



## 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, February 13th, 2018** at Emmaus Church:

Ian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

### I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

15 people were in attendance:

Matt Blaine*	Autumn Hewitt	Peggy Parker*
Blake Cooley*	Klint Jenewein	Deb Ritter*
Rex Griffith	Ryann Louie	Bettie Stirtz*
Tamara Griffith	Sam Lux*	Ian Sullivan*
Shawna Harshman	Mysh Miller	Emily Wenzel*

\* Indicates Voting Members

**Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):**

Deb Conklin                      Tracie Meidl

### Quorum

8 voting members in attendance (at time minutes were approved)

17 total voting members currently;  $8/17 = 0.47 =$  47% (Quorum requirement is 25%)

### II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

#### Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the January minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list.

Bettie moved to accept the minutes as presented; Peggy seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no abstentions. Minutes were approved as presented.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Proceeds & Loss Statement as of January 31st, 2018, for both SPBNA and Garden funds. The current total register balance for SPBNA funds is \$3,756.80 and \$752.57 for Garden funds. The only item so far this year is a payment for 3 months of emptying of the garbage cans on Perry Street, done by a neighborhood resident and son.

There was a brief discussion about the garbage pick up. Other business district have a BID, and tax themselves, to pay for services such as garbage pick-up. We haven't asked the businesses to help pay for this yet. Some businesses are good about emptying the cans in front of their buildings, others not so much.

### III. SPD REPORT

Captain Meidl had emailed that they didn't have a SPD representative to send to the meeting, but the group discussed a few items for those who had not been to previous meetings.

Someone in the group reviewed the importance of calling in small crimes to crime check for crime

statistics and officer assignment. [There is a Crime Map on the City's website which can be found at <https://my.spokanecity.org/police/prevention> under "View Crime Map" on the right hand side of the page, where you can look at previous crime incidents.]

Sam offered a reminder of Neighborhood Observation Patrol program which citizens can volunteer for through their local COPS shop. [More about NOP can be found at <http://www.spokanecops.org/neighborhood-observation-patrol-nop>.]

#### **IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS**

Ian briefly reviewed ECNC and ESBA for the new guests; who does what, etc.

There was discussion about the building on the corner of 11th and Pittsburg that is being converted back to commercial use, possibly to be a cafe. There has been some resistance from some of the residents to live nearby. It doesn't look like they have plans for much of a parking lot. Someone pointed out that the Rockwood Bakery has helped that neighborhood come together, despite some of increased parking that happened. The SPBNA could try harder to get striping done on residential streets for parking, as was done around the Flying Goat, which seemed to help according to a couple people who know people who live around there. The group discussed the details of the timeline of application process, notice of application, and notice of public hearing.

Someone asked if there was someone this organization could send a note to to ask about striping. Hai's contacted the city and they put up signs to limit parking to a certain time limit. Ian said it would probably just mean having a conversation with the Streets department about it.

#### **V. COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

##### **Street Fair**

Ian said that the traditional date for street fair is third Saturday in July, which would be July 21st this year. For the last two years, three blocks of Perry Street have been closed for the day of the Street Fair, and there are wall to wall vendors. Mady Fancher, who headed up the Street Fair efforts last year, will be at least starting out the planning process and opening up the applications to vendors.

The site for returning vendor applications opens in March, then they will begin taking applications from new vendors in April. The best way to check for updates is through the South Perry Street Fair Facebook page.

There have been some ideas for new things this year, such as using parking lots at either end of closed streets, using them for a food truck food court type of thing, and other smaller music stations.

We have been trying to do a better job of letting the residents in the neighborhood know what will be happening that weekend.

##### **Community Garden**

Peggy reported that they are having their first meeting this Saturday, 10am at Liberty Park United Methodist Church. She announced that they will be making birdhouses, and partnering with Tsuga to have some local artists will be decorating some of them, and the artists will also be team leaders for other residents who want to decorate them. Anyone who wants to help build birdhouses can help build, they need to build a bunch of them for this event. Working on date but will be sometime in March. Will need birdhouses by the 1st of March. If anyone has anything else that might be good to decorate/build birdhouses with, are also welcome to donate.

#### **VI. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### **Website Update (Sam)**

Sam reviewed what he has been working on to get the southperry.org website updated and getting all the

domain and hosting ownership in SPBNA's name. He signed up for a year of hosting through the cheaper option he found, which comes out to about \$4 per month. He was working on transferring the website to the new host, but ran into an issue, but should have it resolved by the end of the week. .

### **Update on Remote Meeting Attendance Options**

Deb said she checked into Zoom a little bit more, which would be one option to use to allow people to call in and listen to the meetings from home. It would be free for just 40 minutes at a time, if we wanted longer we would need pro account, which is \$15/month for unlimited participants. The audio can be saved. We would need a conference phone.

The group discussed some of the other options that could work, such as Facebook Live (only those with Facebook accounts could use it?) or Youtube live (would probably open to anyone (maybe need Google account?). Facebook they would own the video.

The group decided to try to do a "closed" trial run next month, with only a couple pre-arranged participants (spouses of participants) listening in, to see if it works and if there are any bugs or issues to work out.

### **Exploration of South Perry Becoming a Neighborhood**

Ian reported that Office of Neighborhood Services contacted him, they have offered to come to our meeting in March if we want to continue that discussion. One neighborhood broke off last year and one the year before, from start to finish it could probably happen in a year's time. They gave us some suggestions about some stuff to do in the meantime. Nevada Heights and Shilo Hills, Northwest split into Audubon Park and another one. No opportunity to encroach into any other neighborhoods, we could only split up part of East Central. ONS has a new neighborhood map.

Shauna confirmed that we would still need to become a 501c3 on our own, if we still wanted to; it wouldn't automatically happen because of becoming a neighborhood council.

Someone needs to reach out to East Central to make sure the split is mutual. It had been tried in the past and didn't work out, but now it seems like there would be a better dynamic to have that conversation again.

## **VII. DISCUSSION OF SPBNA LEADERSHIP**

Ian reviewed the backstory on the current status of the SPBNA Executive Officers & Board. Currently the positions of President and Secretary need to be filled. The Vice President position has also been vacant. There is some flexibility in their position, but they at least help the president by possibly attending other neighborhood or city meetings.

Ian was asked if he would as Past President continue to act as a business liaison, and he said he would.

Peggy thought that the Garden manager should be one of the board positions, which most people agreed with.

Emily and Shauna both expressed willingness to serve in the Vice President. Emily then volunteered to run for president if Shauna would serve as Vice President, and if Ian helped her "learn the ropes".

Ryann was interested in getting involved, and would be willing to help out with tech stuff, graphic design stuff, etc.

The group discussed spreading out some of the things that Sam had been doing among different people, such as minutes/recordkeeping, social media, newsletter.

After some discussion, the enough volunteers came forward to fill the slate of Executive and Board positions, as follows:

President - Emily Wenzel

Vice President - Shauna Harshman (who would serve through end of 2018 then be up for re-election)

Secretary - Deb Ritter

Treasurer - Bettie Stirtz (continuing through end of 2018)

Board Member at Large - Peggy Parker (as Garden coordinator)

Board Member at Large - Ryann Louie

Peggy moved that we allow non-voting members to run for offices in this special election. Deb seconded. All in favor, no one opposed. Voting membership

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURN**

Sam announced that Emmaus will be putting on their Easter Egg Hunt again, which will be happening March 31st this year.

Meeting was adjourned 8:05pm.

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary*