



Spokane Matters 2018

Light & Bright Alleys

District One – Innovative Infrastructure

August 1, 2018 Report



Who

Kathryn Alexander – Bemiss Chair

Greg Kappus – Engaged Bemiss Resident

Karl Schumacher – Engaged Bemiss Council member

What

This pilot program uses left over asphalt tailings from scrape and grinds to fill in the holes AND STABILIZE THE ENTIRE ALLEY. It is hoped that, while a temporary fix, the process will last for a two-three years.

We have completed 9 alleys and have 6 scheduled so far in Aug – Sept.

Lighting is proving to be more difficult. The Avista requirement for contracting for payment of \$15 a month is a big hurdle. We haven't heard from the Innova foundation.



Where

We have done alleys in the Bemiss, Logan, Chief Garry, and Whitman Neighborhoods.



When

The residents have been extremely happy with their results.
The city drivers have been exceptional and really want to do the best job they can for the residents.
We decided to only work on one Saturday a month due to overtime costs, so we schedule 4 alleys for each date.



Whoops

Overcoming communication issues.

Confusion that this program was only about potholes.

Scheduling only one crew for three alleys.

Cost concerns

Learning and improving



Whoops

Overtime budget

7/21 = \$6,713.77 (\$2200 per alley)

Best use of resources

Adding machinery



Why

Residents can actually use their alley

Crime reduction

Frees up narrow streets

Allows easier plowing during snow

Creates community and ownership



How

Spreading one smooth stream

Spreading piles – using a Grader

Grading before

Adding oil after



Comments from Residents

Over 70 residents have been involved (7-12 in most alleys)

Some neighbors met each other for the first time.

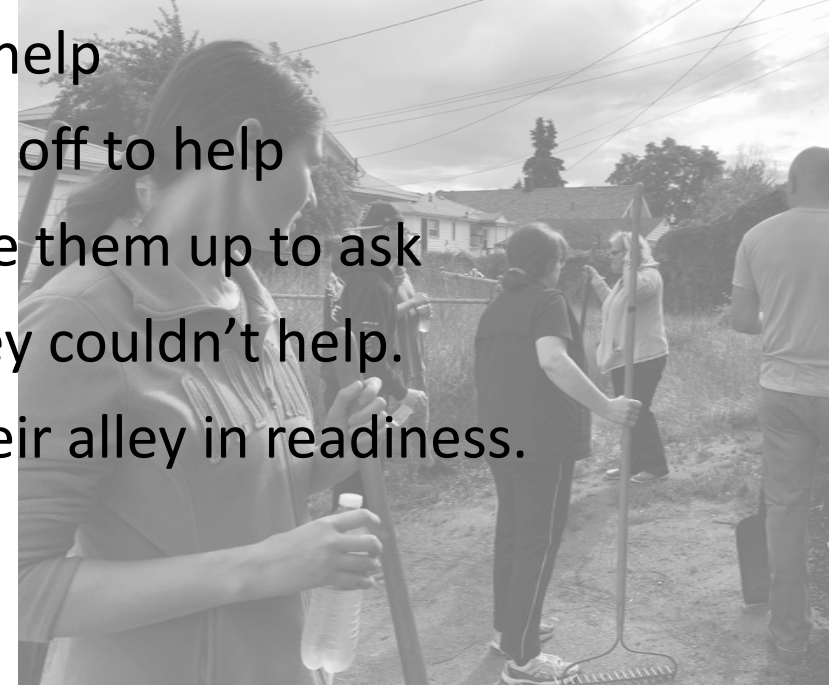
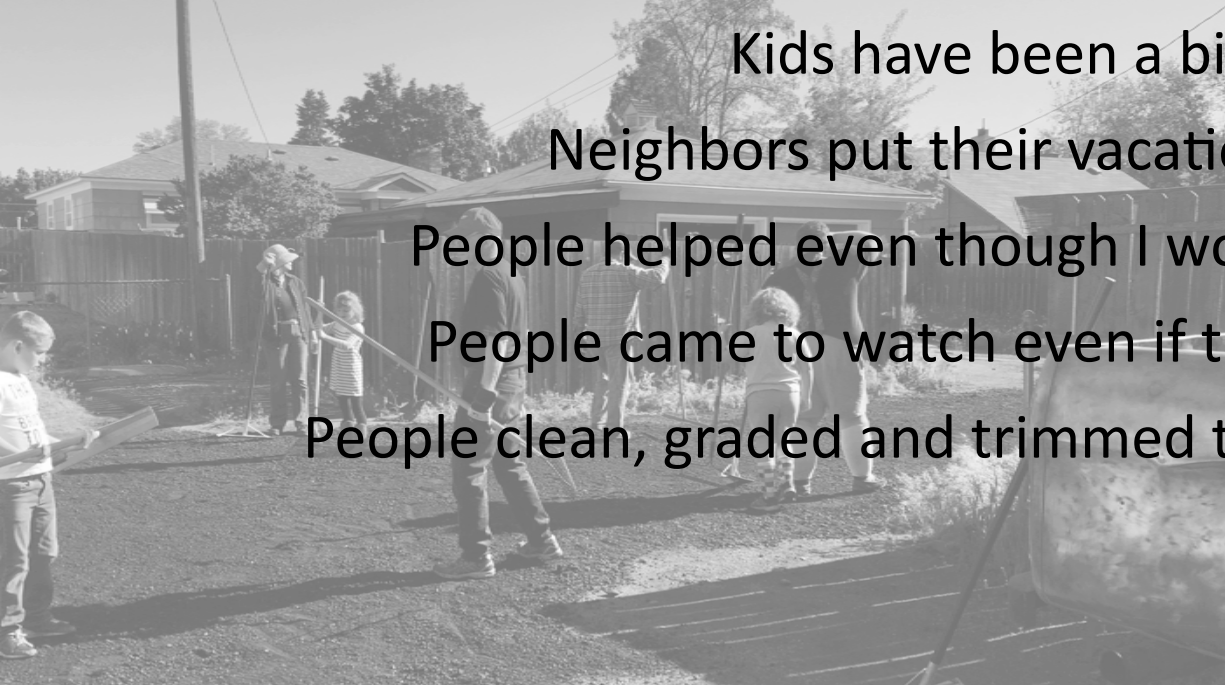
Neighbors contributed treats.

People came out watch who couldn't help.

Everyone had fun and was VERY jazzed!



Comments from Residents



Kids have been a big help
Neighbors put their vacation off to help
People helped even though I woke them up to ask
People came to watch even if they couldn't help.
People clean, graded and trimmed their alley in readiness.



Three More Months

Overtime costs are a concern

Will we be able to apply our lessons to improve the next batch?

What is the best process – moving forward?

Are we ready to commit to allocating funds to expand the program next year?