



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, July 11th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

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

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

13 people were in attendance:

Shawn Brow
Deb Conklin*
Heidi Hash
Kat Hawker
Sam Lux*
Amber McKenzie
Captain Tracie Meidl

Peggy Parker*
Meg Rey-Bear
Shirlee Roberts-Downey
Bettie Stiritz*
Ian Sullivan*
Bob Supon

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Alicia Ayars
Danielle Martini

Karen Sutula

Quorum

5 voting members in attendance

12 total voting members currently; $5/12 = 0.42 = 42\%$ (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the June minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list the day before. Captain Meidl said that Dave Overhoff was listed as a Sergeant in the minutes, but he is actually a Lieutenant. Deb moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Bettie seconded. All were in favor, with no abstentions. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Profit & Loss Statement as of June 30th, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden. The current register balance for SPBNA funds is \$8,629.31 and \$211.88 for the Garden. Bettie noted that the current Fair revenue is \$6,388.2, with more that should be coming in. The current Fair expenses are \$2,549.62, with more still to come. The total net income/loss for the SPBNA is \$3,062.84, and -\$578.68 for the Garden. Peggy mentioned that they are hoping to raise funds at the Street Fair .

III. SPD REPORT (Captain Meidl)

Captain Meidl reported on some of the police activity related to the area in the past few weeks:

- Vehicle prowlings and garage burglaries are up, as usually happens in hot weather. Help your neighbors if you see garages open or items of value left out.
- SPD is going to have a large presence at the Street Fair

Someone in the group asked about all the stuff that has been in the street on Ivory between 11th and

12th. Some other people who lived in the neighborhood said it was from an eviction. Captain Meidl said if it is in the street, then Code enforcement should be called. It is complaint based, so someone needs to call, and the more people who call, the better. The phone number for code enforcement is 625-6083

Captain Meidl mentioned that they have been seeing some spread in the transient population but haven't noticed it coming into this area yet. Someone thought that someone sleeping in Grand Park parking lot, Captain Meidl asked them to call crime check when they are seen.

Captain Meidl also shared that the Police Activities League meets at Liberty Park on Thursdays every week putting on athletic programs for kids. The Martin Luther King Center busses some of their youth mentors down.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)

Deb said that at the last meeting they mainly talked about CDBG funds and the East Sprague work. There has been some tension about whether to put in pull-outs for busses, or do in-lane loading.

ESBA (East Sprague Business Association)

[No report]

Other Connections

Someone had a question about garbages, which was discussed later under New Business.

Shirlee attends Lincoln Heights neighborhood council, and was wondering if it would be better for her to attend ECNC or SPBNA meetings if she wants to pass along things they are doing to help with traffic or parking issues. Deb said that if ECNC is asked about a traffic issue involving Perry, they would talk to SPBNA. Someone also mentioned that the either the ECNC president or vice president has been trying to attend SPBNA meetings as they are able.

V. THURSDAY PARKING SOLUTIONS

Ian introduced some recurring issues that have come to the surface again: Due to increased traffic on Thursdays, there are continued problems with blocked driveways, pedestrians walking randomly across the street across 9th and Perry. Someone also added that it is difficult for people in wheelchairs to get through the crowded sidewalks on Thursdays.

Someone asked about spreading out where the Market was held, so that it wasn't so concentrated in one spot. One suggestion was to see about having vendors in the former Lonnie's lot (NW corner of 9th & Perry). It was also mentioned that the people from Tsuga were hoping to expand it south. There was a brief discussion on the location of the market since it had begun; originally it was in the Emmaus parking lot, and was moved due to some problems with having for-profit activity in the parking lot of a non-profit organization. That is when it moved to the parking lot of The Shop.

Someone asked if there is a way to have parking enforcement pay special attention to people parking on the south side of 9th. When 9th was repaved, the residents pushed back against having it striped, and City gave up. Shirley has been working to get it striped yellow. In half block from Perry street where you can park on both sides, she wants to get white striping done to highlight where the parking is.

Rockwood made up little yard signs to remind people to slow down and not to park in front of driveways. If there was a sign it might make people less likely to park there. The City of Liberty Lake does little signs on each side of intersections to keep crosswalks clear when they have their citywide garage sale days. Neighbors could pick up a sign for a dollar, and the Market could have some in their info booth.

Kat asked about getting a solar speed limit sign with speed radar. Perry is already 20 mph zone, but it is

also a school zone. Deb said that before when we have requested such a sign, every time we did it, they did a study, and said that the average speed of people going through there is not much over the speed limit. The orange signs that are put out on Market days are what we got last time. The hill coming down Perry is a big reason why people go fast when they are heading North.

The topic of why there isn't a school zone sign on Perry came up. Someone said that they City had told them that since the speed limit was already slower than the 25 mph school zone speed limit, it wasn't needed. Someone also added that putting in a school zone sign makes it a higher fine.

Meg, the President of the Thursday Market board, updated the group on what they had been discussing since they had received some complaints. It has been something they have kind of known about off and on, and it came up again recently and they immediately had a board meeting to discuss what to do. They have a number of goals, but they have to be very cost effective, because they operate on a very tight budget.

Meg wanted to try to find out how they can communicate to the neighborhood that they have heard their complaints. She doesn't know if Nextdoor hits enough people. She has been driving around, and hasn't necessarily seen these issues, but maybe hasn't gone far enough. How do they make people aware that when the Market arrives there is increased traffic and it can be unsettling? Meg said that they have thought about getting their volunteers to paper cars with a "Be a good neighbor" flyer with rules for good parking, hitting parking lot in front of Hico, and going along 11th on south side of park. If there are specific neighbors whose driveways are getting blocked, they can put up signs in front of those problem areas.

Ian has been talking about doing a joint neighborhood flyer with the businesses, including Market, but also Run club and other events. Deb asked if they could do an announcement after the events not to yell to each other as they walk to their cars.

Meg said they will be sending out a mailer next week to a large area. Now they need to figure out a good way to get some signs they can use year after year to put up in various places reminding people about parking and pedestrians, etc.. At the beginning of the Market transition points, they could have volunteers at some of those corners watching and helping spread information. Meg said that if anyone has any complaints, they can email her at president@thursdaymarket.org, which carries over to each new Market president.

Someone brought up the fact that the 1st day of school is a Thursday, August 31st, which will be a Market day. Shirley asked if they could block off parking in the block where the Market is on Thursdays, or at least when school is in session, and maybe that would help alleviate some of the traffic? Meg was not sure if they could make that happen. Someone asked about even just doing it on the Market side of the street. Meg said that they will put something up on their Facebook page, asking people not to park on that street because of school.

Shirley doesn't want these things to go away, but she really doesn't want people to get hurt. Other people voiced their appreciation for the Market, and for being so successful that there are growing pains.

Brief discussion about the Spokane Matters District 2 proposals for reconfiguring the lot behind the Lantern. Sam said that people can find out more about this on the Spokane City website.

VI. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Community Garden (Peggy)

Peggy reported that the Garden will be selling tickets for their Garden Party at the Street Fair. This year they are having open appetizers, more deserts, lawn games, so they can sell more tickets. It will be for adults only. It is scheduled for September 10th, the Sunday after Labor Day.

South Perry Business Group (Ian)

Ian announced that Melinda and Sarah from the Lantern are throwing a benefit concert for a server at the Lantern who is battling cancer for the 2nd time, have a young daughter, she hasn't been able to work as much as she has liked, etc. The benefit is being held at Overbluff Cellars building, Mark Camp is donating stuff through Overbluff, Marshall McLean & Mamma Doll are playing, there is more info online.

Melinda has brewery contacts who would be willing to donate some kegs of beer, and she asked if this group would be willing to sponsor the event, so that brewery would be donating the beer to us, and we would be giving it to the event. The SPBNA would have its name on it, and they would be helping a family lives in the neighborhood.

Some questions from the group: Any reason not to? Any liability or risk? Could SPBNA be put as additional insured? Could we call the person that we got insurance for the Fair from and ask if they could do a rider for this? If we are written in as a sponsor for the benefit, whoever is covering insurance for the event should have the sponsors written in as covered. Sponsors aren't responsible for the event if not hosting. The SPBNA is incorporated so that individuals aren't personally liable.

Deb moved that we support the fundraiser and become a sponsor by donating the beer that would be donated to us, on the condition that Ian checks out the liability issue. Peggy seconded. All were in favor, there were no abstentions, the motion was passed.

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),

Street Fair is this Saturday, Ian handed out posters, if anyone has a place to put up, please post.

Ian updated the group on more Street Fair planning details:

- If you live on 9th, 10th, or 11th on either side of Perry, should have gotten a postcard to let neighbors know that the street will be closing, and what all will be going on.
- Music will start around 10am until 10pm.
- Stage will be in the South Perry Pizza parking lot this year, facing west (towards Lantern)
- TEAM Grant, ECNC, SPBNA will be teaming up to staff the info booth
- They will be selling Fair t-shirts this year, same design as last year with different colors and year updated, sponsors on back
- If you think you have a booth and have not been contacted, please get a hold of Ian, because you should have by now
- Probably will have a ring of booths in the Shop parking lot, should have 95 vendors. Some booths are double booths.
- Food trucks in parking lot behind Lantern
- Kids Fair in park, another 15 vendors that are kid-focused
- The City will be doing their water truck again, it is supposed to be very hot
- It has been harder to find bands this year. They are able to pay all their bands, and they get drink tickets. Volunteers will also get drink tickets, being handed out at the info booth.

They still need a few volunteers, especially at end for clean-up. Many people signed up already, most of any year. Sam will put the link to sign up on Facebook again.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Kat reported for Danielle that she found out that if everyone calls code enforcement about the garbage cans on Perry, they could ultimately fine SPBNA. The can by the empty lot where Lonnie's used to be is a problem. Matt thought he know who owned it.

The Lantern may have space in their dumpster. Could we pay neighborhood kids to do it? The group thought that \$15/hr would be fair. If it is done regularly, it should probably only take about an hour.

Someone also asked if the Market group do a Thursday night sweep after the Market was done. They could take care of it in the summer, at least the ones around the Market.

Someone also asked who is going through prior to the Street Fair? Ian said that the Street Fair volunteers will be doing extra pick up during and after the fair, and will be using the business dumpsters. Heidi said her son has a truck and trailer and can do first load before the Street Fair.

Bettie moved that Heidi's son do the first dump this week, and that we pay him \$30 which will include time to do a run to the dump, plus the price of bags, and the dump fees. Shawn seconded the motion. Heidi will report back on how long it takes, and get his recommendation on how long he thinks it would take if it is done regularly. All were in favor, there no abstentions. The motion passed. Shawn donated \$30 for this garbage pick up.

Amber volunteered to check into getting a recycling pickup through the City started for Perry Street, which would also ease the load on the garbage cans.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Peggy asked to have getting 501c3 tax status added to the agenda in the next meeting.

Traditionally haven't had an August meeting, last year we did. The group felt that they should have an August meeting.

Amber shared her new magazine that she will be publishing. It is a national magazine she is bringing to the Inland Northwest, natural, holistic. Her role is to create the local content, the News Brief, and she would love to help sponsor these things and do marketing for it. She brought samples. If there are any September events, she would want to put them in the first issue. The Street Department should know where the magazine racks could be put.

Sam briefly updated the group on the website hosting status, which needs to be changed because the company that had redesigned the website and was currently donating the hosting is closing because the owner was killed in a motorcycle crash. Someone thought there was a company that used to be downtown that helped non-profits with websites, and someone also suggested Steve Allen, who also does websites.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary