

SPNA Meeting Minutes 1/8/2024

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 December SPNA meeting were accepted with no changes.

Guest Speaker: Breana Clark, Program Coordinator for the Senior Renaissance Center (SRC)

- The SRC is located on the bottom floor of the Cohn Learning Center and is open from 9:00 am until noon Monday-Friday. It is used by those ages 60+.
- Some events they have include guest speakers, music for seniors (April), hands on creativity, movement activities such as chair yoga.
- A tech training program is available, and they have free help every Tuesday morning from 11:00am until noon.
- They help to fund the center through their thrift store; please consider donating clothing and other small items in good condition. The Thrift shop is open during all hours of operation.
- A program calendar for January was distributed.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: sixty people have signed up for 2024 so far.

Treasurer:

- The asset balance was about \$28,000 at the end of 2023.
- **Motion:** Pay IRS (form 990) \$54.99; pay PO Box \$176.00; pay tree lighting supplies \$118; pay \$807.72 for emergency magnets; **motion seconded and passed.**

Advocacy and Zoning:

- A request was submitted for an apartment complex at 39th-40th and Charlotte; they are requesting 240 residential units with a grocery on the first floor. This is zoned as industrial. Councilwoman Gadd held two community meetings in December and is planning an additional virtual meeting. A request will be made to defer the vote until February after the next community meeting. The proposed plan fits within the Charlotte Corridor plan. NDOT is finishing the traffic study. They may consider a dog friendly park, affordable housing/workforce housing. To receive Brenda Gadd's newsletter, sign up at brenda.gadd@nashville.gov.
- Kroger relocation to the Belle Meade Theatre building, including a residence: there is nothing before the Planning Commission in the next 3 months; Historic Preservation wants to see a continued presence of the Marquee.
- The Germantown Café took ownership of the Park Café.
- McCabe's Pub is selling property; the 3 lots they own (lot with restaurant, adjacent parking lot, and parking lot next to Edley's) are zoned as Community Services (CS); and CS is permitted.
- The man who owned Elegance Cleaners passed away. No further details on any changes to this business.

Communications:

- Looking at the next Newsletter over the next few weeks.
- Add your name to the sign-up sheet, with your email address, if you would like to receive emails.

Welcoming Committee: no report

Traffic Calming: Elkins Ave changes will be coming sometime in 2024.

Beautification: no report

Sylvan Park Parent's Group:

- No report

Events:

- SPNA table at the Richland Park Farmers Market is the Saturday before the SPNA meeting; the sign-up sheet is on the table. Tree planting: NTF offering free trees to homeowners, February 17, 2024, they want people to volunteer to put trees onto their own properties. A QR code was available at the meeting and there are more details on the Nashville Tree Foundation website. Trees will be delivered to those who have signed up (27 so far); trees are ~ 6-10 feet tall.
- April 6th is the Richland Creek Run.
- April 13th: SRC Pancake Breakfast

Orders of the Day:

- Ballot for SPNA Steering Committee for 2024 was proposed. A **motion** was made to approve the ballot; **the motion** seconded and passed. 2024 Steering Committee:

Officers:

Jenny Komoll: President

Sarah Mansouri: Vice President

Patricia Lynch: Recording Secretary

Karri Suh: Membership Secretary

David Pierson: Treasurer

At-Large Steering Committee Members:

Robert Chick

David DiPersio

Catherine Hayden

Michael Jacobs

Kate Parrish

Bernard Pickney

Cheryl Pickney

John Summers

Conor Sweetland

Pat Williams

Old Business:

- Four artists submitted proposals, ranging in price from \$1,000-\$23,000; for the Sylvan Park Sign at Charlotte and 46th. The SPNA Steering Committee will review and discuss.
- Mural on Murphy Rd underpass: reached out to CSX consultant; trying to get \$1,000 fee waived. We can likely get approved, and some artists are interested. There will be money available through the Civic Design Center in January; we will need to apply for it. We may try for an arts grant, do a go-fund-me, or sell t-shirts to raise money.
- Emergency contact magnets are available; five hundred were printed; please take some and distribute to SP neighbors.
- Community donations and nominations: a note went out on November 13th to solicit donations and nominations; and reminders continue to go out. Beth Kindig organized food for the Police and Fire departments and delivered on December 18th.
- We have nine nominations for places to allocate funds; this will be discussed at the SPNA Steering Committee Meeting.
- \$2,300 in donations have been received to date.

- David DiPersio has photos and a video of neighborhood events; contact him if you would like a copy. Photos were shared for people to take.

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: February 12th at 7:00 p.m.