

Bemiss Neighborhood Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 14, 2016  
Submitted by Marlene Maurer

Call to Order: 6:10 a.m. – Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Approval of 3/10/16 Minutes: Motion of acceptance, seconded and unanimous approval

**Spokane Public Library Update** by Andrew Chanse, Executive Director

- Presented overview of planning process to update Spokane Library facilities and services to conform to changes in utilization needs
- Draft plan is posted on Spokane Library Website: <http://www.spokanelibrary.org/>
- Community Conversations are scheduled. (Hillyard Branch – 6/1/16 – 7:00 p.m.)

**City Council Update** by Councilman Mike Fagan

Member Questions:

- *Chronic Nuisance Ordinance Update?* Proposed ordinance has not yet come before the Council for vote. (Proposed ordinance is designed to expand criteria for chronic nuisance designation)
- *Code revision for numbers of vehicles allowed on property update?* Has not come before the council yet for a vote.
- *Chief of Police Search Update?* Search firm approved by Council. Timeline established with plan for new hire to be in place by 7/1/16. Discussion of police policy setting authority.
- *Concerns expressed about traffic/parking issues at Cook/Empire area*

Councilman Fagan Updates – Discussions at Monday Council Meeting:

- Existing Vehicle License Fee Ordinance (\$20/vehicle tab fee collected for City of Spokane)
  - 10% of fee designated for sidewalk maintenance
  - Balance of fee use-discussion of STA transit support
    - Council asked STA to present sales tax request to voters (to support area transit). If not done, Council will bring request to voters (will only cover area of City of Spokane support)
    - Discussion of electric buses in downtown corridor
    - Mayor has asked Council for input

**Event/Project Updates:**

**Community Clean Up:**

- June 8, 2016 – Curbside pickup
- October 11, 2016 – Roll Out

**Concert Series – Hays Park:**

Sponsorships: Spokane COPS, Bistro Box & City of Spokane

Dates/Artists

- July 15 – Pamela Benton
- July 29 – Johnny & the Moondogs
- Aug. 12 – Rusty Jackson
- Aug. 26 – Musha Marimba\_

Promotion possibilities: 3x5 placard signage in Hays Park & Newsletter or flyer will be discussed at next meeting.

Budget: Artists \$900, Promotion \$140+

**Block Parties**

- Please provide Kathryn Alexander with dates of your planned block party.
- Night Out Against Crime date is August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Bemiss T Shirt Sales:**

Online sales small. Discussion of proceeding with production. Motion to proceed with ordering of 26 T Shirts moved, seconded a passed by 6-2 vote. Extras shirts will be available for sale at the concert.

**CA/CC Sidewalk Discussion – Request for Input:**

Community Assembly committee established to review Spokane residential sidewalk needs. (Kathryn Alexander is member). Committee research has revealed no clear structure for sidewalk overview, maintenance and repair, variable and limited funding mechanisms and unclear liability responsibility for sidewalks in hazardous states. Community Assembly has asked for input/vote from Neighborhood Councils. Vote on PeTT request: Vote unanimously to ask for a City-wide solution.

Discussion that proposal would be budget neutral at this point until actions implemented.

Motion presented, seconded and approved unanimously

**Agenda Requests:**

- Spokane Regional Health District Clean Air presentation postponed to future meeting
- Bylaw approval. Request to consider separate meeting to accomplish review/approval of bylaws