



East Sprague Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)

Annual Meeting Ratepayer Advisory Board Meeting

Date: February 21, 2024 Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Quorum met (via zoom and in person)

Officers: Chris Venne - President (Chair), Amy Vega – Vice President, Dana Reinke – Secretary, Sam Mace – Board Member, Ratepayers: Jim Hanley, Darryl Reber, Amanda Beck – City of Spokane Liaison, Barbara Woodbridge – ESBA President, Executive Director – LaVerne Biel, Doug Trudeau (Past ESBA President), Samatha Burbank, Shayla Scott

- President Chris Venne opened the meeting at 12:05p.
- January Minutes (Dana/Amy) were approved as written.
- City Report – Amanda Beck
 - Amanda reported that the ARPA money will be allocated by June. Zack and Betsy are taking the lead on this. The Primary emphasis will be on: Community Centers, and Business Districts. The Perry District will receive funding. It was noted that the East Sprague BID is fully funded by the ratepayers. We do not receive any City money unlike the downtown BID. The East Sprague BID requests fair and equal treatment. The Council will be holding a meeting about the ARPA money on Thursday.
 - Chris will draft a letter to Betsy addressing our concerns.
 - Amanda stated that the City Engineer will be transferring \$300,000 to use towards the CSO Tank. She is working with engineering to determine restrictions, and possible electrical connections, that could be implemented at the site.
 - We will have a report later in the Spring for the impact of reclassifying Zone 1 to Zone 2 properties East of Altamont.
- Financial Reports – LaVerne Biel
 - Financial income and expenses are operating as expected.
 - LaVerne will invoice the City in March for our first quarter payouts.
 - In January 2024 we received 59% payments from the ratepayers. We will continue to receive payments through February and March. We are at the same percentage that we were in Jan 2023.
- Neighborhood Beautification – Amy Vega
 - The hanging flowers have been ordered.
- District Branding and Marketing – Dana Reinke
 - Spring on the Ave is scheduled for April 20, 2024
 - Posters will be ready on March 1st. Arial artist will be drawing people to stop and participate.
 - A Flag schedule was created for District and US Flags.
- Clean and Green – LaVerne Biel

- Garbage can relocation for the garbage can next to Blue Cat.
- A motion was made to relocate the ceramic garbage cans, clean them, paint them, drill holes, and plant flowers for the East end of the BID. (Smith to Altamont). (Darryl/Dana). Approved. It was noted that the property owners will need to agree to care for and water the planters.
- Sumac is a licensed arborist. Wyatt is scheduled to trim the trees in March/April 2024.
- Safety and Security – Darryl Reber/Chris Venne
 - We discussed the snow removal program. Our contract with Sumac (for the snow removal) has been halted. The Tin Roof has agreed to use one of their employees to drive the Ventrac at \$45 per hour. This is a stop gap until we have someone else hired.
 - The Board asked LaVerne to look at other contractors and contact Visit Spokane to see who they used for the Holiday Lights.
 - Darryl informed us that two people were camping along Helena. No tents.
 - Vacant buildings are an easy canvas for graffiti.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33p

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