

SPNA Meeting Minutes 1/13/25

The SPNA monthly meeting was held at the McCabe Community Center. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was recognized. President, Jenny Komoll, presided.

Minutes: Minutes from the December SPNA meeting were accepted with no changes.

- Many members did not receive the email from SPNA containing the current meeting's agenda, the prior meeting's minutes, and the account summary from the treasurer. Jenny will investigate the issue, as it appears that only gmail addresses did not receive the email.

Guest Speaker: None

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: One hundred thirty two members

Treasurer:

- Community donations currently \$1238. Goal is \$2400.
- A year-end 2024 financial report was distributed with this month's meeting agenda.
- Regions checking account balance at the end of the year: \$28,735
- Total available assets at the end of the year: \$49,300

Advocacy and Zoning: Nothing related to Sylvan Park is on the council's zoning agenda for the January meeting. The proposed rezoning of 5011 Wyoming Ave is deferred to the February 13 meeting.

Communications: The Winter newsletter was mailed in December.

Welcoming Committee: No report

Traffic Calming: No report

Beautification: see "Events"

Events:

- The monthly participation in the Farmer's Market going forward will need to be discussed.
- Pollinator garden
 - o Completed: The area has been sprayed to kill the existing Bermuda grass. Pollinator plant mixes were planted in the Fall.
 - o More preparation is necessary. Kate Parrish will ask for volunteers to help remove weeds from the area and other necessary cleanup and preparation in March. More pollinator plant mixes will be planted in the Spring.
 - o There will not be a sign in the foreseeable future. The approval process with the parks department is lengthy and a sign is costly.
- Mural on Murphy Road underpass
 - o Completed: Approval from CSX to paint entire mural, including the bridge. Insurance policy through CSX is in place.
 - o Jenny will meet with Michael Cooper, who is the painter, to discuss the preparation, schedule, and budget.
 - o Ideally, this will be a project that will involve the community. Community involvement will include tasks such as cutting back brush, pressure washing the surfaces, and possibly painting.

- o The estimated cost is \$50k. We have received a \$20k donation, and a \$20k Technical Urbanism Grant.
 - o The estimated amount we will need to fundraise is \$10k. The plan for fundraising will need to be determined.
 - o Tentative start of the project is April or May.
- Election of Steering Committee
 - o 15 SPNA members who met eligibility requirements are on ballot for the 2025 SPNA Steering Committee.
 - o **Motion** made to elect all members on the ballot to the 2025 SPNA Steering Committee.
Motion seconded and passed.
- 46th Ave Paving
 - o The repaving of 46th Ave is complete.
 - o Loralyn Greene asked if there would be dividers for the bike lanes, as this was requested when the city presented the plan at a previous SPNA meeting.
 - o Per Brenda Gadd, there will also be crosswalk lights, speed sensors, and additional lighting in the roundabout.
- SP zoning discussion
 - o John Summers noted that Brenda Gadd may have suggested that she could support an SP rezoning in certain circumstances. John reiterated that an individual rezoning from RS7.5 to RS6.0 would set a precedent, likely making it easier for developers to obtain rezoning.

Old Business:

- Sign for Sylvan Park in Richland Park
 - o Approval received from Metro Parks Department. It was approved no issue from Parks Department due to the new sign being a replacement for an existing deteriorating sign.
 - o Formal sign-off and approval has not been completed, but expected soon. Demo of old sign and build of new sign will begin shortly after the formal approval.
- Community donations
 - o Beth Kindig brought the police and fire donations to their stations in December. Beth read a note from the West Precinct thanking SPNA for the donation.
 - o SPNA is currently accepting financial donations from members to distribute to community organizations. Members can donate via the SPNA website or from the link in the email sent out by Jenny.
 - o Members who donated can submit requests for community organizations to receive donations.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: February 10th at 7:00 p.m.