



South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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APPROVED MEETING NOTES

Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, September 11th, 2018** at Emmaus Church:

Meeting called to order by Emily Wenzel at 6:37PM

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

22 people were in attendance:

Charles Buscemi

Deb Conklin*

Tamara Griffith*

Rex Griffith*

Shauna Harshman*

Sam Lux*

Peggy Parker*

Lt. David Overhoff

Deborah Ritter*

Bettie Stirtz*

Ian Sullivan*

Bob Supon*

Emily Wenzel*

Linda Beckman

Laurel McKinney

Caris O'Malley

Michelle Youngblom

* Indicates Voting Members

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

Dana Dalrymple*

Quorum

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

27 total voting members currently; $11/27 = \underline{40.7\%}$

Quorum requirement is 25%

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Deb R. distributed copies of the August 2018 minutes. It was noted that for future meetings, attendees are encouraged to bring a copy of the minutes and agenda on their personal devices, as the printed number of minutes and agendas would be reduced. Deb R. additionally noted the bullet point / action items at the bottom of sections. Attendees were asked to note any corrections or revisions needed. Shauna motioned to accept minutes with no corrections noted, and Bettie seconded the motion. All were in favor with no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Cash Flow Statement as of August 31 2018, put together by Bettie, for both SPBNA and Garden funds. The current total register balance for SPBNA is \$3713.87 and \$ -132.93 for the month of August. For the garden, the current total register balance is \$ 494.72 and \$ -257.85 for August. The garden has had donations from GoFundMe

(about \$350) and South Perry Brewing fundraiser (about \$400) and a donation from CHAS (unknown amount).

- Peggy will update garden donations with Bettie for October accounting.

III. SPD REPORT

Sgt David Overhoff attended for the SPD Report. He passed out several sheets with active wanted persons in the area. He discussed a few problem houses that are undergoing abatement or actions by the city 918 E 10th and 617 E 9th. Of note, he mentioned individuals that have conducted acts of malicious vandalism in the neighborhood, and believes they are involved with vandalism to the community garden. He mentioned they stole a car and rolled it down South Perry Street.

Discussion about the abatement and seizure of Shogun (the restaurant that burned down on 3rd Ave). The timeline for clearance is unknown, neighbors noted late night activity around the burned building. Bob Dunn is the lawyer for Shogun in this case.

Neighbors noted 721 E 8th as a potential problem house, a nextdoor neighbor and a landlord of the house on the other side were present to discuss the issues. They were told to contact NRO Seth Berrow about potential problem houses.

Issues with parking lot of Grant Park garden raised -- camping overnight, activity at night, drug use and evidence. Discussed need to have CPTED study for Grant Park, trim the trees, get more lighting in the back lot, asked about a gate in the back lot too. By end of month should have CPTED study completed.

- Check CPTED study with Parks complete by end of Sept.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC/ECCC, East Central Neighborhood Council

Community Outreach (Shauna Harshman and Dana Darymple):

Shauna updated on the parking survey. She now has 150 responses from the survey for parking and is brainstorming solutions for the problems. The Community Assembly was mentioned, this is a group of one representative from each of the official neighborhood councils, and parking survey will be presented at the Community Assembly too.

Deb R. read an update from Dana Darymple about the Nextdoor post for the District 2 Spokane Matters 29th Avenue Safety Survey.

East Central Neighborhood Council / East Central Community Center (Deb Conklin):

No updates as ECNC did not have an August meeting.

Spokane Public Library

Deb R. read an update about events at the library in September including a teen volunteer fair.

V. COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Grant Park Community Garden (Peggy)

Due to recent vandalism and to the article about garden vandalism in the Spokesman Review, several fundraisers were started including South Perry Brewery and a Go Fund Me page. Parks Department had a meeting with Peggy and Shauna about renewing the MOU, but focused mainly on discussing neighborhood safety, garden safety. Peggy will coordinate a survey about safety for community garden as well as have a community gardeners forum for garden members, neighbors, parks board and other extended community garden network in Spokane. Date TBD. Sept 20th the Garden is having a garden tour and seed saving workshop from Spokane Community Gardens.

- Set date for Garden Forum and invite gardeners, community, parks
- Send out survey for garden safety to gardeners

By Law Committee (Shauna) [see update below, after Schools/Library Bond Presentation]

Traffic Calming Committee (Kat Hawker, Hal Rowe)

Deb R. started emails with Hal, Kat and Shauna. Hal and Kat were not present at the SPBNA meeting to discuss further.

VI. School and Library Bond Presentation

Brian Pottington from Spokane Public Schools and Caris O'Malley from Spokane Public Library gave a co-presentation on the School and Library bonds. A video with an overview was shown. There will be three sections on the ballot:

The \$495.3 million SPS Bond includes:

- Building three new middle schools, on city-owned property
- Replacing three existing middle schools (Glover, Shaw, Sacajawea)
- Creating additional space for option programs at Libby Center and On Track Academy
- Upgrading safety and technology districtwide
- Adding a commons area at Lewis & Clark High School
- Modernizing or replacing the aging Joe Albi stadium

The \$77 million City of Spokane Bond includes:

- Building three new libraries (adjacent to Libby Center on SPS property, in Hillyard in conjunction with a new Shaw Middle School, and in East Central)
- Modernizing four existing libraries (Shadle, Downtown, South Hill, Indian Trail)

The City of Spokane Advisory Vote:

- Allows citizens to indicate their location preference for a replacement high school stadium

Discussion after the presentation: Regarding operation and future maintenance of Joe Albi Stadium could reach out to Amazon for naming rights? When will 6th graders move up if it doesn't pass? The first middle school from this bond will be opened in 2022, if it does not pass the schools would work towards another bond. Franklin Elementary will be reopened in January.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATIONS AND SPBNA ELECTIONS

Emily announced that Vice President, Treasurer and one at-large position would be available for election this year in SPBNA. Shauna Harshman is interested to run again as Vice President, and Bettie Sterlitz is not interested to run for Treasurer. One at-large position is open for election.

- Announce election and open positions in SPBNA announcement and reminder emails.

VIII. BY-LAW REVIEW AND SPBNA COMMENTS

Changes to the by-laws and comments were made by Emily and Deb R. to either the document online or PDFs. They will be added into the final document and sent out for review.

The at-large positions were discussed and discussion of having enhanced descriptions of the at-large positions. Members mentioned they should chair or co-chair a committee. Peggy would like to have a better definition and scope of the responsibilities of an at-large director.

Deb R. mentioned wanting to define the boundaries of South Perry District in the by-laws, and the need to become an official neighborhood council. It was agreed that these discussions would take place in Jan 2019 with the new board in place. We will need to work with other neighborhood councils to define the areas.

Discussion about additional elements placement in by-laws, such as committees, at-large director descriptions, enhanced descriptions, and MOU/Street scape. Suggestion by Deb C. that we create and maintain a Policies and Procedures document separate from the SPBNA by-laws. The Executive Board will work on the Policies and Procedures document.

By-laws and edits to the by-laws will be sent out with the minutes for the next meeting and voted on at the November meeting along with minutes approval.

- Finalize By-Law edits and send with SPBNA minutes and agenda
- Begin Policies and Procedures Document for enhanced descriptions
- Work with Neighborhood councils, table council discussion to Jan 2019

IX. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Deb Ritter, SPBNA Secretary*