

## **Bemiss Neighborhood Council Minutes August 11, 2016**

**Attendees:** Charles Hansen (Whitman Neighborhood Council), Bruce Higgins, Mike Rapp, Kathryn Alexander, Donna Fagan, Peggy Slider, RN, (Spokane Regional Health District), Anna Everano (Assistant to Councilman Fagan), Anna Silva and Marlene Maurer

**Excused:** Mary Ann Rapp

**Call to order:** 6:07 pm by Kathryn Alexander

**Approval of July, 2016 Minutes:** Motion to approve by Mike Rapp, second by Charles Hansen and approved unanimously.

**Community Assembly (CA) Report** by Kathryn Alexander

- CA Safety Committee Report on Long Term Rentals provided to Mayor's Housing Task Force
  - Of note - over 40% of housing stock in Spokane is rental property with 40% of owners being out of state residents.
- CA CC Committee Meeting 8/31 5:30pm at East Central
- Budget Committee
  - New member Mary Carr
  - Agreed to pay funding for advertising of community concerts
- Retreat Committee Kelly Lotze new member
- Building Stronger Neighborhoods is looking to partner with Value Village for possible fund raiser
- CA Picnic – at Manito Park: August 14, 4:30 – 7:30pm – North Shelter. Please RSVP
- Community Development Block Grant Committee (CACD):
  - N. Foothills/Pittsburg bus shelter approved two years ago is now more expensive to build. Will look for ways to find a cheaper shelter or can reallocate funds to the park. Approaching 18 month timeline for expenditure requirement. Motion presented by Donna Fagan, seconded by Anna Silva and approved unanimously to ask Spokane Transit Authority and Durham Bus Service (many of Durham employees utilize this bus stop) to contribute to make up difference of updated costs. Donna/Kathryn will follow-up with the city, ØØSTA & Durham.
  - After much discussion it was agreed to pursue the bus shelter.

**Bemiss Neighborhood Council Bylaws Revision Request:**

- Revised copy reflects changes made by Center for Justice (copy was not available on line at time of previous vote).
- In addition, a suggestion was made to change from Roberts Rules of Order to recommendations using CA decision making process. (Discussion preceding formal motions vs. presentation of motion and then providing time for discussion.)

**Vote:** Motion to accept revised bylaws as distributed submitted by Bruce Higgins, seconded by Mike Rapp and approved by members.

**Action:** Kathryn to post new bylaws on Next door.

***Concerts Under the Oaks:***

- 8/12 (Rusty Jackson)
  - Mike/Bruce/Donna/Marlene/Kathryn will be setting up tent/tables.
  - Desire to form a committee to seek musicians for next year (three bands needed)
  - Discussion to see if vendors could be allowed to set up next year
- 8/26 will be final concert this season in Hays Park

***Misc.:***

Bemiss Reps in Hillyard Parade - Donna/Kathryn handed out flyers for concerts

Donna/Kathryn were on Channel 5 for Council Connections interview

Follow-up Question about ability to enforce noise ordinance as discussed at July, 2016 meeting. Suggested return of SPD superior to clarify.

**Action:** Kathryn to schedule

***Finances:*** (See attached)

**Vote:** Motion for Following Financial Requests by Mike Rapp – Second by Anna Silva and approved by members:

Council Funds

- \$18 business cards reimbursement for K. Alexander
- \$88 ink for printing for K. Alexander
- \$20 Parade Entry reimbursement to D. Fagan
- \$60 Gift Reimbursement to D. Fagan

City Funds:

- \$42 Bemiss Banner

***Peggy Slider, RN, Report:***

1. Night Out against Crime Event at Rochester Park– very successful
  - Estimated 130 attendance
  - Approved to move ahead with Universal Design Playground
  - Whitman NC will pay for pathway and benches and garbage and senior exercise area.
  - Looking for funding for remainder of \$260k cost
2. Structure of Bemiss Housing Inventory Report is drafted and distributed
  - Peggy will review for additional surveys to be added to draft
  - Remaining areas will be distributed to board to be completed
3. Delivered volunteer application to United Way for Chief Gary Gardens
4. Spokane Regional Health District will assign a new Neighborhoods Matter representative. Peggy Slider will no longer be the Neighborhood representative as of 9/30/16 as she will be assigned a new role. Thank you certificate and present presented to Peggy in appreciation for her work with Neighborhood Councils.

***New Business:***

Alley issue 1600 Block of Rich (between Pittsburg/Napa) where citation issued for vegetation growth in alley that is not thru property. Alley is frequented by vagrants and is safety concern. Resident is seeking information of how to close alley. (Can city declare alley as vacated property so property owners can close off).

**Action:** Donna will assist with follow-up letter to property owners on Bemiss stationary. Anna Everano will provide property owner names to Anna Silva with copy to Donna Fagan.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:35 pm

**Minutes Submitted by Marlene Maurer**

***Next Meeting:***

Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:00 pm at NE Community Center