



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

Date: January 21, 2026, Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Ratepayer Meeting Minutes

Quorum met

Officers: Chris Venne (President), Amy Vega (Vice Chair), Dana Reinke – (Secretary), Board Members: Darryl Reber, Jim Hanley, Sam Mace, Ratepayers; Shayla Scott, Guests: Tom Reinke: Via Zoom: LaVerne Biel – BID Executive Director, Amanda Beck (City of Spokane Liaison)

- President Chris Venne opened the meeting at 12:02p
- December 17, 2025, minutes (Jim/Dana) were approved as written.
- Financial Reports – LaVerne Biel
 - 2025 – Normal financial position for December which shows us breaking even for the year.
 - 97% of Ratepayer invoices were paid through December.
- Administration – Amanda Beck
 - Working with the City to add the \$12,000 back into our budget. ESBAs Certificate of Insurance has been submitted. This should be finalized by the first part of February to make up the loss of revenue for 2026. The remaining budget revenue will depend on the “not for profit entity” to make up the difference.
 - The new Not for Profit application has been submitted to the IRS. We will have to wait for the outcome.
 - CSO Tank Park –
 - Will improve the community and business within our district.
 - Continue to advocate for increased lighting in the area and that the festival electrical connects are made for (220 power) for food trucks. Amanda will reach out to Heather Sweet.
 - Contract is going out to bid in March or April timeframe with completion summer/fall timeframe.
 - It was noted that the new business on Altamont with bright neon signs is causing traffic accidents
 - BID Expansion – Meet and greet meeting scheduled for March to introduce ourselves, understand the value, and use our collective voices.
 - Amanda will provide a business/property listing for the Zone 2 expansion and rework the numbers. Make sure that Edge Construction is added to the expansion.
 - Look at expanding east in 2027 to include Baker Construction and Day Chiropractic.

BID Programs:

- **District Branding & Marketing – Dana Reinke & Tom Reinke**
 - Media Bus budget was discussed with monthly and quarterly media updates. This budget item was preapproved.
 - Walking Tour needs some funding and a college intern to help kick it off.
- Angels are scheduled to come down in January. It was suggested that the holiday lights and winter flags will stay up until March when the District Flags go up to save install cost. There are four broken holiday lights that need to be repaired.
- **Clean and Green – Tresa Schmautz**
 - Weeding and flower bed cleaning is scheduled for April to November.
- **District Beautification – Dana Reinke**
 - No report
- **Safety and Security – Darryl Reber**
 - One more resource officer has been added to the downtown precinct.
 - According to the ECNC report the City is closing down a couple of nuisance houses in the neighborhood.
 - The road median in front of Zips is causing accidents as it was noted.
 - Meeting with ESD101 in March to review the graffiti program.
- Other – We briefly discussed the McKinnley School demise.

Action Items:

Convert QB to Zoho – LaVerne is working on the conversion process.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15p