

## **Bemiss Neighborhood Council meeting Minutes from Sept. 11. 2015**

At NECC Crafts room, recorded by Donna Fagan

**Attending:** Kathryn Alexander, Anna Everano, Mike Rapp, Marianne Rapp, Bruce Higgens, Mike Fagan CM, City Councilman. Rod Minarik Dept. of Neighborhood Services Spokane City, Patricia Hansen Cliff Cannon Neighborhood Council, Donna Fagan, Peggy Slider Reginal Health Neighborhoods Matter program.

**CM Mike Fagan.** He heard from constituents that the Hays Park concert event was impressive.

**Town Hall meeting** on Sept. 21 at NECC for East side neighborhood councils. At 6

**Question was asked about South Monroe street levy:** The project will start this year finish next year. Break ground in Oct. or Nov. Log on to City web page look up city streets dept. Cell Tower Ordinance: 2 month of moratorium draft is written, requirements for ascetic design are being looked at.

**Hillyard:** Mann Hall did sale to private investor, not known what intent is as of yet.

**Rod Minarik:** Community Councilman Mike Allen will present cell tower ordinance, Approved green grant for East Bridgeport. 15 trees will be planted this fall on Bridgeport East of Division to Crestline as part of the Urban Forest Program.

**CA:** Kathryn, as chair of the Community Assembly budget exploratory committee, is working to make that committee a standing committee. Having a CA budget will provide some money to support the neighborhood councils and help the CA develop itself. Talks are being held about seed money for the Community Assembly budget committee from City Council.

The joint CA meeting will be Sept. 30 at South Side Senior Center 5:30 to 7

**Guest Patricia Hanson from Cliff Cannon Neighborhood Council:** Presented Cell Tower Moratorium, for two years they have been in the process of writing a

ordinance of where cell towers can be placed in residential neighborhoods. Dave Brickland has been the attorney that has represented the neighborhoods. Some wording that Cliff Cannon thought was important was removed from the ordinance. Patricia is asking all the neighborhood councils to help fund the lawyers' fees. They are talking to business and educating them on the S.P. A. system that is flatter, smaller, and can be placed on existing structures IE telephone or electric poles. These systems can be used by multi phone services as were the AT & T towers can only be used by one. Concerns of the towers are Property values and health because not enough is known about them. Kathryn encouraged anyone who would like to contribute to send it to 1104 W 8<sup>th</sup> 99204 or give now. Planning commission hearing public testimony will be Sept. 23 at 4 at City Hall, the end of Oct at the CC.

**Fundraising:** Ideas, Pie Baking contest; 50/50 raffle at Hippy Happening and Town Hall, T shirts Donna will call Stumptowns and Green Buro,

**Whitman Block Party Sept 13 Sunday 4 to 6 at Rochester Park.** Input from residence to improve the park.

**Concert:** was a success, Pamela Benton did a great job. She was very professional and versatile. About 60 people came.

**By Laws:** Donna and Kathryn are still working on them.

**Neighborhood entrance Signage:** Ideas still needed. Maybe get Tech Center to bring us designs.

**Marianne and Mike Rapp:** WDOT meeting very little of gas tax money will be available for NS freeway in 4 years. Round about for Wellesley will be 2 round about and Pedestrian bridge is on and off again. NS freeway Power polls are going in at Market and Green, Gas tax money approved so WDOT is redesigning, Interchange in four years.

Businesses from Market to Regal are being asked to sign on to a BID. A total of 60 % will need to join to ensure business support for the business development project.

**Community Café meeting;** 7 people available did visioning exercise, Peggy Slider ran the a exercise for visioning. Question, what can be done at grass roots level, big and little project? Ideas to have a conference next year around Domestic Violence, saving murals in Hillyard, Alley clean up were other ideas. Community Café is Tues at the Resource Center 5006 N Market. 5:30 to 7:30

Mayor Condon is asking for input on his budget

Meeting adjourned at 8:10