

SPNA Meeting Minutes 2/7/2022

The SPNA monthly meeting was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order and a quorum was recognized. SPNA President, Jenny Komoll presided.

Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes from the January SPNA meeting, **Motion seconded and passed.**

Guest Speakers:

- **Councilwoman Kathleen Murphy:**
 - Traffic calming coming up soon For Sylvan Park. Cherokee Park also accepted; looking at where Sloan turns into Cherokee. Question regarding publicity for meeting on February 21st. Kathleen thinks it is just through their listserv.
 - License plate readers, cameras: we are surrounded by the interstate, so it is easy for those who want to cause harm to access our neighborhood. Kathleen is supporting the readers.
 - E-bikes: several months ago, put a moratorium on these on the greenways. This task force is starting back up. Classifications of bikes will be considered, and education and signage.
 - Tree legislation: if you trigger a sidewalk, you will trigger a tree plant; if you cut down a tree you will need to plant one. If you cut down a heritage tree, there will be a huge fee (equal to the cost of cutting down the tree). Trees help retain water which helps with flooding.
 - Flood plain maps being updated. Some homes along the creek will be impacted.
- **John Ray Clemmons:**
 - Gov. signed redistricting maps; Sylvan Park (SP) will be in district fifty-six; Rep Bob Freeman represents this area, where he resides. Most of SP is cut into the seventh congressional district; there is a small nook that will be in the fifth congressional district.
 - Session started; JRC has introduced bills related to mental health, affordable housing, community garden, Holocaust Ed in classrooms, improving performance in the classroom by addressing hunger and sleep. All school meals would be free at all schools. HS start times need to be no earlier than 8:30 a.m. There is evidence-based medicine that these improve outcomes. MMPS has funding from a Fed Gov't grant, but this program has lapsed. There is ample money in the budget from Fed Gov't. We are sitting on 1.55B in rainy day fund. We have 23B in unspent money. We over collected billions of dollars in the fall. Our state has plenty of money for this.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: John reported that there are eighty-six members that have paid 2022 dues, ten added this month.

Advocacy and Zoning: Nothing reported.

Treasurer: See other areas of minutes. **Motion to pay for our PO Box, Seconded and passed.**

Communications:

Website: almost ready, very exciting! New and improved.

Newsletter: working on next issue for spring, input is welcome.

Welcoming Committee: 6 households were welcomed. over the past month.

Traffic Calming: Beth reported on a WebEx on the 21st at 6 p.m. Information is on our website and has been sent out via email. Nebraska and 42nd, 44th, and 37th were included. Attempting to get holistic approach to the neighborhood. Important to attend the meeting so that concerns can be heard and addressed. This could result in speed cushions, stops signs or mini- roundabouts, alternate side parking, narrowing lanes, and/or landscaping forcing slow turns. Need volunteers to print flyers and pass them out to the neighborhood. Question regarding 70% impacted, need more clarification. Need buy-in from those close to the streets that are impacted. John commented that, in the past, the first meeting talks about tools and the process and gauges whether there is majority support. Then will have traffic counters on the street as well as adjacent streets. There may be several rounds before the neighborhood gets to what it thinks is a reasonable solution. They will come with a plan after the first meeting. This process will likely take months before anything is seen on the streets.

Beautification:

- Trees: trying to pursue help to for care on cherry trees. Nashville Tree Foundation may be able to help with pruning. Jennifer, from Metro, will look at inventory regarding trees that need to be replaced. Karri Suh said we may need to do some fundraising in the future.
- RR Overpasses: someone is looking at beautification of these areas.

Sylvan Park Mom's Club: Loralyn Greene reported that Mom's Club is starting back up after break from COVID. In January they donated ~400 books. In February they will be doing a give back to health care workers...treats going to two hospitals. Teaming up with the library who is sending cards to Meharry. Starting up with some events. Many new members recently with new babies. Doing some crafting events. Have a zoo outing planned. Through the Mom's Club FB page, they are doing different topics, soliciting speakers from the community. Trying to create a newsletter. Interested in adding a single page to our website. Would like to have a "little free library" at McCabe. Talking with Metro and with Anthony at the Community Center. Wondering if SPNA would want to join into Mom's Club FB page.

Events:

- Richland Creek Run: April 16th, registration now open. Mike Jacobs would like to celebrate the founding of Sylvan Park with a fun run that goes past historic landmarks. No updates available yet.

New Business:

- **Motion** to elect Sarah Mansouri as a member of the SPNA Steering Committee as VP. Motion **seconded and approved.**

Old Business:

- Raised \$3057 for donations to the organizations that we sponsored in the past. A sheet was included with the agenda regarding the Steering Committee recommendations of how to spend

the donations. **Motion** to approve spending the money, **motion seconded**. Suggested that the Humane Society could be submitted for consideration at a later time. Perhaps have a representative come and speak with us. Sarah volunteered to get a speaker when appropriate. Question regarding the budget. We have a budget that addresses current operating costs and we have had fundraising events that allowed us to collect extra money to support things in the community. Since Covid, we have not had the events, so we did fundraising to provide the support again. **Motion passed**. We may want to identify someone in our membership to be the contact person for each of these organizations. We do not need a vote on our budget planning document, we vote as the money gets spent.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 14th at 7:00 p.m.