

Bemiss Neighborhood Council Meeting June 9 2016

At the NECC 4001 N Cook, Meeting began at 6:05

Attended: Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan, Anna Silva, Marlene Maurer, Edie Radford, Mike Rapp, Charles Hansen Whitman Neighborhood Council, Peggy Slider Spokane Regional Health, Eric Luster City of Spokane engineering Excused: Bruce Higgins, Mike Fagan, MaryAnn Rapp.

Remembrance of Brooke Plastino who passed away on June 4th his 69th Birthday. He was a leader in the Bemiss Neighborhood Council and will be sorely missed.

Minutes approved for May 12 2016: Motion by Marlene Maurer and seconded by Mike Rapp All in favor passed.

Crestline Road Diet: Eric Luster from City Engineering, The City is in the preliminary Design phase of a safety enhancement project on Crestline Street from Euclid Ave. to Francis Ave. This project is not a proposal or neighborhood partnership. They will take the four lanes going North and South, making it into one lane going North and one center lane for turning and one lane going South. There will be bike lanes going north and south on the curb side of the street. The City believes this will help slow the traffic down due to smaller space, and give pedestrians the ample time to cross the street. There are 700 cars per hour using this corridor at peak hours. The question was asked about Rowen and Crestline as that is a problem intersection for both cars and pedestrians. The city is looking into how they can reconfigure the corners because they do not line up. They are hoping with the bike lanes and a center lane it will make crossing by pedestrians safer.

CA Report: Kathryn Alexander, Infill planning on June 30 at City Hall briefing center 5 to 7. There is a new director of Planning her name is Lisa Keys, the CA is looking at placing people on the Infill Committee.

Manito Comstock Party June 21 6 to 9 at the Parkway Summer Parkway.com

New person on Admin Committee (Andrew Hoye), new person on Budget Committee for CA (Mark Davies).

Out of 28 neighborhood Councils 22 applied for **and received** CA funding. Summer Picnic TBA. New meeting place and day and time. West Central Community Center 1st Thursday of the month at 5:30 everyone is welcome to come.

Education is a major focus for the CACD which is Community Development Funds Block Grant. There is a web site for ideas on how the neighborhoods can use the funds. Bemiss will be receiving \$46,000.00 for the 2016/17 year. For the 2015/16 year we are getting lighting and benches and new picnic table and grill and an information board for Hays park. The CACD is encouraging Neighborhoods to think outside the box and to plan ahead with other neighborhoods to do big priced projects. Think about what is not here in Bemiss that we want here.

Comprehensive Plan: They are updating the plan it is done every six years. The City is wants to make the citizens aware of the changes. The CA is asking for ideas on building stronger neighborhoods and offers a training. They are working with the Say what Spokane program on Community TV. They are looking for Volunteers to be on the show. Transit Authority will raise fares to 2.00 in 2 years. Discontinuing the student pass in the summer.

Clean up: Donna Fagan, along with Karl Knutson the Hillyard Clean up chair has been working on the clean up. The cleanup is a combined Clean up with the Hillyard Neighborhood and is to be held on June 11 from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be six large containers at the Shaw Middle School site. There will be two waste management employees with two trucks assigned to the cleanup. The trucks will load the full containers and take them to waste

the management plant and bring them back. The trip will take 1 hour and a half. They are planning on replacing 3 times to equal the 15 we have requested. There will be two containers designated for clean green. Needed neighborhood volunteers to help identify residency and to control traffic. We will have a crew of about 6 to 8 Department of Corrections there from their Good Will Project. They will help unloading the trucks and such into the containers. They will also help with cleanup of parking lot. Hillyard Tires was going to have a truck for recycling tires but will not have a truck there but will let Neighbors bring two tires to their store on Market. Salvation Army has dropped out so we will not be able to take used items in good condition.

News Letter: Next issue will be printed in black and white. It will be two pages and combined with the Concert flyer. We will print 500.

Signage: New Tech School is making the yard signs for \$6 each. They are charging for materials. We will have 20 made. The banner is going to be \$71. We are waiting for Heather to order it through the city and it will be taken out of our funds from CA. *We estimate* the signage will cost \$200. **Block Parties,** June and August, Kathryn's will be June 18, Donna is going to cancel her block party due to the death of a neighbor. Mike and Maryann will be having one on the 25th. Kathryn's is a Safe Summer theme.

Mike Rapp is going to ask Costco for water bottles and gave Pamela Clark as a contact for Recyclebag holders for the block parties and the concerts.

Committee Positions: Marlene Maurer will be secretary for a while starting next month. **Thank you Marlene!**

Finances: Mike Rapp, Kathryn, and Donna (by phone) met in executive session to clarify Bemiss finances. Copies of the minutes are available.

Other Business: Charles Hansen from Whitman: Whitman is having a Night Out Against Crime at Rochester Park on Aug 2. They will be high lighting plans for the up grades to the park. They want to know if Bemiss is having a event. We decided to not do a night out this year because we will have a concert in the park three days prior and the COP shop will be present because they are a sponsor. Bemiss will have a table with information at the Whitman Night out advertising the Music Under the Oaks for August.

Idea for Bemiss gateway by Kathryn, to buy banners that hang on light poles telling people they have entered Bemiss

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Submitted by Donna Fagan