



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

Date: March 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, & Jim Hanley, Ratepayers; Guests: Shayla Scott, LaVerne Biel – BID Executive Director, Amanda Beck – City of Spokane (Liaison)

- President Chris Venne opened the meeting at 12:00p
- February 18, 2026, minutes (Amy/Tresa) were approved as written.
- Financial Reports – Tresa Schmautz
 - Normal financial position for February
 - First Qtr 2026 invoice was submitted to the City.
 - The City has sent information on how to request the supplemental invoice for 2026.
- Public Safety – Micah Prim
 - No report.
- East Spokane Business and Community Alliance – Chris Venne
 - ESBA Board are reviewing the Bylaws and will need to open a separate checking account.
 - Joint Board with ESBA/BID
 - Avista Foundation will be accepting applications to support education to vulnerable populations, economic, and cultural vitality, and environmental initiatives from July 1 to August 2026. We need solid solutions for the following:
 - Lights and Poer for the CSO Tank
 - Watering systems (that would use less water) for the street beds along Sprague and integrate training opportunities
 - Holiday lights \$3k to \$4k for 2026 for coax connected lights
 - Lighting solutions for the last block of Sprague Ave (Lee to Stone)
 - Lighting the alleys to make the neighborhood safer.
 - Community Reinvestment Bank Award - \$10K to \$20 giveaway
- LaVerne will be presenting to the UDistrict Board to request \$10k to purchase garbage cans in May.

BID Programs:

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

- Contact Michael Brown (Fresh Soul) about event youth participation
 - Amanda will contact the Hive about participating in expanding the reach.
 - Community Art Project
- Business After Hours Networking Event – March 12th was well attended and well done.
 - 45 tickets were sold
 - Venue, content, and food were great!
- Lights will be removed and lilac flags will be installed
 - The winter wind broke 20 flag poles that had to be replaced.
 - Several blue flags will need to be replaced for 2026.
- **Clean and Green – Dana Reinke**
 - Picking up a lot of garbage between 250 and 500 lbs per week.
 - Graffiti removal – LaVerne will contact ESD101 (again) to retrieve solvent and sprayers.
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- **District Beautification – Dana Reinke**
 - Tom and Dana will work with Carl and watering solutions,
- **Safety and Security – Darryl Reber**
 - Viaducts are pretty good. Madelia has quite a bit of garbage. Troubled areas are: behind the key shop, Riverside and Pittsburg,
 - It was noted that Officer Prim has been very responsive to our neighborhood to either comply or move along.
 - Vacant lots and forgotten dilapidated buildings were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15p