

## **Bemiss Minutes Jan 14 2016**

Submitted by Donna Fagan

Meeting started at 6:10

**In attendance:** Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan, Mike Fagan (CM). Bruce Higgins, Anna Silva, Rod Minarik (ONS), Peggy Slider (Spokane Regional Health), Brooke Plastino, Diana Ward

**Guests:** Kathy Armstrong (Office of Professional Accountability and recommendation for the Spokane City Police Dept.), Patrick Striker (Spokane City Cop shop Director)

Patrick Striker, Gave a report on the Hillyard Cop Shop moving to the Hillyard Precinct building. From 5208 N Market St to the Corner of Market and Diamond Ave. The COP Shop has been in its Market location for 30 years. The Cop Shop run by volunteers services are, finger printing car break in, operation family Id, Free gathering data, work with NCO, obtain resources information. The Cop shop is also takes code enforcement complaints if residents are worried about retaliation from neighbors. Brook asked if Patrick could post documents on Next Door for code enforcement. Having a precinct in the area will enhance police visibility in Hillyard area and a constant presence close by for surrounding Neighborhoods.

Kathy Armstrong, in taking questions, she was asked: What are the rules for use of force in the police department? She does independent report on use of force for the year. She gave full disclosure of the finding of her report. The report can be found at     **WHERE**    . Question: If gun is pulled by Police officer is it shoot to Kill instead of maim. Answer was if a gun is pulled it is because the threat is deadly and the reason for the gun to be pulled is to eliminate the threat. Concerned citizens are encouraged to go the citizens academy Jan. 22 Friday, also Virtual Reality Simulator VIRTIA is available to citizens as well. Kathy will send Bruce the policy for use of force. Handed out was "The Implementation of DOJ recommendations progress report as of Jan. 5 2015". A copy is with these minutes and also on line.

She made a strong recommendation for C. I. T. Crisis Intervention Training, which is mental de-escalation training.

**Mike Fagan report from City Council:** Issues before the City Council meetings that are coming up.

STA, the City Line is in the process of having the plans finalized. People are encouraged to attend the meetings if they want to have input and keep abreast of the decisions as they happen.

Safe and Sick leave ordinance to be voted on Monday. Rental unit inspection, foreclose registry, referendum initiative for potential charter changes at the state level are coming up making it harder to change the constitution and get on the ballot.

On the 26 of December 2015 WAC law for Human Rights allows trans gender into all shower, bathroom and locker room in business.

Traffic cameras are now on the back of school speed zone signs. Tickets will be issued for violations and part of the fine fund will go to the school district and part to the city. Two of the schools that are going to get this will be in our district 1.

Recommendation to send thank you letters to the City Council and Mayor for approving the discretionary funds that Mike was able to give to the Neighborhoods.

**Community Assembly:** New officers for 2016 are Jay Cousins Chair, Seth Knutson Vice chair, Kathryn Alexander Secretary. The CA retreat Committee needed to cancel their presentation to our Neighborhood council. The CA retreat is Feb. 19 at Finch Arboretum from 9am to 1 pm. All members of the NC are encouraged to come. The results of the CA survey are available on the city website. Budget recommendations are done and approved. The neighborhoods have been allocated a potential \$500. Applications are available now, the deadline to apply is April. Proposal for side walks. CACD committee approved the recommendation to CA that the city create a pool of money to be put aside from the Neighborhoods CDBG funds for use by low income people (on a sliding scale) to help them pay for sidewalk repairs.