

SPNA Meeting Minutes 9/11/2023

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.

Guest Speakers: Sgt. Matthew Valiquette (matthew.valiquette@nashville.gov) and Officer Torian Cox (Torian.cox@nashville.com), Metro Police Dept. West Precinct

- Officer Cox does free home safety assessments.
- Crime in Sylvan Park is mostly car break-ins, car thefts and package thefts; there have been over 1,000 guns stolen from cars in Davidson Co. YTD.
- Advice to avoid having anything visible in the car that someone might want to steal. Recommend Ring Cameras and registering them with the police so that they can have access to the video. Packages can be sent to your office if that is available. Motion lights are good. Don't confront anyone.
- There is typically a big spike in crime around the holidays.

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

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: no report

Treasurer:

- We are where we should be with profit and loss. There was a slight profit from the 2023 Newsletters, from selling ads, and there was a small profit from the yard sale.
- There was a request to look at investing some of the money that is not needed in the short term; a **Motion** was made to invest \$10,000 in an 8-month CD, earning 5% interest, at Regions Bank. **Motion seconded and approved.**

Advocacy and Zoning:

- 4300 Wyoming wants to add a second floor and has requested a variance.
- 135 46th Ave, across from answer. has been torn down and will need to follow current rules in place for building.

Communications: Working on another newsletter, send ideas.

Welcoming Committee: No report

Traffic Calming: no report

Beautification:

- October 7th: SPNA Richland Creek & Greenway Clean-up (new date), partnering with Harpeth Conservancy and the Tennessee Environmental Council.
- Tree planting in Sylvan Park on November 4th, working on location and tree selection. This will be in partnership with the Nashville Tree Foundation.
- Sign-up sheets are out for the creek as well as for the trees.

Sylvan Park Parent's Group:

- A meeting will be held on 9/18 at 7:30 to plan for upcoming events. If interested in participating: shannonbarber.realtor@gmail.com.

- On October 7th, the Parent's Group will join the SPNA Table at the Farmer's Market to share information and they will have a bake sale to raise money for the group.
- On October 21st there will be a family Halloween parade through the Farmer's Market.

Events:

- September 23rd, at 7am, begins the Fall Fundraiser and Silent Auction benefiting the Senior Renaissance Center. Tickets for the pancake breakfast are \$5. Our council person and police will be there.
- There are history talks on the first Wednesday of the month at the Senior Renaissance Center.
- The Richland Creek & Greenway Clean-up is on October 7th. Volunteers are needed for a few hours. Meet at the Lion's Head Trailway. Parks will pick up the trash.
- Tree planting in Sylvan Park is on November 4th. This event is in conjunction with the Nashville Tree Foundation who will be doing the planning, funding, and watering. Trees will likely be planted in sections of 42nd and Murphy Rd (exact locations still being finalized). Help is needed to put the trees into the ground. In early 2024 they want people to volunteer to put trees onto their own properties (trees provided).

New Business:

- **Motion** to approve expenses for the 4th of July Trigg (\$63.55 for decorations) and for Jenny for the yard sale, 4th of July, and for renewal of the SPNA Charitable Status (\$281.07 total). **Motion seconded and approved.**
- Belle Meade United Methodist Church collects food and brings it to the police to distribute to the homeless on the second Wednesday of each month.
- There are a few letters missing on the sign at the corner of 46th and Park, see previous minutes.
- Suggestion to put up a little library for kids on the Greenway, referred to Parks or to Dan May "Friends of McCabe Park".
- Safety: much discussion about the crosswalk in front of Lola and the crosswalks around the roundabout. Suggestions made regarding stop signs, repainting crosswalk signs, signs showing speed, etc. Traffic Calming is taking suggestions now. Jenny will reach out to Beth Dachowski. Repainting suggestions can also go through HUB Nashville.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: October 9th at 7:00 p.m.