



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, September 12th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

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

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

14 people were in attendance:

Matt Blaine*
Blake Cooley*
Cally Duncan
Heidi Hash
Mary Lux

Sam Lux*
Danielle Martini*
Tracie Meidl*
Peggy Parker*
Deborah Ritter

Rebekah Smith
Bettie Stirtz*
Ian Sullivan*
Leaza Tettleton

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Deb Conklin

Quorum

8 voting members in attendance

14 total voting members currently; $8/14 = 0.57 =$ 57% (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the August minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list the day before. Sam mentioned that he noticed that Mariah McKay was not listed in the meeting attendance after he had sent out the minutes, but she was in fact at the August meeting (she made a presentation) He added her name to the minutes prior to printing copies for the meeting.

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 August 31st, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden funds. The current register balance for SPBNA funds is \$7,895.68 and \$675.32 for the Garden. So far the total Fair net income is at \$3,104.97. There may still be another \$500 coming in per Ian. The net income from the Street Fair is almost \$1,000 more than last year. Bettie mentioned that there are still some funds that need to be transferred from Fair Electronic Submissions to the Garden Income. Peggy mentioned that Bettie should have seen some funds come in from selling tickets for the Garden Party, and they will check into that to see when those funds will be transferred from Eventbrite.

III. SPD REPORT (Captain Meidl)

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

- Crime count is actually pretty low right now; on the Spokanepolice.org website, under the "Prevention" tab, there is a Crime Map that anyone can go to and see real-time what is going on.
- CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) – currently the SPD has 5 people

trained in this right now that can advise people how to reduce crime thorough lighting, trimming of shrubbery, etc. A flyer was distributed with more information about the program.

- Last night they were notified that East Central did not get the Community Court expansion. Data showed that it was better to go north. Looking at crime data it made more sense that this is where it should go, but there are other factors that may not have been weighted as heavily which would have shown East Central to be the better location
- Urban campers have increased more this summer than it ever has; it is a temporary issue because they move around, but much of NCO's time has been spent on posting signs and breaking up these camps instead of other things. If neighborhood has nuisance homes that need to be dealt with, make sure to get that information to the NCO's, because that is more of a priority of what they are here to do. There are some people that don't want to be housed (in housing for the homeless, etc.)
- Shooting at Hico – all involved knew each other, it was incorrectly reported as a drive by shooting.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)

No one was present to report, but Ian briefly explained how ECNC is involved with SPBNA & South Perry.

V. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

SPBNA 501c3 Status

Ian gave contact info to Rebecca and will get together to work on this.

Garbage Cans on Perry

Ian briefly recapped what has been done so far in trying to come up with a solution to dealing with the garbage cans on Perry Street. A neighborhood family offered to pick up the garbage on a regular basis for a small reimbursement.

The idea was brought forth to have SPBNA use general funds to pay this person to empty the garbage cans on a regular basis through the end of the year. We would also ask businesses who have dumpsters if the garbage cans can be emptied into those dumpsters to save on dump fees. We could look

Bettie moved that the SPBNA pay \$30 a month for labor to empty the garbage cans from September to December, reevaluate in December. Peggy seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstentions, motion passed.

Website Update

Sam updated the group on the website; currently he is looking for a more affordable hosting option. The company that was previously donating the hosting closed up after the owner was killed in a motorcycle accident. He has transferred the hosting ownership into SPBNA's name for now.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

October Annual Meeting

Try to do more of a neighborhood interest presentation. We are checking on getting the candidates for District 2 to come and do a candidate forum, meet and greet type of thing. The other option we are looking at is having Garrett Jones from the Parks Department to come in to talk about the Parking Solutions they are looking at involving Grant Park and the parking lot behind the Lantern.

Peggy said that Garrett said this could be a couple of years before anything happens with the parking solutions thing. We could invite the Parks Department to a January meeting, possibly. Also, the candidates would need to come to the October meeting. The consensus was that we move forward with having the candidates come, to be at Emmaus on the same 2nd Tuesday date, if possible. Cally volunteered to help put together a flyer for the event.

Elections in November

Sam reviewed the positions that are up for election / re-election this November. The positions of President, Secretary, Director are up for reelection this November. Vice President is also an open position that would be a one year term.

Sam said that he would be happy to hand over the Secretary position to another willing individual. He briefly explained what the "stated" duties are and what he has been doing the last four years. There was brief discussion of the possibility of having someone take on the "traditional" Secretary duties (record keeping, etc.) and have another person take on more of the social media type stuff. This discussion also involved giving the Director positions more clearly stated duties, possibly depending on who is currently in that position. Peggy thought Matt would make a great Community Liaison, since he knows just about everyone.

Ian said that would be happy to serve another term. Matt said that he could go either way; if someone else wanted to run for his position, he would be fine with that, but would continue to serve also.

There were no nominations brought forward during this time. Ian said that nominations could be sent to Sam until the October meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Apple Fest

Leaza reported on the planning for a fall event that she and others have been working on. Inland Church has hosted an event called Apple Fest for the last 5-6 years; this year they thought it would be a good event to extend to the neighborhood for the fall. They usually have games, snacks, apple cider, and will be hand pressing the cider during the event. Games will be inside and outside, hoping to have music and games outside to help draw people. They Got the OK from the City today to have a hayride, it will not be on arterials but will go from 12th to Arthur to 11th and then back into the park. It will probably be in the Emmaus parking lot, weather permitting, and possibly also in the park. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 5-7. They are also hoping to coordinate with some of the businesses at the same time, possibly to have a cider competition. Peggy suggested that things could also be set up nearby the Garden, especially since there are now lights around the Garden. Possibly the hayride could stop by there or end around there?

Leaza said that the quote for insurance for the hayride was pricey, and they were wondering if the SPBNA could help sponsor the hayride, and also help promote the event. The cost is \$350, they are asking for \$250. Inland would cover the rest, and all the rest of the costs. Ian mentioned that Inland and Emmaus have been big sponsors of the Kids Fair and other events throughout the neighborhood in past years.

Danielle made a motion to cover the \$250 to help pay for the insurance for the hayride. Blake seconded. Ian asked Leaza that she inquire about having SPBNA named as additional insured. TEAM Grant could help promote, and could help distribute flyers. They could also send flyers home with kids. Cally mentioned that she has a contact of someone with a print shop that has good rates. All were in favor, no abstentions, motion passed.

Community Garden (Peggy)

Peggy brought forward some ideas they had to improve the safety in and around the garden, improve the experience of the gardeners. They have had more vandalism this year, as they have had in past years. Most recently have had gate pried off hinges. Their wheelbarrow taken, plants were dug up, etc. They have already taken a number of steps to try to discourage people coming into the garden and vandalizing or taking produce. They removed soil around the fence and have planted vegetables around the garden that are free for anyone to take. They finally had lights put in, the cost of which was covered by Avista. They put up a fake security camera, which got knocked down after about ten days. They have signs up

saying that the premises is on camera, and other signs explaining how the community garden works. Now they are in the process of putting up a real trail camera.

Last year they had a total of 11 or so individuals to do all the work. This year they have more gardeners, but it is still a lot of work. The Garden needs people to keep it up. Parks Department has designated Grant Park Community Garden as an example of how a community garden should be done.

Some of the ideas that the Parks Department approved were for an expansion of the Garden and a taller fence. Deer are starting to get closer and closer to the Garden in the early mornings.

The taller fence received some pushback because people thought it would look and feel too enclosed. Peggy mentioned that the sunflowers would be taller than the fence. One idea that they also had was to enlist artists to make art to put up on the taller fence, to make it more visually pleasing, to make it harder to climb, and to hopefully discourage vandalism. Neighborhood Fence was the only company who gave a reasonable bid for a taller fence (because they put in the original fence, they could add on to the existing fence instead of rebuilding it all).

They have been given permission to expand the Garden all the way to the property line on the west side, minus an easement for walk-through. They would hold it back about 20 feet. This would expand 60 more feet to the west.

The other thing that was suggested by the neighborhood was to put some features on the inside of the triangle for people do, games embedded in tables or tiles on the ground, steel xylophone, drum, musical instrument type things. Things that would be good for younger teenagers to do. They would also put up sticky bushes around the lower fence and an arched gate. This area would need buy-in from the neighborhood to help monitor things during the growing season, and to help take care of the community area, since the gardeners couldn't take care of that area in addition to all the work they already have to do to keep up the Garden. The Garden could also use a toolshed, to keep wheelbarrow, etc. locked up.

Next step would be for the neighborhood to give more feedback, already have approval from Parks Department. Also, In order to raise enough money to do any of these projects, the Garden would need the SPBNA to be a 501c3 organization to be able to ask for donations from businesses and apply for grants.

Someone asked if the gardeners come to the garden on a rotating schedule regularly. Peggy said that they have a watering schedule where one person signs up for one day of the week for a month.

Heidi mentioned that the Grant Garden club has tried to get buy-in from the younger kids, so that when they grow up they will have a connection to the Garden. Peggy said this is good, but there are a lot of other kids and people who don't have the same connection, who seem to be causing the trouble now.

Peggy also said that the Garden Party was a success. They had 41 tickets sold. Becca and Matt put in a ton of work. Matt got many of the tickets sold, hauled all the stuff over, and was the grill master. Many of the other gardeners also put in a ton of work. They had music this year, and got really good feedback. The musician was from the neighborhood. Next year they could try to get a sponsor to help pay for some of the food and cover some of the other costs. That would help reduce some of the labor that has to be done by all the Gardeners.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Heid announced that TEAM Grant is having a soft goods drive for one evening on Tuesday, September 26th. They get 20 cents per pound. Clothing, towels, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary