

SPNA Meeting Minutes 3/13/2023

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.

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

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: ninety eight members have signed up for 2023 since October

Treasurer: SPNA has \$21,207 in total balance with \$2000 in the Community Fund.

Advocacy and Zoning:

- Bernard wrote a letter to the Planning Commission to oppose the Sky View rezoning, on behalf of SPNA.
- The Belle Meade Plaza rezoning proposal will be discussed on March 23rd, at 4PM, at the Planning Commission. People need to be in the room to state their opinion. Jenny will get a message out to members.
- There is a property at 323 51st that is requesting to rezone for a double lot. A **motion** was made to oppose this request that will be heard by the Planning Commission on March 23rd. **Motion was seconded and passed.** John and Bernard will draft to letter on behalf of SPNA.

Communications: Targeting next SPNA newsletter for end of April. Looking for more advertisers. Streetcar Taps and Gardens is interested in advertising and hosting a future happy hour.

Welcoming Committee: Over 365 bags have been delivered since 2019. If anyone is interested in participating, please let us know at a future meeting.

Traffic Calming:

- There is a meeting at the W. Precinct, on March 15th at 6PM, regarding traffic calming on Elkins Ave. They need to hear from all who are interested. There is a proposal for large concrete blocks as well as speed cushions.
- Signs have appeared for upcoming speed cushions on Nebraska and on 37th.
- Someone spoke up about people going through the stop sign at 44th and 45th and Park; referred to Hub Nashville and Kathleen Murphy.
- Someone would like a crosswalk at 50th and Charlotte and is working with Kathleen Murphy. This can also be submitted to Participatory Budgeting, but it may not apply because it is a state HWY.

Beautification:

- All 30 cherry trees and 4 ginkgo trees planted in November are doing well!
- Tree pruning will take place on March 18th from 10am until noon, meeting at the Produce Place. The older cherry trees will be pruned.
- Richland Creek 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.
- Katelyn Burkhart Baker is working to clean up the bridges; artists can submit ideas. Working with the railroad.

Sylvan Park Parent's Group: no report; see Facebook for activities.

Events:

- SPNA table at Richland Park Farmers Market (next date is April 8th); please pick a date to help. The following link can be used to sign up: [Welcome Table Sign Up](#)
- Richland Creek Run is April 1st at 8am. It starts at the Cohn School; 5 mile or 1 mile routes. Sign up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Nashville/RichlandCreekRun>.
- Sr Renaissance Center Springfest is April 15th; Bernard will be making pancakes.
- SPNA Happy Hour is May 15th at the Bearded Iris.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Dan May and Robert Ransom are starting a “Friends of McCabe Park” group and are working with the Parks Commission. They would like to survey residents of Sylvan Park regarding interests and present their findings at the May SPNA meeting. The Park Board will need to allow the Friends group. They are thinking about a playground for younger children and interested in hearing other ideas. Recommendations were made to put it into the SPNA newsletter and to reach out the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Someone reported a man going through yards and he stole a purse from inside his kitchen.
- Someone reported the water fountains in the park are not working and a suggestion was made to put it into Hub Nashville.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: April 10th at 7:00 p.m.