Patrick Stricker from COPS, someone from Code Enforcement (Melissa ?) gave short presentation, handed out cards that people could fill out questions, asked questions at the end. They are going to go through them and find answers to the questions that didn't get asked and send them out
- Concerns about request to use emergency CDBG sidewalk funds for a sidewalk
- Going to be talking more about CDBG funds since the date got moved up 6 months
- Just sent out an email last night about 16 project vying for CDBG funds this year, posted on their blog all the projects and link to the full paperwork (www.council.ecspokane.net)
- In an effort to keep the meetings shorter, they are going to narrow down the projects they are going to be voting on in their June meeting via an electronic survey. Projects will be ranked, top 5 with 2 alternates, vote on how the funds will be disbursed. Poll will be at library and ECCC for anyone who doesn't have internet
- They are going to have a presentation from the library on the safety series they will be doing, focusing on technology safety and identity theft, etc.
- Will be starting to plan their family game night, August 12th, hoping to add to what was done last year

ESBA (East Sprague Business Association)

Mainly have been talking about the construction, and what is going on with the BID board. They have meetings with the construction team on Tuesday mornings. They are ahead of schedule, looking at having 1st section from Napa to Altamont by mid June, hoping to be done with 2nd Phase by mid August. Have been discussing traffic flow, have had some problems with where to put temporary stop signs, getting that figured out. Haven't had any major delays or things they weren't really expecting. Had to shut off water for a few days after really old water lines were discovered.

Ivory Table is going to just do catering through the construction. A lot of the businesses are destination businesses. Beneditis is doing very well. Boyd Walker is having the biggest impact on their business. Crime has moved into the neighborhood a little bit, and access to Unified Networks had some problems over the weekend. Construction going on on the overpasses right now also, causing some traffic problems.

Thursday Market

Opened last Thursday, very busy. Melissa is working to meet some of the vendors to bring them into the Street Fair.

Ombudsman Commission

Deb reported that they are still trying to get ordinance amended. Some changes are clearly necessary, to allow Bart to be the Ombudsman even though he doesn't live within the city limits. The main tension is that the charter amendment said the office of the ombudsperson should both monitor internal affairs

investigations and do independent investigations. When city negotiated with police guild, they got the internal affairs part but didn't deal with independent investigations part. There has been a whole year of conversation about how to accomplish that. The negotiator never asked for it. This round they are hoping they will.

Community Garden

Peggy reported that they still have a few empty beds, but have gotten a lot of work done thanks to some new gardeners. They have a new garden steward, who has had a bunch of people volunteer to help him, and people are volunteering for all different kinds of things. The weather has been weird, so things aren't up as early this year. They still don't have water turned on, the city is working on getting the broken faucet from last year fixed. They doubled the height of a bunch more beds. Michael took over watering schedule.

South Perry Business Group

Currently meeting to plan Street Fair.

Street Fair Committee

ECNC will probably have a joint booth with Info booth. They are going to sell t-shirts this year, and a couple people are going to put together gift baskets to raffle off. TEAM Grant was chosen as charity funds recipient, and they have a huge group of volunteers. They will have the same street closures again this year (9th to 12th). They are also going to have some small acoustic style music spread throughout the fair. They already have a ton of vendors in, but still have open spots. Since they have access to the parking lot behind the Lantern, and the park, they could spread into there more. Ian got the use of park permit from ECNC, kids fair in park.

Deb would urge someone to go to Wallace this summer to see how they keep their music going. Art on the Ave also does a good job with that, and the music is tailored to the zone where it is.

Someone suggested that they could look at putting up a big tent for the kids fair. Bettie asking what kind of time should be blocked off for SPBNA volunteers. Ian said that they have a specific person whose specific task is to organize volunteers. Mady and Melissa have been working together on booths and mapping out, etc.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

[None]

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Curbside pickup announcements were sent out. Karen will send out an announcement about it also. Postcard has instructions on what can be put out and what can't. They are working with some residents in the neighborhood to do a large appliance pick up. Hoping there will be enough money to do another one the first weekend of October.

Ian said he is 95 percent sure that Cody took over duplex next to Odyssey. The Dog groomer is moving out, and that space is going to become a gallery for the new owners. Him and Her are staying.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary*