

SPNA Meeting Minutes 4/10/2023

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

Guest Speakers: Marie Campbell and Ryan Jackwood from the Harpeth Conservancy.

- The Conservancy now focuses on rivers and streams in all of TN. They want to have state-wide policies and partner with other groups.
- They do water quality monitoring for e-coli so that they can inform the public about where and when the water is unsafe. They collect samples at two separate locations on Richland Creek and they are looking for volunteers. Data will be consolidated, and they will have a forecasting system. They are working on a system to inform the public. When available, it can be put onto the SPNA website.
- There is a creek clean-up on **Saturday, April 15th**; meet at 10am at the W. Police Precinct; please sign up in advance. On **May 20th** they will be teaching about habitat assessment. On **September 30th** there will be a joint clean-up between SPNA and the Conservancy. Jenny will send out links through email.

Minutes: Minutes from the March SPNA meeting were approved without changes.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: 105 members have signed up for 2023 since October of 2022

Treasurer: SPNA has \$24,612.45, part of this money will go toward signs. **Motion** to approve \$2,531.50 in printing costs for the "Hate Has No Home in Sylvan Park" signs. Many thanks to Jami Patrick for organizing the signs. **Motion** seconded and passed. Almost two hundred have been sold. **Motion** to approve \$215 for SPNA 2023 pins was **seconded and passed**.

Advocacy and Zoning:

- There is a property at 323 51st that is requesting to rezone for a double lot (RS 7.5 to RS6). SPNA has already opposed this; it will be heard by the Planning Commission on April 13th.
- There is a potential redevelopment that could involve putting two single family homes at 4024 Murphy Rd. Would involve owner submitting an SP request to Planning. A **Motion** was made to oppose this; **Motion seconded and passed**.

Communications: Next SPNA newsletter will go out at the end of April.

Welcoming Committee: The Parents Group will include a flyer in the bags. Please send Sarah Mansouri any other ideas.

Traffic Calming:

- There was a meeting at the W. Precinct, on March 15th at 6PM regarding traffic calming on Elkins Ave. Two speed cushions will be added if proposal passes. Balloting postcards have already been mailed to residents on Elkins. A link to the recording can be found on the SPNA Website.
- Speed cushions were installed on 37th Ave!
- Anticipating speed cushions on Nebraska and 42nd (plus striping /planters) this spring.

Beautification:

- The Richland Creek education event & cleanup will be held on May 20th from 10am until noon. This will be a light cleanup. On September 30th, a larger creek cleanup event will be held.

- Sign-up sheets are out for the creek as well as for the trees.
- There will be a Richland Creek clean-up on April 15th at England Park.
- See “guest speakers” for additional dates.
- Looking at tree planting locations for fall.

Sylvan Park Parent’s Group: The egg hunt was a big success! This group plans to coordinate more with SPNA. They received a large donation that is now in their budget.

Events:

- SPNA table at Richland Park Farmers Market; next date is May 6th; Jenny will be at the table and one more person is needed; please pick a date to help. Those who have done this have had an enjoyable time. Many people expressed appreciation regarding the signs. To sign up, see the following link: [Welcome Table Sign Up](#)
- Richland Creek Run on April 1st was an enormous success with more participants than ever (591)!
- The Sr Renaissance Center Springfest is April 15th; Bernard will be making pancakes starting at 7am and activities go on until 1pm. There will be a silent auction. The Renaissance Center needs volunteers for this and other things that happen throughout the week (can be on site or from home); contact Gail England, Director at 615-479-7712 or GWE31@aol.com to volunteer.
- SPNA Happy Hour is May 16th at the Bearded Iris.
- The SPNA yard sale is scheduled for July 15th.

Old Business:

- Friends of McCabe will be doing a survey and a link will go out to neighbors.
- Community Donations: Just under \$4,000 was donated this year. Platters went to the Police and Fire Departments over the holidays. Donations were also approved by membership and went to the Sr Renaissance Center, McCabe Little League, The Richland Creek Run and the Sylvan Park PTO. The remaining donation balance is \$1,453.
- Much discussion regarding remaining money. A **Motion** was made to donate to The Farmers Market, the Harpeth Conservancy, The West End Middle School, and Hillsboro High School. **Motion was seconded and failed.** A decision was made to take things one at a time.
- **Motion** made to donate \$300, from the General Fund to the Farmer’s Market. **Motion seconded and passed.** This money will go toward signs.
- **Motion** made to donate \$300, from the charitable gifts to the Harpeth Conservancy. **Motion seconded and passed.**
- An additional motion was made and withdrawn until further study can be done regarding how the money will be used by the organizations. John Summers will discuss with West End Middle School and Pat Williams will discuss with Hillsboro High School.
- A proposal was made to limit discussion on donations to 5 minutes at the next meeting prior to voting.

New Business:

- Vandalism in Sylvan Park: 200 signs have been printed (Hate Has No Home in Sylvan Park); more will be ordered if others sign up.
- New SPNA Merchandise: hats, posters, tote bags, and lapel pins will be available. People are requesting T-shirts and stickers.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: May 8th at 7:00 p.m.