



East Sprague Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA)

Ratepayer Advisory Board Meeting

Date: February 18, 2026, Time: 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Ratepayer Meeting Minutes

Quorum met

Officers: Chris Venne (President), Amy Vega (Vice Chair), Dana Reinke – (Secretary), Tresa Schmautz (Treasurer), Board Members: Darryl Reber, Sam Mace, Ratepayers; Guests: Tom Reinke, Bruce Gage, Micah Prim (Spokane Police Dept), Via Zoom: LaVerne Biel – BID Executive Director,

- President Chris Venne opened the meeting at 12:00p
- January 21, 2026, minutes (Amy/Dana) were approved as written.
- Financial Reports – Tresa Schmautz
 - Normal financial position for January
 - Submitting invoice to the City in March
 - No new information concerning the City obligation for 2026
 - Compare January payments to 2025

■	January Comparison	2026	2025
	income	80722.08	103533.9
	payments	-53737.4	-68974.1
		26984.7	34559.8
	percentage collected	-66.57%	-66.62%

- Public Safety – Micah Prim
 - He encountered a person on the sidewalk – in a wheelchair – offered and received services.
 - Crime around the Vet Clinic – offered ADA complaint advice which helps fights crime.
 - Crime prevention services are available – call to schedule.
 - New crime stats on the website look at the report and click on the neighborhood in question.
 - The navigation center is starting to hold people accountable.
- East Spokane Business and Community Alliance – received the determination letter and has been approved.
 - Chris is currently working on the Bylaws and State licensing requirements.

BID Programs:

- **District Branding & Marketing** – Dana Reinke
 - April 18th – securing events – Spokane Aerial stilt walking – Kid's Corner – email will be going out soon. Businesses and community like the events.

- Business After Hours Networking Event – March 12th @ 1919 Wine Cellar - \$30 each for 2 tickets, \$35 early bird pricing, \$40 after March 9th or at the door. Starts at 5:30p – They want the dinner to be informative
 - Who are we – Sprague Union District / BID
 - How do we integrate with the City of Spokane & ESBA
 - CSO Tank information
 - How to use the website to promote an events and business
 - Ad payments
 - We're blazing paths for other districts
- Budget needed for 2026 holiday light replacement
- Lilac Flags will be put up in March and lights will come down.
- **Clean and Green – Dana Reinke**
 - Picking up a lot of garbage. Last week they picked up a record amount of 500 lbs.
 - Graffiti list will be compiled and sent to LaVerne
 - Three liners were replaced due to thief. Tom will be ordering backup replacements.
 - The old cans can be pried open.
- **District Beautification – Dana Reinke**
 - Utilize Avista's Grant Foundation to capitalize on improvements that will benefit our community and need to be done.
 - New plant watering system for hanging plants and flower beds and to assist in conserving water
 - Lighting for the CSO Tank
 - Holiday lights for 2026 need to be replaced
- **Safety and Security – Darryl Reber**
 - Viaducts are clear. RVs removal money has been received. RVs are starting to take over the neighborhood again.

Action Items:

- Economic and social vitality ideas – security cameras for businesses along Sprague.
- Tresa will contact a history professor to engage some undergraduate students to help with the Walking Tour. QR codes will help tell a story to people walking the district.

ECNC Report –

- Kate - Moving council meetings to Wednesday – Monday holidays and staff prep before the council meetings.
- Window is open until the end of March for traffic calming call 311 to address recommendations.
- STA is not going to wait and do it in phases on Division. Build stops and it will go into full use until 2030.
- County balanced their budget per Amber.
- Jon Snyder discussed the new parking tax (12%) for parking lots City wide.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10p