



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, August 8th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

Ian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

19 people were in attendance:

Alicia Ayars*

Matt Blaine*

Blake Cooley

Kat Hawker

Sam Lux*

Mariah McKay

Jessie Norris

Dave Overhoff

Peggy Parker*

Deborah Ritter

Patricia Robinson

Douglas Robnett

Rebekah Smith

Bettie Stirtz*

Ian Sullivan*

Bob Supon

Stephanie Swan

Craig Sweat*

Bonnie Williams

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Deb Conklin

Danielle Martini

Quorum

7 voting members in attendance

12 total voting members currently; $7/12 = 0.58 =$ **58%** (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the July minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list the day before. Sam mentioned that Danielle Martini had emailed him after he had sent out the minutes, reminding him that she had asked for an excused absence for the July meeting, which he will correct.

Peggy 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 July 31th, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden. The current register balance for SPBNA funds is \$6,032.99 and \$898.94 for the Garden. So far the total Fair net income is at \$1,242.28, with another \$575 coming in per Bettie and another \$1,500 sponsor check coming in per Ian. With those amounts, we should be looking at about the same net income as last year. Bettie pointed out that there is \$134.94 listed in Fair Income that will be going to the Garden, because it was charged on the SPBNA Square account for Garden Booth purchases.

III. SPD REPORT (Lieutenant Overhoff)

Lieutenant Overhoff reported on some of the police activity related to the area in the past few weeks:

- There were two burglaries in the neighborhood, with two unidentifiable burglars. Investigation led them to the old Hai's building. Were able to charge someone with the Lorien's break in.

Including backpacks and cultivated marijuana.

- Hai's owner was supposed to trim back trees and remove stuff from the back of the building.
- Have increased patrols because of the burglaries in the area
- Ben Burr Trail had about 7 camps that the police have taken apart. They have not moved any farther south. Parks department has removed all of the garbage and human waste.
- Vehicle prowlings are up a tick, which occurs in summers. Reminder to not leave valuables in your car.
- Bob from garden club asked if officers added patrols around the garden like requested. If folks get caught, can they be prosecuted? Answer: Yes, age is not a factor.
- Community Court is coming to ECNC starting in January, didn't know what day of the week off the top of his head. This is Phase 2 of the process for community court, under a new grant. People want to learn more about this.
- Businesses, lock your back door.
- Detective Mossman will send Sam the contact for the Hai's building owner so we can contact as needed.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)

Alicia reported on the latest news from the last ECNC meeting:

- Altamont underpass has been painted, will be a mural by a local artist
- Are there plans to do a mural under Hamilton underpass? It was mentioned in the meeting, but still in talks
- Eastside Reunion. Raffle for kids, Fred Meyer is supporting the food, August 12th from Noon to 5pm

ESBA (East Sprague Business Association)

[No report]

Spokane Co-Housing Presentation

Mariah and a few others presented on a new group that is moving to the neighborhood. They have done some presentations to give an advance scoop before it goes to the media. Doug is one of new full members. He is interested in pursuing a more efficient way to live. He has also been involved in Grant School. Nikki, her husband, and two daughters live in the Manito neighborhood. Her husband works at CHAS, and she is involved with Spokane Alliance. They spent time living with friends temporarily and enjoyed some of the benefits that it offered.

Co-Housing is a form of intentional community imported from Denmark. It is privacy with community. There are 160 co-housing communities in the US, several in Portland, but none in Spokane yet. There is usually a common house for eating and group activities, the layout is pedestrian friendly, and is designed managed, and maintained by the residents. It is supportive of both adults and children. Members have privacy in their homes but can be supported by community.

Some co-housing sites include mixed use construction. Many sites also have co-working spaces in them. For people who have flexible work schedules & work close to where they live, it cuts down on single occupant vehicle trips.

They are looking to build very green, to cut down on energy costs by sharing costs of energy efficient features and appliances, and also by sharing walls. The clustered dense design saves room for gardens and green spaces, and smaller home sizes save on construction materials. Co-housing communities are sometimes built on brownfields or sites that need rehabilitation. They are part of New Urbanism, a movement of people shifting to want to live in the city.

Another benefit of clustering housing and moving front porches together is that it facilitates interactions and makes covered walkways possible. They can also share power tools such as snow blowers, and afford to buy one really nice snow blower or lawn mower instead of everyone having one.

The Common house is an extension of the individual houses. This is a place for community meetings, meals, and other activities. They can share good commercial quality kitchen appliances. There can be guest rooms that residents can check out via a calendar for visiting guests. During holidays, some people might be away, and neighbors can offer their own units to guests of other neighbors. There will also be a shared laundry room with high quality, energy-efficient appliances.

The group has secured three acres, and there are seven residential units already on site. It is between Hartsen and 8th along Garfield. There will be a three-quarter acre urban farm. The Haystack Rock building is on the property. They are planning on moving in by 2020. There are currently 12 fully invested families, and there is room for up to 20 families. Members are asked to supply 20-25% of eventual unit costs up front. The name of their group is The Perry Group LLC. Eventually the development group will go away, and then it will turn into a homeowner's association. Right now they are missing younger families' input in the design process. They are setting aside money in the budget to match people's contributions. They are also working with Katherine McHammit Cohousing Solutions. They have monthly development meetings, and they are 8 months along so far.

V. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Community Garden (Peggy)

September 10th is their Garden Party, tickets will be available until September 4th. There will be at least a dozen lawn games with prizes that you can win, as well as urban cocktails and mocktails. Every recipe has at least one main ingredient that comes from the Garden. Tickets are \$35. Link on Facebook page.

Peggy wants to get the community more engaged in helping with Garden. They have had more vandalism, even though they have stuff planted around the perimeter that are free for people to take. Luckily they had some extra beds that got planted, which helped some of the people who had their beds ruined. People were taking certain things from inside the garden. There is plenty of kale on the perimeter. The SPD recommended a camera, but also said it would probably get stolen. They feel that the only solution is to put up a taller fence. Peggy said that she has found out so far that it would be about \$5,000 for a taller fence if they expand, which is using Neighborhood Fence, who provided the cheapest bid for raising the fence. They also want to add community features around the Garden to encourage more people to hang out nearby. They would put up art on the taller fence to make it look nicer and to make it harder to climb. SPBNA would need to get 501c3 status for the Garden to be able apply for grant status. Rebecca has experience and could possibly help with getting that done. She will talk to Ian and Bettie about it.

Peggy said that they have a good group of gardeners again this year, and they don't want to lose that energy. They need a plan to go forward with. Ian asked if they could bring a report of what the Garden would like to see happen to the next meeting so that we can start looking at how to move forward.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of meeting at the Garden for next month's meeting.

South Perry Business Group (Ian)

Ian said they haven't met since the Street Fair, but there has been talk of coordinating for additional Perry-wide neighborhood events. They would also like to have other events further south on Perry, to also include some of the retail businesses more, and might possibly coordinate with Inland's Applefest.

Street Fair Debrief (Ian)

Ian reported on the feedback he had heard from the fair, and others provided feedback from their experiences:

- The booth spacing was better this year
- Suggestion for the Fair getting their own dumpster next year
- Garbage stayed under control during the event thanks to volunteers.
- Complaints about no where to get water. The City said they were going to bring their water truck, but only had a booth with information.
- Ian mentioned that some people involved in planning this year's Street Fair also talked about putting food trucks in another location next year, possibly in the dentist's parking lot? There could also be tables and chairs for people to sit down. This year the food trucks ran out of food; there was another food truck event going on somewhere else the same day. Could also have food trucks at both end, also in old Lonnie's lot.

VI. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Garbage Cans on Perry Street

The suggestion to ask businesses to chip in monthly was briefly discussed. If all the businesses chipped in, that could probably cover paying someone to empty the garbages regularly. Craig said that when the garbage cans were first put in, he asked who would empty them. He has heard other businesses say its not their problem. ESBA collects dues. Ian also reminded the group that many of the businesses asked for a lot of favors to get sponsorships for Street Fair. If we come up with a number for how much it will cost, we could give the businesses an idea of how much it would be for each one, and the more that helped the less it would be. SPBNA could probably cover it for the rest of the year. Then we can start approaching the businesses around October, to get a feel for who all would be involved. The SPBNA could also possibly do some kind of match program.

Someone also asked if we could use a portion of Street Fair funds to cover those expenses?

VI. NEW BUSINESS

SPBNA 501c3 Status

TEAM Grant said they get a yellow postcard in the mail that they fill out to report with every year.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule & Info

[Not discussed due to lack of time]

Website Update

[Not discussed due to lack of time]

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Someone asked if there might be the possibility to attend the meeting remotely? This person has used Zoom and Blue Jeans for work. The City does phone-in town hall meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary*