



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, June 13th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

Ian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

14 people were in attendance:

Matt Blaine*
Denny Carman
Deb Conklin*
Blake Cooley
Christina Deubel
Mady Fancher
Jeffrey Robinson

Sam Lux*
Danielle Martini
Sergeant **Lieutenant** Dave Overhoff
Peggy Parker*
Bettie Stiritz*
Ian Sullivan*
Bonnie Williams

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Alicia Ayars

Matt Blaine

Quorum

5 voting members in attendance (during approval of minutes, which was only vote taken)

14 total voting members currently; $5/14 = 0.36 = 36\%$ (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the May minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list earlier in the day. 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 May 31th, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden. The current register balance for SPBNA funds is \$6,945.85; and \$565.65 for the Garden. Bettie noted that the current Fair net income is 2,155.76 after expenses, although most of the expenses have not yet been paid for. Ian mentioned that most of the income and expenses for the Street Fair will be coming in next month. Peggy mentioned that there will be money coming in next month for the Garden, which currently has a net loss for the year to date of \$224.91.

III. SPD REPORT (Sergeant **Lieutenant** Dave Overhoff)

~~Sgt. Lt.~~ Overhoff gave in update on the recent crime statistics in our area and surrounding. He reminded the group that anyone can view updates in our area online; ours is the P5 -South Central area.

- The SPD caught two burglars at 9th and Perry last week who were trying to break into a business in one of the houses north of 9th. He advised that there will probably be a spike in vehicle prowling as school gets out, and also malicious mischief and late night disturbances. They are

working hard on the parks, Park Rangers are now patrolling Manito and two other parks. The City is working on getting more officers to be commissioned park rangers to help handle some of the issues that are happening in parks.

- **Sgt. Lt.** Overhoff also reminded the group that Hondas & Subarus are popular cars to steal. The SPD has free steering wheel clubs available for those models, and also for some older Nissans.
- When shootings happen, they are random acts of violence and can happen very quickly. Summer is a very busy time, so response time might be a little lower on lower priority calls.
- We do not have a homeless camper issue in this area right now.
- Now have three Neighborhood Resource Officers, Seth [*did not catch last name*] is new third.

One resident asked about a nearby house in their neighborhood that has been cause for concern. **Sgt. Lt.** Overhoff said that a lot of foot and vehicle traffic can be an indication of trafficking, etc. He discussed some of the related trafficking activity in the city, and said that the “massage” parlors are popping up again.

Sgt. Lt. Overhoff also reminded everyone that if you don't call, they don't have a record of that incident. Whether they get to the call or not, they still need to have the call categorized. Information is very valuable to them. Traffic issues go to traffic hotline, motorcycle patrols will patrol more. The more people that call in about high speed traffic, the better, and it is helpful to know what time of day in which the problem is mostly occurring.

In response to a question from someone in the group, **Sgt. Lt.** Overhoff said that if your driveway is blocked, call crime check. You must leave five feet on either side of driveway. That is a low priority call (priority 3). You can also call neighborhood parking enforcement.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council) (Deb)

There are several activities they are planning will be good for kids, and will be up on their website.

ESBA (East Sprague Business Association)

[No report]

Thursday Market

It is open, should also be in the school parking lot in a few weeks. Grant had art show that day last week.

New Art Gallery Coming to South Perry

The owners of the new art gallery coming into the dog grooming building were in attendance to let people know about their gallery. They said they want to possibly incorporating the parking lot behind Veda Lux into the Market. They are working hard to have the grand opening on the day of the Street Fair. The name of gallery is **Tsuga Northwest Arts**. It will have a lot of Northwest art, as well as some private shows and abstract things. It is mainly going to be paintings, ceramics, and sculpture to bring the northwest theme to Perry. They are hoping to organize some paint classes, and have date nights for parents to drop off kids so parents can go have dinner; hopefully other businesses in the neighborhood will help out with that by offering dinner discounts, etc. They have a lot of plans, but for now are just trying to get the building cleaned up and open. Cristina will be curator, Denny will be involved in many aspects. Cristina also curates art down at Liberty building.

When asked about coordinating with First Friday, they said they might want to do their own thing. But they want to be involved in anything that Perry does.

Parking behind Grant

Someone asked about a possible new parking lot that they heard about that the City is looking at putting

behind Grant. Ian said it was part of the Spokane Matters District 2 pilot program. So far they haven't talked to SPBNA, or Grant Elementary that he is aware of. Deb said that back when the streetscape stuff went it, it was supposed to be very pedestrian friendly, and the City didn't meet all of their obligations. They cancelled one of the bus routes. The group briefly discussed this, during which it was mentioned again that it seems like people only want to park on Perry or half a block away. The big issue is re-training the people coming to the district in cars.

The topic of the garbage cans on Perry Street also came up. When the street was redone, the neighborhood became responsible for taking care of the garbage. The neighborhood's choice was for each business that has a garbage in front of it to empty that garbage. Danielle offered to call people. Deb suggested possibly calling code enforcement.

Community Garden (Peggy)

Peggy reported on what has been happening in the Garden:

- They are trying to finish double the rest of the beds; they got quite a bit done but ran out of money. They are hoping to raise money at Street Fair.
- They are not going to do the Garden to Table dinner this year, but will have more of a Garden Party with games, etc. They are looking for donations of things to put together.
- They have a lot of new gardeners and new energy this year.
- The Garden was gifted with tree chips from Spirit Pruners, now they are looking for volunteers to help spread it. After this load is spread, they will bring one more to put in the garden pathways.
- People in the neighborhood helping even if they aren't gardening.
- They planted a lot of things on the fenceline, things that are edible, so that it is available for visitors to try. They did that a little bit last year and it seemed to help reduce the vandalism that happened on the inside of the garden.
- There are still four beds left, this week is getting to be the last week for planting. Extra food will be going to Liberty Park Community Development Center.

South Perry Business Group (Ian)

- Ian said that they are mainly just meeting to plan Street Fair, but had a few other updates:
- Summer movies in the Shop parking lot will be starting after the Street Fair.
- Two Wheel Transit name is changing to Bike Hub, nothing else will be changing.

In response to discussion about the old Hai's location, someone said that the owner doesn't want to sell, had plans to make it into a taproom but doesn't seem motivated to do anything right now.

Street Fair Committee (Ian/Mady)

Ian reviewed the main details of the fair for those who were new to the neighborhood: It is the 18th Street Fair this year, and we are closing three blocks again. There will be bands from 1pm-10pm. There will also be a few acoustic sets in smaller locations in between main sets. Inland Church is putting on Kids Fair in the park again, with help from Emmaus. The charity recipient is TEAM Grant this year.

Mady updated the group on more Street Fair planning details:

- They raised booth prices this year -- \$75 for returning, \$90 for new vendors, \$150 for political groups. There are a lot of new people.
- Currently have about 90 booths so far this year. Free booths go to local non-profits and businesses on Perry.
- Starting to figure out bands, Super Sparkle no longer headlining. Should have line-up ready in the next week. Will start seeing posters soon.

- Whole neighborhood will get little flyers reminding the neighborhood when the Street Fair will be
- Stage will be set up late the night before
- Volunteer sign-up will be up in the next few days, sign-up link will be sent out to many
- Info Booth will also be SPBNA/ECNC booth; may only need a couple of shifts filled. Handing out music line-ups, answering questions, also will be selling t-shirts this year.
- Tentatively there is hopefully going to be a mini farmer's market on the edge of the fair 9-noon, probably in school parking lot.

TEAM Grant has t-shirts left over from their Walk in the Park, wondering about also selling those t-shirts at that booth. Ian thought that would be fine.

Danielle volunteered to help pass out flyers. Liberty Park UMC bulletin board is a good place to post.

Blake reported on the Kid's Fair. They have 12-13 booths right now. There will be at least one bouncy house, and they are also going to have a dunk tank. Someone thought they could maybe get Ben Stuckart. They are also doing a booth of healthy snacks.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

[None]

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Bonnie announced that there will be free breakfast and lunch served through August 18th at Grant Elementary, through summer school. Bonnie also mentioned that she is willing to take over hosting kickball in Grant Park on Tuesday evenings, 6-8pm, which Kate and Jake, who have been involved with TEAM Grant, started up and hosted each summer for a while now.

Matt reported that in one of his and Melissa's houses, World Relief moving a family of 9 from Nepal into neighborhood near Ivory and 13th. Some of the kids will probably be going to Grant. He didn't know specifically if they have anything they need, but has contact at World Relief if anyone wants to help.

Deb said that the church sponsored a World Relief family a few years ago, and one thing they really need is help understanding how life in America works.

Ian announced that Odyssey is celebrating 25 years this year, will be doing some events, open house/block party in August.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary