

SPNA Meeting Minutes 5/12/25

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

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

Guest Speaker: Councilperson Brenda Gadd

Property Appraisals

- The tax assessor updated the appraisals recently, and sent to each property owner.
- The appraisals are a significant increase over previous appraisals. However, the tax rate will be lower to ensure property taxes are revenue neutral. The new tax rate has not been determined and voted on yet.
- Property owners can appeal their appraised value. The informal appeal deadline has passed. A formal appeal can still be requested. Instructions available on <https://www.padctn.org/>.

Richland Park Library

- The design phase is funded and planned to start. There will be opportunity for community feedback of the design. The funding for the design was already in the budget.

Guest Speakers: Friends of Richland Park – Amy Daniels and Loralyn Greene

Richland Park Library

- Community feedback sessions will be in mid-June, and likely to be held at the library. The purpose is for our community to have a voice when the design phase of the new library building begins.
- The Friends of Richland Park held a Book Sale that went well. The funds go to programming at the library.
- Public survey that requests feedback about the park and library is available. [Link to survey](#)
- There was discussion for and against the need for a new library, the potential size of the library, and the process. However, the Friends of Richland Park has no authority to determine whether a new library is built, to dictate the size, nor have any official capacity in the process of a new library. The Friends group is made of volunteers with the purpose to facilitate community feedback to have a voice if Metro Nashville government determines that a new library will be built in Richland Park. All other feedback that is not related to the library will be provided with the goal to improve the park per the community's requests.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: 18 new members joined in April for a total of 259 YTD

Treasurer:

- Regions checking account balance April 30: \$30,148.21
- Total available assets April 30: \$50,138.08
- Approximately \$15,000 in mural costs were paid last month.

Advocacy and Zoning: No update.

Communications: SPNA Newsletter will be distributed in early June

Welcoming Committee: No update.

Traffic Calming: No update.

- A section of Elkins near the new Tantisimo restaurant has requested Permit Parking. This is due to the anticipation of restaurant customers parking on Elkins, making it difficult for residents to park near their houses.
- A 4-way stop was requested on Elkins.

Upcoming Events:

- Mural at Murphy underpass – Primer will be applied as soon as the rain stops. Painting will follow and traffic on Murphy Road will be restricted to 1 lane when the bridge is being painted. The painter would accept volunteers to help to paint the primer and paint the design. **Motion** made to reimburse Jenny Komoll for yard signs placed near the mural to notify of the project and major contributions from businesses. **Motion seconded and passed.** Unanimous
- Yard Sale – Neighborhood Yard Sale will be held on June 21. Cost is free for SPNA members. Cost is \$25 for non-members, and includes SPNA membership. Volunteers are needed to distribute signs and balloons to participating houses.
- 4th July Parade – Working with the Sylvan Park Parent's Group and Friends of Richland Park to plan and execute. The permits have been received.

Past Events:

- Sylvan Park Sign in Richland Park
 - Continuing meetings with the designer, Brenda Gadd, the codes department, and SPNA.
 - The sign will be moved 5 feet from its current locations – away from the existing tree and perpendicular to 46th Ave.
 - Metro Parks Department has offered to put a garden bed around the sign.
 - It will be installed in approximately 8-10 weeks.
 - Invoice for \$8,287 (representing 50% of cost) for sign downpayment needs to be paid. This does not require a vote, because the total budgeted cost was approved at a previous meeting.
 - Metro Beautification Fund is contributing \$2,000 toward the sign.
- Pollinator Garden – The garden has been planted and is being tended to. Additional native plants are requested to be donated to the garden.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: June 9 at 7:00 p.m.