

SPNA Meeting Minutes 7/12/2021

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

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

Guest Speaker: Representative John Ray Clemmons:

- Enjoyed our 4th of July parade in Richland Park.
- Mural at 48th and Charlotte painted, theme is ending domestic violence; John requests that we post pictures to raise awareness.
- Sign up for his e-newsletter at JohnRayClemmons.com; Questions, call: 615-415-4086
- Governor Lee used State of Emergency Powers for no-bid contracts; a request was submitted for an audit.
- Many rumors have been spread regarding requiring COVID passports and forcing vaccinations. Dr. Michelle Fiscus, Medical Director of the Tennessee Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Immunization Program at the Tennessee Department of Health was fired in retaliation for trying to let Tennessee teenagers choose whether they wanted to be vaccinated; she was informing the public that children older than 12 are now eligible. Executive appointments in TN can be fired at will.
- Questions:
 - Development of the E bank: John is not involved; 2 new bridge projects may bump the Charlotte widening project back.
 - Affordable housing: yes, John is concerned that corporations are buying up housing; this may drive up the cost.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: John reported that there are 116 members that have paid 2021 dues.

Treasurer: Cost of newsletter was slightly higher than budgeted, as expected.

Treasurer's Report	June 14, 2021
\$18,512/34	Regions Account Balance
\$(903.51)	NOAC Balance
\$800.00	Holiday Lights Balance
\$0.00	Uncleared Payments
\$18,615.85	SPNA Balance
\$10,000.00	Legal Fund Reserve
\$1,018.39	Cherry Tree Fund Reserve
\$240.00	Donations Payable
\$7,357.46	SPNA Available Funds
\$2,140.30	Undeposited Funds on Hand
\$9,497.76	Available Assets

Advocacy and Zoning: Bernard has not heard anything from the Planning Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals. A question was asked about the 39-40th block on Charlotte- they are asking for a zoning change (want 6-7 stories); this will have a long way to go. Later questions about Vegan Vee and a vacant business between 46th and 51st- these questions should go to Kathleen Murphy.

Communications:

- Website: Sarah Mansouri and Emily King are working on our website; it will be ready in August. Send photos and ideas to Sarah Sarah.e.mansouri9@gmail.com; 516-448-9108
- Newsletter: went out; the fall version will be sent out later this year. Send ideas for the newsletter to spna@sylvanpark.org.

Welcoming Committee: We welcomed 95 new households in 2021; the last list was through June 4th.

Traffic Calming: Notify Beth Dachowski if you have concerns or ideas regarding traffic calming or would like to be on the committee. SPNA has 4 applications in queue. Metro is beginning to catch up, so we hope to move up in the priority. There has been another bad accident on Nebraska.

Beautification: Money is set aside for cherry trees. Karri Suh volunteered to work with LeAnn on this committee and will contact her.

Events:

- Yard Sale: will be held on July 24th, Saturday, from 8am-2pm. Registration Forms were available at the meeting and need to be submitted by July 17th; 6 signed up so far. A map and balloons will be available. A Goodwill truck will be available from 1-3 PM, at Richland Park, to donate remains. SPNA will advertise the event.
- July 4th Parade: this parade has been happening for over 30 years; 60-70 people attended this year. Audrey Sanborn chaired the event. There were 2 fire engines, bubbles provided by John Ray Clemmons, and music provided by Trigg. Water, watermelon, popsicles were available.
- Night Out Against Crime: October 12th from 6-8pm in Richland Park. Someone from the Nations is heading it up; several neighborhoods will participate. Bernard will grill hot dogs.
- Fall Fest: TBD
- Taste of West Nashville: generally held the first Tuesday of October: music and food samples are provided.

New Business: Jenny reported that Nic Allen, from Rolling Hills Community Church, reached out. They are working on a playground and a community garden; contact him if you are interested in working in the garden. They are beginning a pre-school in August that would offer 2 days, 6 hours/day. For more information see rollinghillslearningcenter.com.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: August 9th at 7:00 p.m., location TBD