

Bemiss Neighborhood Council Aug. 13 2015 : At NECC

Attendance: Marilyn Cunningham, Peggy Numbers, Kathryn Alexander, Amber Waldref City Council, Bruce Higgins, Mike Rapp, Mary Ann Rapp, Donna Fagan, Mike Fagan City Council, Peggy Slider from Spokane Regional health Neighborhoods Matter, Brooke Plastino

Reports City Council Woman Amber Waldref; Hock light, for Cook and Empire, Application has been waiting because of programs in other parts of the city. There are now lighted crossings that have been approved and have worked well. We may be in a position to have our application looked at and approved for the extra traffic calming funds. Our application was not approved because it was over \$45,000.00. We may have to use two years of funding to get the lighted and bump outs for Empire and Cook. She asked if we want her to proceed with placing our application in and bringing it forward. The executive officers and members of the BNC said yes. Amber will look up the 6-year plan for Illinois and Crestline to see if it will tie into an application that BNC wants to place for traffic calming next year.

City Councilman Mike Fagan Report; Two drug / squatter houses in the district have been shut down this week. The city and police worked with mortgage holder Tribal Mortgage Company to obtain a eviction. There was another burglary of a business within Bemiss neighborhood, it may be tied with another in Logan and possibly one in Hillyard. Mike was instrumental in giving the police ID of the burglars due to the fact he was visiting one business that had been robbed and he saw the video of the other business he realized they were possibly the same people. Councilman Mike Fagan's office is giving funds to Bemiss to help Bemiss with their membership drive and community education. Application for discretionary funds has been approved. Bemiss must get receipts and data to Anna. Mike is working with Chief Garry Community Garden which is having a work day Sat. the 15. They could use volunteers.

Recommendation to Safety Committee: Bruce came up with a idea if owners that have a consistent pattern of renting to drug abusers or others with consistent police interaction should not able to own property to rent without posting a bond, which they would forfeit if their property had additional problems. Such landlords should be subject to bonding and loss of license. In some circumstances they may not be able to be a landlord. Kathryn, mentioned a subcommittee that is looking into long term rental policy's and laws. She will put Bruce in contact with the committee to give his idea. Amber said the city is working on closing the loopholes on the property and foreclose process, and City legal is looking into strategies for squatters that is binding and productive.

Community Assembly report; Kathryn, Councilman John Snyders proposal for Mission street pedestrian bridge funding has been approved. He is approved to use excess money from the red light funds. The CA is working to change their meeting date from the first Friday of the month to another day. Presentation was given about the painted utility boxes project on Second. Planning Commission has a new liaison Greg Francis. A new committee was formed to explore funding the Community Assembly. Kathryn Alexander is chair.

Brooke Next Door report: We have 139 members and are growing. Some people that were invited earlier, but did not join, have joined after the mailing went out. They have asked about the concert. Brooke asked Amber if City would like to allow having public safety use on Nextdoor for an alert system.

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Polls: starting to poll some group's if they are interested in things local, regional, national politics or have lack of interest. Lack of interest was highest. Survey monkey is still being looked at to add for voting. Nextdoor will be added in the bylaws for such events. Brooke is having a problem keeping in contact with the other leads on the site. The leads help maintain the site. Brooke will be gone on vacation for several weeks.

Planning: Greg Doran from EWU is going to include Bemiss planning in his curriculum for Fall. He will be at the next meeting scheduled in Sept. We are looking at Crestline and Foothills, for a business corridor. Another option is the empty lots at Pittsburg and Foothills that are multiuse zoned. Kathryn talked to local neighborhood grocery store to ask if they would like to be part of the planning. Brooke thought that the property on Foothill and Pittsburg is not big enough for sewer and water, Kathryn said City is working on it. Brooke has experience that the property on Dalton and Crestline is part of the Hays Park addition and rezoning has been difficult.

Hays Park CDBG Fund Project: Chief Garry Neighborhood Executive Council has approved to give Bemiss Neighborhood Council 7; 000.00 of its CBG money for the Hays Park Project. We are waiting for the councils voting approval.

Motion was made by Brooke Plastino to use the CBG fund for Bemiss Neighborhood Council for the year 2015 for Hays Park Project. Seconded by Mike Rapp. All in favor motion approved

Motion made by Mike Rapp to accept Chief Garry Neighborhood Councils CBDG funds for the Hays Park Project. Brooke Plastino seconded, All were in favor, Motion approved.

Motion: Made by Mike Rapp to open bank account for the Bemiss neighborhood Council, the signers on the account will be Kathryn Alexander and Donna Fagan. Seconded by Bruce Higgins, All were in favor, Motion approved. Members may be reimbursed for Neighborhood council approved expenses from the Bemiss neighborhood funds.

Motion by Brooke Plastino to ask ONES to be the Fiduciary of the Bemiss Neighborhood Council funds. Seconded by Mike Rapp. All were in favor, Motion approved

Up Coming Events: Concert Under the Oaks at Hays Park Aug. 28 6:30 to 8:30 with city presentations of City projects coming to our neighborhood.

Motion made by Mike Rapp: That our one year free permit by Spokane Parks and Recreation be used for the Concert under the Oaks to be held on August 28th in Hays Park. Bruce Higgins seconded. All were in favor, motion approve

Concert: Kathryn is looking at finding sponsors for the concert.

Insurance certificate is needed. Kathryn has asked ONES if they could provide this also. They are bringing it at their next meeting next week. Discussion on how to proceed was had.

Motion made by Bruce to have Donna investigate obtaining insurance certificate for the Aug. 28th concert if premium is required the council funds may be used to pay. Brooke seconded the motion, all were in favor, Motion approved

Bruce offered to put money into the premium if funds from council discretionary funds cannot be used for insurance.

Clean up: Donna Fagan reported that after the mailing, we received five neighbor alleys that are interested in the Alley clean up. Hillyard has communicated that they want to do a curb side or appliance pick up and said they would include Bemiss. Donna emailed the Chair of the Hillyard cleanup Wendy and thanked them for the offer, but Bemiss will do their own clean up. We will need \$2,000.00 of the left over clean up funds for an Alley clean up and dump passes. I have asked for volunteers to help with elderly and disabled residence that have called. I applied to Gonzaga Prep, and Youth For Christ and Youth For Christ said yes. Trinity Methodist Church said they would put in it in their bulletin and we may use their parking lot for the dumpsters.

Bemiss has a Facebook page; it is <http://www.facebook.com/bemissnc>

New Projects:

Signs: Entering the Bemiss welcome signs are something we would like to work on. The members are asked to think about how they would like them to look and were they think we should put them.

Fund raising: T shirts for Bemiss may be available to buy on line or done locally. More discussion at the next meeting.

Start the conversation with others on Bemiss.NextDoor. com.

Announcements: Peggy Slider from Spokane Regional Health Neighborhoods Matter invites us to come to the Rochester Park Whitman Block party. It is on Aug 23 2015 6:30 At Rochester Park. Residences are being encouraged to give input to the design of the revitalization plans for the park. Popcorn and water will be available

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Donna Fagan