

SPNA Meeting Minutes 6/10/2024

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 May SPNA meeting were accepted with no changes.

Guest Speaker: Jason Sprouls, Cumberland River Compact, Topic: Root Nashville Planting Captains

- Goal: plant ½ million trees in Davidson County by 2050
- Campaign to get more trees into yards.
- Need to identify a Captain for our neighborhood; Captain will find homes for fifty trees between June and August. If interested, please contact jason.sprouls@cumberlandrivercompact.org.
- The program is called “Tree Scouts” for churches and businesses.
- Training for Captains is on June 25th from 6-8pm, downtown.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: 180 people have signed up for 2024 so far; thirty-five new through the yard sale.

Treasurer: Reported \$50,000 in the bank (\$20,000 is from the donor who gave us a \$20,000 gift; discussion focused on the mural project). Will look at buying more CDs to get higher interest rates. In May, \$1,300 came in (including \$300 in interest), before donations. **MOTION** to approve expenses of \$1,391.85 for the newsletter (which pays for itself in ads), \$36.28 for the yard sale, and \$20.97 for the 4th of July parade. **Motion seconded and passed.**

Advocacy and Zoning: The Planning Commission Meeting is on Thursday, June 13th; the Steinmart property is on the agenda, but it will likely be deferred until the June 27th meeting.

Communications: The Summer Newsletter just went out; the next newsletter will be in the fall.

Welcoming Committee: no report

Traffic Calming: no report

Parents Club:

- Thirteen children attended the Fire Station visit.
- Met with the crew who will be attending the 4th of July Parade, if they are able.

Beautification:

- Plans are underway for a pollinator garden, near the roundabout, in the fall. This has been approved by Parks and they have seeds.
- The Sylvan Park Sign Committee is meeting on June 13th to review the designs from three people regarding the sign in Richland Park. They are working with Chris Veit. Other signs need to be reviewed at a future time.
- The Nashville Tree Foundation and Metro Water will remove the dying crape myrtles by the roundabout. Trees have been tagged and they will be replaced with something else on the first Saturday in November.
- The Beautification Committee tagged some shrubs to be pulled and they will plant new ones along the medium.

- Ongoing work regarding the murals for the underpass. CSX permission is needed and an application fee of \$1,500 needs to be paid Crouch Engineering, the consultant to CSX. A draft proposal, including information on the two preferred artists, was shared. Audrey will do the design and ask for feedback; Michael has experience with painting, hydraulic lifts, traffic management and other logistics. The overall cost will be about \$50,000. There is \$20,000 from a donor; a possibility of getting a South Arts Grant for \$15,000; the remainder will need to be through fundraising efforts from neighbors and businesses. **MOTION** to pay Audrey \$300 for the initial design work and to pay CSX consultants the \$1,500 application fee. **Motion seconded and passed.** Will consider options to keep the overall prices down, such as volunteers for some of the painting and cutting back shrubs and help from the state with traffic control. A question was raised regarding any responsibility that CSX has to maintain the underpass in good condition. This project will likely happen in 2025.

Events:

- SPNA table at Richland Park Farmers Market monthly, the Saturday before the SPNA meetings, from 9am-noon. Please sign up.
- SPNA Yard Sale (June 15th): forty-three households are registered. A printable map is available at sylvanpark.org. There will be snacks at various stops, yellow balloons on mailboxes, and signs throughout the neighborhood.
- 4th of July Parade: Volunteers from SPNA and the Parents Club. 9-11am in Richland Park.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: July 8th at 7:00 p.m.