



## 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, June 12th, 2018** at Emmaus Church:

Shauna Harshman called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

### I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

24 people were in attendance:

Melissa Anderson\*  
Sean Clark  
Deb Conklin\*  
Steve DeWalt  
Becky Duffy  
Tamara Griffith\*  
Rex Griffith\*  
Shauna Harshman\*

Heidi Hash\*  
Kat Hawker\*  
Autumn Hewitt\*  
Sam Lux\*  
Tracie Meidl\*  
Kim Mortensen  
Peggy Parker\*  
Debbie Rowe\*

Hal Rowe\*  
Bettie Stirtz\*  
Ian Sullivan\*  
Lorna Walsh  
Michelle Weaver  
Emily Wenzel\*  
Bonnie Williams\*  
Tina Rodeen

\* Indicates Voting Members

**Excused Absences (emailed to Emily, Shauna, or Deb):**

Deb Ritter

Matt Blaine

### Quorum

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

26 total voting members currently;  $17/26 = 0.65 = \underline{65\%}$  (Quorum requirement is 25%)

### II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

#### Adopt minutes of prior meetings

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

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

#### Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Cash Flow Statement as of May 31, 2018, put together by Bettie, for both SPBNA and Garden funds. The current total register balance for SPBNA funds is \$3,692.85 and \$420.28 for Garden funds. The fair proceeds are starting to come in, but we are still in the negative. For the year 2018, SPBNA had a total net loss of -\$842.95. The Garden had a total net loss of -\$332.29

### III. SPD REPORT

Captain Meidl reported that there have been more garage burglaries and car break ins due to the nice weather. With garages open and more people out and about, crimes of opportunity are increasing in South Perry. Someone commented that it is important to keep your eyes open for your neighbors and if something seems out of place, to say something to your neighbors. Captain Meidl agreed. If the neighbors take care of each other, it will be less appealing to crimes of opportunity. SPD recently apprehended an individual who was responsible for a high number of vehicle prowls in the

Cliff/Cannon and Perry neighborhoods.

She also gave an update on three nuisance properties in the neighborhood. One is getting a new tenant, a second property has tenants who have had multiple arrests, and the police are working on a solution, and third property is not having any luck with removing the tenants, and the city is working on a total abatement. That means that the residents are being evicted from the property. There is an attorney assigned to the police dept whose job is to help speed up the removal of nuisance properties in the city and has given the city more options to move nuisance tenants out.

Someone asked if commercial properties could qualify as a nuisance property, and mentioned a property on Perry Street that is currently vacant and has often been occupied by homeless individuals. Captain Meidl replies that she wasn't positive, but that in order to qualify as a nuisance property, there need to be three or more complaints in 60 days or seven or more in 12 months. The best way to report homeless encampments is to call 311, criminal activity should be reported through crime check (456-2233), and if there is a crime in progress, call 911.

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

##### **Ka-Pow 5K Fun Run**

Lorna Walsh, from Big Brothers, Big Sisters talked about their second annual Ka-Pow Run at Grant Park on August 11th. They want to encourage the runners to patronize businesses in South Perry, and are hoping to make this run a good addition to the neighborhood. Lorna said they would love to have some local sponsors, as well as volunteers for the run. The run has obstacles and different activities that the runners can complete as they go through the course, or they can run it without the obstacles. Fleet Feet is a sponsor. To run is \$25, there are discounts for running club members, sponsors, and for students. You can find more information here:

[http://www.nwbig.org/site/c.fwJXKdOSJjlcG/b.9537791/k.8D77/KaPOW\\_5K\\_Run.htm](http://www.nwbig.org/site/c.fwJXKdOSJjlcG/b.9537791/k.8D77/KaPOW_5K_Run.htm)

##### **Community Outreach**

Shauna made the flyers with information on SPBNA and what we do in the neighborhood. She encouraged people to take them. She passed them around to the attendees, and asked for feedback.

##### **Spokane Public Library**

Dana talked about the summer reading program at the Spokane Library and said that you could sign up for it in your online account. She said that there have not yet been any decisions on what to do with the expansions and relocations for the libraries (Shadle, Hillyard, South Hill, and East Side) and there will be open houses for a review of the input they got from residents. More than 1,000 people gave feedback on the changes. There will be a community conversation at South Hill on 6/19 from 1-3pm, and East Side on Wednesday 6/27 from 10am-12pm.

##### **East Central Neighborhood Council**

Deb Conklin reports that ECNC formally voted for us to get the permit for the park for Street Fair. She wasn't sure if we had insurance, and if the COPS insurance could cover the whole fair, because we're only partially in the street. Ian said he would pass that information along to the Street Fair committee.

##### **Pride in Perry**

Ian said that Pride in Perry was a huge success, a lot of the businesses had an increase of traffic and that many of them had new and different traffic that they didn't normally have on normal days. He is happy with how the event turned out, and is hoping to make this an annual event.

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

##### **Street Fair Committee**

Ian reported that there isn't much going on with Street Fair at this point. The vendors are all getting signed up and there will be a call for volunteers in the near future. Someone requested that there be extra

dumpsters for Street Fair this year, because last year there wasn't enough space last year. Someone asked what Street Fair is, as they are new to the neighborhood. Ian highlighted many of the the different parts of street fair, including the main stage near 10th and Perry, a children's fair in the park, vendors on Perry from 9th to 12th, and that and it is the biggest festival in the neighborhood each year.

### **Community Garden**

Peggy reported that now that the weather is warming up, the garden is starting to look like a real garden with plants and things growing. She said they are always looking for volunteers, and if anyone wants a cosmo or a sunflower, there are plenty that could be taken. She said that the garden is full of gardeners for the season. They will have a booth at Street Fair with art, plants, and yard games for sale as a fundraiser. They will have baskets that are donated by the local businesses for people to buy as well.

### **VI. 11TH & PITTSBURGH COFFEE SHOP**

Steve DeWalt, from Seattle based InterUrban Development, came to present on their project. His boss, Rob, is from Spokane originally. They have a number of projects in cities around the Pacific Northwest. One of their projects here in Spokane is the new coffee shop at 11th & Pittsburgh. They're working with Emily Anne to redesign the building. It was originally a corner grocery store, but it is going to be a Vessel Coffeeshop. In general, InterUrban Development works under the idea of returning a building to a look that is similar to what it was when it first built. They're currently doing a lot of structural work at the coffee shop, but the open date is estimated to be in late July. Steve showed what the building currently looks like, and what their plans are for the long term design. There are plans for plenty of seating, and different spaces for people to come and sit and work. They are also hoping to have some bike racks, they want to encourage people to bike to Vessel. Steve then talked about what InterUrban Development does, which is work with historic buildings and try to renovate them so that they're vibrant buildings that are a benefit to the neighborhoods and the small businesses that they bring into them.

### **VII. SOUTH PERRY PARKING**

Shauna had some updates on 'Parking in Perry'.. She mentioned the history of Spokane Matters and how parking in Perry was identified as an issue that needed to be improved. She talked about some of the shortfalls with how the issues was handled in the past. When the city decided to revisit this issue, they wanted to make sure the project was more inclusive and looked at the whole issue with parking, not just renovating the parking lot at 10th and Perry. They are looking at the issue more holistically, and hoping to find a solution. Shauna is leading the project from the city, and she is trying to get more participation. She wants to make sure that the project talks to the people in Perry - those who live, work, eat, and worship here- so that they can find a better solution. She is looking for feedback, and for help from SPBNA. She brought a large map that can be written on so that people can mark where they park in Perry. She is hoping that people will look at the map and not only mark where they do park, but also see other places that they can park. She is hoping that by getting feedback, they will have a solution that will appeal to more people, even if they can't please everyone. She encouraged everyone to fill out the survey and write down where you park in Perry and give her as much feedback as possible. Someone asked if the survey also covered how to handle people who don't slow down to 20 on Perry. A few people chimed in with opinions on how we could solve that issue. They also mentioned that in the past, that the traffic calming has been researched that it didn't find that enough people speed to need more traffic calming in the neighborhood. Shauna suggested that it might work best for SPBNA to form a subcommittee that addressed and researched parking. Someone then proposed that we hand the surveys out at the churches. Someone else asked if the school was involved with creating the survey, Shauna said they were invited to participate, but did not participate in the original study group. As the population in Spokane increases, the city is trying to reduce the need for parking in neighborhood centers, and increase transit and urban density. A few different ideas were thrown out about different parking solutions, like expanding current lots or adding angle parking on Perry.

### **VIII. SPBNA STRUCTURE & BYLAWS**

Emily announced that the 501c3 paperwork had come in and that we are now a 501(c)3 non-profit. She talked about the SPBNA Bylaws being out of date, with much of the language referring back to when our organization was SPBA and made up mainly of businesses and not residents. She asked for volunteers to

help for a committee to review the Bylaws and make adjustments. Her goal is to have that done by September, so that members can give their feedback before the bylaws are put up to a vote in October at the annual meeting. Shauna will be heading the committee. Kat Hawker volunteered for the committee. The committee is currently: Emily Wenzel, Shauna Harshman, and Kat Hawker. Shauna also asked for volunteers to form a traffic calming committee. The committee is currently: Kat Hawker and Hal Rowe. Kat was planning to invite someone else to join the committee who wasn't at the meeting.

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

There was no follow up from previous meetings

#### **X, NEW BUSINESS**

Someone recommended that we look into Kona Ice for a fundraiser for SPBNA now that we are a 501(c)3. Someone else recommended that we contact Value Village for a soft goods drive, and to say that Team Grant referred them.

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING**

There were no announcements. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Wenzel, SPBNA President*