

SPNA Meeting Minutes 3/10/25

The SPNA monthly meeting was held at the McCabe Community Center. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was recognized. Treasurer, David Pierson, presided.

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

Guest Speaker: Councilwoman, Brenda Gadd

- Councilwoman Gadd explained that bill BL2025-742 is a proposal to move the Metro Historic Zoning Commission to be under the authority of the Metropolitan Planning Commission.
- Brenda is strongly against this proposal, and feels that it can negatively affect many neighborhoods in Nashville, including Sylvan Park. She anticipates that the passing of the bill would favor development over the historic integrity of our neighborhood. However, the streets that are under a historic overlay would not be directly affected, because the historic overlay would take precedent.
- 1st reading of the bill – Brenda objected. This resulted in changes being made to the bill.
- 2nd reading of the bill – Scheduled for March 18. Brenda tried to get this deferred, but was unsuccessful.
- If approved, it will have an Enacted Date of July 1, 2025.
- Sylvan Park residents are encouraged to:
 - Attend meeting on March 18 at 6:30pm to speak their opinion about the bill.
 - Email the city council and the Mayor to state their opinion about the bill.
- **Motion** made to support SPNA being against bill BL2025-742. **Motion seconded and passed.** Unanimous
 - The Advocacy and Zoning Committee will draft and send a letter to the city council and the Mayor on behalf of SPNA stating that SPNA is unanimously against the passing of this bill.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: 237 members, which is an increase of 21 from previous meeting in January meeting. FY2024 had 216 members.

Treasurer:

- Fundraising for the mural is ongoing. Currently \$6,549 has been raised. Anonymous community benefactor will match donations for the mural, up to a \$10,000.
- Edley's had previously donated \$889, which had not been earmarked. They agreed that it can be applied to the mural.
- Regions checking account balance March 10: \$30,565.70
- Total available assets March 10: \$58,467.06
- **Motion** made to pay \$2,287.59 bill for printing of the Spring newsletter. **Motion seconded and passed.** Unanimous

Advocacy and Zoning: The proposed rezoning of 5011 Wyoming Ave has been deferred. Brenda has asked the owner if they can meet with neighbors to discuss a resolution that does not involve changing the zoning of the property.

Communications: The Spring newsletter will be published in early April.

Welcoming Committee: Lisa Price updated that 75 welcome bags were assembled and distributed. She noted that the bags went to new residents from the past 9 months, as it has been a while since welcome bags have been delivered.

Traffic Calming: Bowling between West End and Murphy Road has been selected for traffic calming. There are no details yet of the calming measures that will be implemented.

Events:

- Richland Creek Run is scheduled for March 29
- Richland Creek cleanup with Harpeth Conservancy is scheduled for April 12. Signup to volunteer is available and will start at Lions Head.
- Planting for the pollinator garden is planned for either March 22 or 29.
- Mural: The start date is still to be determined. Looking for volunteers to sign up for cleaning, painting, and more tasks. More help with the mural will result in a lower cost.
- The SPNA yard sale is scheduled for June 21

Old Business:

- Sylvan Park Sign: waiting for permit to be issued.
- Historic home recognition: Mike Jacobs and Jenny Komoll will be meeting with MTSU Center for Historic Preservation on March 24 to discuss the project and provide a tour of Sylvan Park.
- Tree Planting: 44 new trees are being planted in Sylvan Park.
- Roundabout: Perennials were recently planted in the medians near the roundabout

New Business:

- 51st Ave traffic: People drive too fast on 51st. Although there are speed bumps, many drivers speed over them. Additionally, people do not stop at the 4-way stop at 51st and Nevada. Cars drove slower when the speed bumps were the old asphalt style.
 - o Suggestion to ask Beth if she can make a request to see if anything can be done to reduce the speeding on 51st.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: April 14 at 7:00 p.m.