

SPNA Meeting Minutes 4/12/2021

The SPNA monthly meeting was held via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order, a quorum was recognized, introductions skipped because all were familiar. SPNA President, Jenny Komoll presided.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes from the March SPNA meeting, **Motion seconded and passed.**

Guest Speaker:

- Kathleen Murphy
 - a. Filed legislation in January regarding overlays- historic zoning commission not communicating well, now have development tracker so that we can see cases that have been filed. Request that property owner do signage or postcard regarding their plans so that we have transparency; decided to require mailings to all impacted.
 - b. Budget hearings are coming up in late May; important that we have step raise increases for metro employees.
 - c. Library programming needs to stay in the budget as well as parks funding. Also need to support Codes, employees are renting cars.
 - d. License plate reader legislation- 6-month trial period.
 - e. Kathleen missed 2 council meetings; the last one transferred the trash pick up to the metro water department so that the mayors office can focus on transportation. There will be a referendum, in the next election, to set up a department of transportation. In 3 years, we will vote again (short term to see how it works).
 - f. Kim Hawkins is leading the development effort at the Steinmart property. Meeting set for 4/27; Kathleen is meeting with the new development people prior to that to ensure sensitivity to neighbors, the greenway, and traffic; this will likely be deferred at Planning. The hope is to get an Urban Design Overlay to ensure holistic development.
 - g. DADU legislation has been pushed back so that we can have a community meeting; Kathleen will vote against it. Things need to be defined better in codes (building height, etc.). Need to shore up what proof is available. Neighbors must sign affidavits. Bernard said that we need a transparent process where there is input before the Board of Zoning Appeals signs a letter. Kathleen will ask an attorney if a letter stating this can be drafted.
 - h. Council passed a rule to decrease the speed limit on side streets to 25mph.
 - i. Kathleen got an email from a realtor with a contract on the old Stained-Glass structure on 44th; they want to put in a business; they were not aware of prior issues/decisions.
 - j. Beth tried to put in a slow street application. Public Works has put something out to Walk/Bike Nashville. We need input and advanced notice. We will need to communicate with Faye, when she comes in May, that plans need to get out to the community.
- John Ray Clemmons: The state wants to prevent local government from regulating online vendors, like Airbnb.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: John reported that there are 95 members that have paid 2021 dues.

Advocacy and Zoning:

- Bernard reported that there are currently no issues impacting our neighborhood other than already stated. John and Bernard will put something together for the newsletter encouraging people to be proactive in contacting BZA when they see issues.
- DADU overlay proposal: deferred until April 21. John will distribute information.

Treasurer: Received 2 donations toward the causes that SPNA supports. Now have \$240 to disperse.

Treasurer's Report	September 14, 2020
\$18,844.86	Regions Account Balance
\$(903.51)	NOAC Balance
\$800.00	Holiday Lights Balance
\$0.00	Uncleared Payments
\$18,948.37	SPNA Balance
\$10,000.00	Legal Fund Reserve
\$1,018.39	Cherry Tree Fund Reserve
\$240.00	Donations Payable
\$7689.98	SPNA Available Funds
\$1,698.64	Undeposited Funds on Hand
\$9,388.62	Available Assets

Communications:

- Website, Sarah, and Emily: plan to complete within a month.
- Newsletter: Josh Owens will do the layout. Many interesting topics will be included in the newsletter targeted to go out late May. Steve has lined up ads, there are 2 remaining spots (\$200 front page or \$100 back page). All content needs to get to Jenny by May 1st.

Welcoming Committee: nothing new to report

Traffic Calming: Beth said that we need to decide what we want for our neighborhood so that we are ready when the opportunities arise. Beth plans to get a committee together and to find out about contacts from other neighborhood associations.

Beautification: LeAnn has walked the streets to determine which cherry trees need to be replaced; most are at the end of their life. New trees will need to be approved; will write an article for the fall newsletter.

Events:

- Sylvan Park Moms Club held an Easter egg hunt.
- Richland Creek Run, in April, will be virtual. See richlandcreekrun.com
- McCabe Park Community Day, sponsored by the Little League, will be held on May 2nd.
- Yard Sale: put on May agenda to discuss possibilities; consider coordinating with Richland/Whitland/Cherokee Parks and coordinating with Goodwill; Whitland is planning a "dumpster day".
- July 4th Parade: May agenda for discussion

New Business: Began discussion about the possibility of resuming in-person meetings later in the year. Cheryl noted that the Masonic Lodge may have space available for public use, and she is going to follow-up with Kathleen Murphy for more details.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: May 10th at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM; Guest speakers will include Ms. Faye DeMassimo, Senior Advisor for Transportation and Infrastructure (Mayor's Office) and Mr. Stephen Bland, CEO of WeGo Public Transit.