

SPNA Meeting Minutes 12/12/2022

The SPNA monthly meeting was held at the McCabe Community Center. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was recognized. Please note the quorum was not recognized until about halfway through the meeting. SPNA President, Jenny Komoll, presided.

Opening Activity: A word scramble was handed out and Cheryl Pickney was the winner!

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

Guest Speaker I: Lena Hooker, Volunteer Coordinator for Nashville Humane Association. Nashville Humane Association (NHA) has been open since 1946 and has dedicated efforts to aiding sick, homeless and at-risk shelter pets in Nashville, throughout Middle Tennessee, and across the globe.

- NHA is a nonprofit organization funded through donations and grants. NHA partners with local organizations to take in animals in need as well as supports rural and overcrowded shelters around the country. They have three full time veterinarians and a hospital onsite to support the needs of all animals.
- How NHA supports the Nashville community:
 - Supports pet families - provide food and supplies to families in need through their community resource initiative.
 - Low cost microchip and vaccine initiative - provide all pets access to microchips and vaccines regardless of income.
 - Spay and neuter clinic - the Rover van is a mobile method to help spay and neuter cats and dogs in Nashville.
 - Humane education program for children - Nashvillians have the opportunity to sign-up for education programs through the shelter.
- Sylvan Park residents can get involved in NHA in three different way:
 - Volunteer - participate in community events or assist at the shelter. To apply to be a volunteer: <https://nashvillehumane.org/volunteer-foster/volunteer-info/>.
 - Foster a cat or dog - bring a shelter pet home to help them decompress from shelter life to help increase their likelihood of adoption.
 - Donate - NHA accepts both monetary donations and supplies/food for cats and dogs. The only donations not accepted are pillow cases and open bags of food.

Guest Speaker II: Paul Whitmire, Beautification Commission

- Paul is new to the commission.
- **Recycling:** Reports that recycling should be moving to 2x a month in quarter 1 of 2023. There are also multiple locations for manual recycling around Sylvan Park. Each household can get up to 3 free recycling bins. If a bin is destroyed, you can get a new bin via HubNashville for \$65.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership:

- As of this meeting, there were 132 paid members and 16 members are eligible for the Steering Committee (subject to additional confirmation of January-March attendance)
- The election for the Steering Committee will take place on Monday, January 9th.

Treasurer: SPNA has \$19,440.13 in accounts.

ASSET BALANCES	December 5, 2022
\$19,440.13	Regions Account Balance
<u>\$1,522.07</u>	Undeposited Funds (Paypal)
\$20,962.20	Subtotal Assets
(\$10,000.00)	Legal Fund Reserve
(\$800.00)	Holiday Lights Reserve
(\$1,000.00)	Cherry Tree Fund Reserve
(\$1,566.28)	Donations Payable
<u>(\$50.00)</u>	<u>Uncleared Payments</u>
\$7,545.92	Available Assets

- \$503.42 bill for the Parent's Club (see section below for more details).
- Membership dues update: Members who join SPNA in quarter 4 of the calendar year will maintain membership for the full next calendar year. For example, if an individual joins (i.e., pays dues) on November 1, 2022, their membership will be active until December 31, 2023. Membership will not be rolling based on sign-up date. A **Motion** was made for SPNA to support this change. **Motion was seconded and passed.**

Advocacy and Zoning: There is a hearing on December 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm at McCabe Community Center regarding a proposed expansion of the Bowling House Conservation Overlay.

Communications:

- At the time of this meeting, the newsletter was not delivered by mail. The President of SPNA will check-in with the new printer to confirm the delivery date.
- Advertising in the Newsletter: Discussion to revisit the pricing for securing advertising in the newsletter.
 - The advertisers have a large audience (e.g., Next Door, 2,000 homes, Facebook) and SPNA believes the pricing should be increased to support the increased cost of printing.
 - There were ideas to create an "advertising package" based on the number of newsletters the company commits to advertising (e.g., a full year of advertising will be less expensive than advertising in one newsletter).
 - *This will be voted upon prior to the next newsletter cycle.*

Welcoming Committee: No updates.

Traffic Calming:

- The previous Traffic Calming meeting about Elkins had extremely low turnout. There have been innovative solutions, however there is seemingly a lack of community support and/or buy-in. Since the applications were submitted years ago, the original community members who requested Traffic Calming on Elkins are not known.
- If you have feedback, comments, or questions about Traffic Calming, please reach out to SPNA at spna@sylvanpark.org.

Beautification:

- Painting underpasses around Sylvan Park was the main topic of discussion.
 - This has been a grassroots effort by several in the community to paint the underpasses with a mural. Adam Parker has been a huge advocate for beautifying the underpasses around Nashville and is currently working on approval for 10 underpasses.
 - The train company, CSX, has recently approved the painting of the underpass in Sylvan Heights. The next step is to secure funding to pay the muralist. The individuals leading this effort at applying for grants through NDOT.
 - There is a call being held on December 15th to discuss the next steps of painting the underpasses.

Sylvan Park Parent's Group:

- A \$503.42 bill has been submitted to SPNA on behalf of the Parent's Group. A **Motion** was made for SPNA to reimburse the Parent's Group. **Motion was seconded and passed.**
- Discussion around requiring the Parent's Club members to be members of SPNA to solidify connection between SPNA and the Parent's Group. No decision made in the December 2022 meeting.
- Parent's Group is hosting a Hot Chocolate event. Please check the Facebook page for details.

Events:

- There are 4 dates for Happy Hours hosted by SPNA tentatively scheduled.
 - January 30th: Bingo at Smokin' Thighs
 - April 25th: Trivia at Smokin' Thighs
 - July 31st: TBD
 - October 30th: TBD
- Community donations: \$1,566 collected as of December 12th.
 - Police and Fire department holiday trays are already allotted expenses. They will be delivered on Friday for all shifts. Cheryl Pickney and Jenny Komoll will be helping with the delivery.
 - The decision on the donation to the Senior Renaissance Center will wait until around Spring Fest.
- Cheryl Pickney will continue to email about the need to increase lighting around the traffic circle. Bernard Pickney has already submitted to Hub Nashville about the need for more working lights in this area. There is concern for safety of community members if they are walking at night.

New Business:

- Please donate to the SPNA fund for community donations through our website <https://www.sylvanpark.org/>.
- The annual meeting to elect Steering Committee members will be held on January 9th.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: January 9th at 7:00 p.m.