



**East Sprague Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)  
Ratepayer Advisory Board Meeting**

**Date: April 16, 2025, Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM**

**Ratepayer Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Quorum met**

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Officers: Chris Venne - President (Chair), Dana Reinke – (Secretary), Tresa Schmautz – Treasurer, Broad  
Members: Darryl Reber, Jim Hanley, Sam Mace, Ratepayers; Shayla Scott, Sherri Britton - SBA,  
Executive Director - LaVerne Biel

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- President Chris Venne opened the meeting at 12:05p
- March 15, 2025, minutes (Jim/Dana) were approved as written.
- Financial Reports – Tresa Schmautz
  - 2025 – Normal financial position for March
    - 87% of Ratepayer invoices were paid in March.
    - Money has been received and paid out for the Garbage cans. Proof of payment was submitted to the City of Spokane
- Administrative – LaVerne Biel
  - Flower installation has been scheduled.
    - BID will fix the drip lines
  - Liners have been ordered and installed
  - Contacted Carl Strong (City of Spokane) about turning on the water by April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Code Enforcement has been contacted about problem properties.
  - Flag order – will contact local company for a flag quote. Our recent flag delivery was defective.
  - Walking Tour – ESBA requested a written concept for them to consider.
- City of Spokane – Amanda Beck
  - No report
- **BID Programs:**
- **Clean and Green – Tresa Schmautz**  
**Landscaping & Maintenance:**
  - Dignified Workday – revised their pricing from \$650 per session to \$950 per session. The BID will monitor weeding and finances to ensure that we stay within our budget throughout the year.
  - Black rock is needed to refresh the plant beds along Sprague. (Jim indicated that he had some)
  - Dana handed out a garbage can replacement map. Tom stated that he would refurbish the garbage cans that were destroyed.
    - 17 current cans – 3 replaced – 5 new locations = 22 cans with 1 in reserve.
    - Decals were discussed – larger vinyl cutout preferred

- **Beautification – LaVerne Biel**

- Tree Replacement & Urban Forestry Initiative**

- The trees along Sprague Avenue will be replaced this week.

- Hanging Flowers Baskets**

- Flowers delivery takes place the last week of April. A workday will be scheduled to install. Bruce Gage procured a lift to install the flowers.
    - Review other hanging baskets distributors for 2026

- **Safety and Security – Darryl Reber**

- We discussed problem pick-ups and RVs in the area.
  - For the moment Helena/Madalia are clear.
  - The properties around Darryl's office are continuing to experience problems.

- **District Branding & Marketing – Dana Reinke**

- Spring on the Ave April 26<sup>th</sup> - Event Planning**

- 15 businesses are participating
    - Art poster contest – artist was chosen
    - Two live bands
    - Face painting
    - Kids Korner – at Skyhawks
    - Balloon artist
    - Shop hop
    - New: Light Factory grand opening
    - New: Pinot's Palette and wine bar

- Website –**

- No report.

- Perry Street BID** – was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15p