



South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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APPROVED

Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, March 13th, 2018** at Emmaus Church:

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

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

29 people were in attendance:

Melissa Anderson	Autumn Hewitt**	Peggy Parker*
Matt Blaine*	Klint Jenewein**	Doug Robnett
Deb Conklin*	Julie Jorgensen	Debbie Rowe**
Blake Cooley*	Nikki Lockwood	Hal Rowe**
Dana Dalrymple**	Ryann Louie	Bettie Stiritz*
Mady Fancher	Fran Lowry	Ian Sullivan*
Micah Fechner	Sam Lux*	Bob Supon
Rex Griffith	Ken Maupin	Emily Wenzel*
Tamara Griffith	Tracie Meidl*	Melissa Wittstruck
Shauna Harshman**	Mysh Miller**	

* Indicates Voting Members

**Indicates new voting members as of this meeting

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Deb Ritter

Quorum

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

24 total voting members currently; $16/24 = 0.67 = \underline{67\%}$ (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

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

Shauna moved to accept the minutes as presented; Bettie seconded the motion. All were in favor, with one abstention. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Proceeds & Loss Statement as of February 28th, 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.

III. SPD REPORT

Captain Meidl reported that crime is low right now, as is typical for this time of year, but since South Perry is near the higher crime area of lower East Central, that sometimes comes into our neighborhood.

Someone reported that they had seen a man walking around their block checking car doors, they posted a picture on Nextdoor. Several other residents knew who this man was and had seen him before.

Captain Meidl said that she would make sure that their neighborhood resource officer would follow up on the Nextdoor post. She also reminded that these things should also be reported to Crime Check so that

they can focus their efforts where they are needed.

Peggy also mentioned that the Garden had been vandalized already, even though nothing has been planted yet. The chain link fencing had been pulled off of one side and the top rails were taken off and were laying in a pile next to the Garden. It looked like the people who were doing it were interrupted and scared off. Crime Check was notified. Peggy said they are going to get game cameras up soon.

Someone also advised the group to remind anyone who might have a wheelchair ramp in front of their house that they might be more of a target, and to be more aware.

[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.]

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC

Deb briefly reviewed some things that had been discussed at the last ECNC meeting regarding concerns with the how the North-South freeway will affect East Central. There are some charrettes planned for different neighborhoods in the upcoming weeks to give neighborhoods updates and to discuss some of these issues. Some neighborhoods have identified special places in the neighborhood, and how there could be connections built with the N/S corridor.

Spokane Public Library

Dana reported that she brought some flyers listing out the March events going on at the South Hill and East Side libraries, including a flyer for Library Bingo at the South Hill Library (ongoing through April 30th). She also mentioned that the East Side library is looking for places to set up an informational table for new library card sign-ups, etc.

V. SOUTH PERRY CO-HOUSING GROUP UPDATE

Doug Robnett gave a presentation on what the Co-Housing group has been working on. They have come up with a site plan for the community they are putting together that has come together through four design workshops. All the current members came together to brainstorm the values they all would like to highlight. Some of these are helping each other with childcare, as well as other needs, such as for elderly members or members with special needs. He said that after World War 2 people moved more towards individual living, pulling into your garage and going right into your house, etc. The design of this community will encourage them to come together as a community.

There will be a 3,800 sq. ft. common house with a bigger kitchen to accommodate cooking and eating together. It will still be possible to isolate yourself, but that is not really the point of living there. Residents will be able to eat up to six meals a week together, if they would like. They are planning to cluster the houses together to be close to one another. Some units will be ADA accessible. Because the site will be built on a hill, there will be some units or entrances to some units that are not able to be ADA accessible, but they are trying to make it as much as possible. There will be 34 units on 3 acres, with a 1.2 acre living area, and the rest being parks and gardens and some other houses that are already built on the site.

It will be like buying a condo, and it will include access to all the common areas and amenities. Prices range from 240-410,000. They are also working with some different community organizations to try to provide some more affordable housing options. April 14th is their next informational meeting, to be held at the Shadle Park Library.

VI. COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Street Fair

Mady reported that vendor booth applications are now open to returning vendors, and it will be opened up to new vendors in mid-April.

They are hoping to have more smaller music venues happening at different locations between acts on the main stage, as well as more food trucks on either end of the section of closed street. They are also hoping to get the Parade going again this year, if they can get insurance and permits figured out, etc. Ian said he would help coordinate the Parade participation, etc., if the insurance and permits get figured out.

If anyone has any questions or would like to get involved, the best way to contact is to message the Street Fair Facebook page ([facebook.com/southperry](https://www.facebook.com/southperry)) or email (southperrystreetfair@gmail.com). The date for this year's Street Fair is Saturday, July 21st.

Community Garden

Peggy reported that they are ready to start gardening. There is still room for more gardeners. They have a birdhouse fundraiser this Saturday to raise money for the Garden. If anyone would like to be involved they can email Peggy (peggyarkersemail@gmail.com) or message through the Garden Facebook page ([facebook.com/GrantParkGarden](https://www.facebook.com/GrantParkGarden)). Peggy also asked that if people live near the garden, if they could try to make walking past it part of their walks, etc. and just help keep an eye on the Garden. If they see anything suspicious, please call someone.

VII. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DISCUSSION

Melissa Wittstruck from the Office of Neighborhood Services gave a brief presentation on what the Office of Neighborhood Services does and offered some information on other neighborhoods that have split up. There are currently 29 neighborhood councils in Spokane. There have been two other neighborhoods that have split into two: Northwest neighborhood divided into Northwest and Audubon/Down River, and another one divided into Nevada Heights and Shilo Hills. She said that they prefer the term "mitosis", as it needs to be a mutual split because the neighborhood has become too large or makes sense for other reasons.

Melissa said East Central has over 12,000 people. She remembered that a discussion of mitosis from East Central happened a number of years ago. At that time, she thought Rockwood was also involved in the discussion because of some historic pillars that both neighborhoods felt were an identifying point for each neighborhood. Someone asked if it would be possible to get a portion of Lincoln Heights that stuck into what would most likely be considered to be South Perry, and Melissa said it could definitely be discussed if it made sense, and was mutually agreed upon.

Someone asked how big the other neighborhoods were before they split. Shauna thought that Audubon and NW were about 7-8000 each. Melissa also said that when the other two neighborhoods split, some well established neighborhood council members went to each neighborhood. Also, the Office of Neighborhood Services works with the new neighborhood council to help them get set up and get started.

Melissa left some informational brochures on Neighborhood Services. Some of the services they are involved with are:

- Help neighborhoods with traffic calming applications, which are funded by Photo Red money. They now also have Photo Red cameras in school zones, which is bringing in a lot of revenue from repeat offenders. Schools and non-profits can also apply for this money.
- Help with Planning (part of the South Perry improvements, which were also funded by Photo Red)
- Provide mobile speed feedback units, neighborhoods have until April 6th to request for a couple of weeks, April through October.
- Manage neighborhood clean-up program, which provide extra pick-ups for yard waste and trash. Each neighborhood gets up to \$7,500, and can choose how to offer it to residents between extra pick-ups, free dump passes, etc.
- Manage code and parking enforcement

Someone asked about getting parking spots striped in the residential streets. Melissa said any neighborhood can request striping, it would be approved and carried out by both Streets and Parking.

Someone else asked a question about snow shovelling on sidewalks. Melissa said this winter was the

first year of their snow plan, and they realize they have no way of enforcing sidewalk shovelling. They haven't come to an agreement on how to do it, and there is no money to fund ONS clearing sidewalks. The community needs to say that they will be ok with getting a ticket for not shovelling, or paying to have the city or contractors shovel the sidewalks. They did have good success with a volunteer program to provide snow clearing service to residents who are not able to do it themselves. They need to get more people to sign up in advance, to help in planning out how many volunteers they need and when. Hopefully this program will continue to grow. Some residents said that the main problem is empty commercial lots, or some sidewalks where the responsibility is not clear (such as section of Perry between 9th and the Shop). People can still call in complaints, and they will send a notice to the owners, even if they do not live in Spokane.

This was a pilot year for the whole program. They started a law that prevents recreational vehicles from being parked on the street at all throughout the whole snow season. The city needs feedback on how these things worked, but the snow plow drivers said some of these things made their job easier. They only have 7 plows with gates to prevent driveway berms, but they are hoping to get more next year. People can email feedback to the Office of Neighborhood Services.

VIII. ELECTIONS

Ian reviewed the list of nominees from last meeting:

President - Emily Wenzel

Vice President - Shauna Harshman

Secretary - Deb Ritter

Director at Large - Peggy Parker (as Garden Coordinator)

Emily nominated Matt Blaine to serve the remainder of the other Director at Large position, which will be up for reelection in November 2018.

Deb moved that the group vote on the nominees as a slate. Bettie seconded. Ian said that they could take care of modifying the bylaws at a later meeting to say that one of the Director at Large positions would be filled by the current Garden coordinator. All were in favor. Motion passed

Ian called for a vote for the slate of nominees. All were in favor, with one abstention. All nominees were elected to their positions, effective immediately because the elections had been postponed since last November.

IX. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Website Update (Sam)

Sam reported that the SPBNA website is now officially switched over to the new hosting company, which will need to be renewed in a year. The domain is also in the SPBNA name.

Update on Remote Meeting Attendance Options

The group had suggested trying out a "closed" remote meeting broadcast for this meeting, but since Deb Ritter was out of town, we can maybe try that next month.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURN

Deb asked about getting new Street Banners, and possibly an updated logo for South Perry. Ian said that it is something the businesses would like to see, as well as new banners for the Street Fair and Very Merry Perry. Sam had found one source to get the banners for about \$50-60 each. We don't need the hardware, as it is already up on most of the light poles. There has also been talk about putting a banner up across the street, such as before Street Fair. We would need to get permission to put it up across the street, and could hopefully get one that we could easily change each year with the new date for Street Fair. Melissa also mentioned that each neighborhood gets up to \$500 a year for increasing awareness of their Neighborhood Council, and some neighborhoods have put up signs about this as well.

Sam announced that the South Perry Easter Egg Hunt will be happening on March 31st this year, and that a number of South Perry businesses were helping to sponsor the event.

Meeting was adjourned 8:04pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary*