



East Sprague Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)

Ratepayer Advisory Board Meeting

Date: July 21, 2023 Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Quorum met

Officers: Chris Venne - President (Chair), Amy Vega – Vice President, Tresa Schmautz – Treasurer, Dana Reinke – Secretary, Ratepayers: Jim Hanley, Darryl Reber, Melody Miethe, ESBA/BID Executive Director – LaVerne Biel

- President Chris Venne opened the meeting at 12:01p.
- 6.21.23 Minutes (Jim/Darryl) approved as written.
- Financial Reports – Tresa Schmautz
 - Financial income and expenses are operating as expected.
 - 86% of the invoice money has been collected for 2023.
 - Reviewed year to date financial information.
 - Discussed the Clean & Green costs and how we could reduce the amount.
 - ESD101 – will give us a quote
 - Union Gospel Mission will give us a quote
 - ESD101 – has been approved to implement our graffiti removal program at no cost to the BID (Darryl/Chris) Approved.
- Neighborhood Beautification – LaVerne Biel
 - Flower removal scheduled for October 20th
- District Branding and Marketing – Dana Reinke
 - Summer on the Ave has been cancelled.
 - The flags require professional cleaning. This needs to be built into the 2024 budget.
 - Dana will work on getting quotes for double sided flags. Approximately, will cost \$75 dollars apiece. (Asked Sticker Shock and Instant Sign Factory for quotes)
 - Last Friday Night Market – July through October has been posted on the SUD website and ESBA Facebook page. [Last Friday Night Market | Sprague Union District | Spokane, Washington](#) Reminder that we have free advertising through the City, ESBA Facebook, Mending Fences reader Board.
- Clean and Green – Jim Hanley
 - Weeding twice a month
- Safety & Security – Darryl Reber
 - Darryl reported that Helena, Madelia, & Erie are now occupied.
 - BN has put up viaduct signage for no camping – no camping can now be enforced.

- Melody reported that 8 people (Mending Fences) painted all three viaducts in 3 hours. People were excited to participate and would like to do it again. Melody suggested that a long-term solution would be to paint a mural. It was a positive experience with direct contact with people and offering them a different life path.
- Tresa talked about employing homeless people through St Anne's Parish. On Tuesday's the Parish employs homeless people for \$20 per hour (for 3 hours). People have worked hard. It has given people a commitment, a sense of pride and ownership pride to the area. Call and make donation to the Parish. (509.535.3031)

Meeting adjourned at 1:30p

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