

SPNA Meeting Minutes 8/14/2023

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

Guest Speakers:

- Brenda Gadd, Councilwoman elect, district 24.
 - Has been meeting with Zoning and the planning staff.
 - Request made that Brenda have a regular column in the SPNA Newsletter
- Stephanie Johnson, representing Mayoral Candidate Alice Rolli
 - Stephanie shared information regarding Alice's work history and accomplishments and answered many questions.

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

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: 160 members have signed up for 2023 since October of 2022. Membership pins are available for \$5

Treasurer: No report. There was a request to look at investing some of the money that is not needed in the short term.

Advocacy and Zoning: Nothing to report.

Communications:

- Send in ideas for fall newsletter.
- There was a request for someone from Codes to speak at the next meeting.

Welcoming Committee: No report

Traffic Calming:

Speed cushions on Nebraska and 42nd and striping are complete, and signs are up.

Beautification:

- October 7th: SPNA Richland Creek & Greenway Clean-up (new date), partnering with Harpeth Conservancy.
- Tree planting in Sylvan Park on November 4th, working on location and tree selection. This will be in partnership with the Nashville Tree Foundation.
- Sign-up sheets are out for the creek as well as for the trees.

Sylvan Park Parent's Group: No report.

Events:

- Karrie will speak with Rebecca about a better location for our table at the SPNA Farmer's Market, in August we were behind a tree.
- There will be an SPNA happy hour, stay tuned for more information.

Old Business:

- SPNA Merchandise (hats, posters, tote bags, and lapel pins) are in, spread the word.

New Business:

- The West Precinct asked SPNA to take a stand on the license plate readers prior to the council vote on 8/15. This is a Resolution, so it only requires one vote. They are looking to move this from a pilot program to full implementation. **MOTION** made to send a letter in support of the license plate readers becoming a permanent program. Motion was **seconded and passed** by a vote of 8 to 6. There was much discussion about questions raised by parties who still have questions, such as the Community Oversight Board and discussion regarding the need for controls and transparency. Bernard will draft the letter and include the number of people voting and the vote.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: September 11th at 7:00 p.m.