

SPNA Meeting Minutes 10/14/24

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 September SPNA meeting were accepted with no changes.

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS AND COMMITTEES:

Membership: New members can sign up for 2025 now and their membership will be good now through 2025.

Treasurer: \$124 of income this month; no expenses. Available assets of \$49,172; have ~\$25,000 at Regions Bank and another \$24,900 in the Neighborhood Improvement Fund. Currently we have \$29,500 to put toward the neighborhood sign; sign will cost ~ \$16,000. CSX wanted additional views of the designs for the mural on Murphy Rd. **Motion** made to spend \$200 for the additional design views; motion seconded and passed.

Advocacy and Zoning:

- Rezoning discussion regarding the property at 5011 Wyoming was deferred until 10/24. The neighborhood has already taken a position. Someone recommended reading the article in The Scene, there was good discussion on both sides of this issue. While all recognize the need for affordable housing, there is also a concern regarding whether developers will charge affordable prices. A suggestion was made to reconsider the SPNA position if the developers come back with a new plan.

Communications: The fall newsletter just went to the printer; work will begin on the winter newsletter.

Welcoming Committee: Meeting soon to put bags together; bags go out about three times/year.

Traffic Calming: The window is now closed for new requests; Park Ave is still in the queue.

Beautification:

Kate Parrish is the new Beautification Commissioner. She has access to daffodil bulbs.

Events:

- A pollinator garden will be planted in November near the roundabout; Kate Parrish is working with Parks and with Brenda Gadd. The Parks Department will provide native mixes. November date TBD.
- SPNA table at Richland Park Farmers Market monthly, the Saturday before the SPNA meetings, from 9am-noon. Please sign up.
 - "Choose How You Move" joint neighborhood association meeting was held on October 10th; Councilwoman Gadd facilitated; there were tables for those supporting and opposing. Handouts are on the table.
- A Richland Creek Cleanup (Greater Nashville Litter Cleanup) will be held on October 19th from 10-12. Please see the signup sheet to volunteer. Kate Parrish is leading this.
- Tree planting in Sylvan Park will be on Saturday, November 2nd. A couple dozen volunteers have signed up so far, we're still looking for more help. The sign-up sheet is on the table.
- Holiday Tree Lighting at roundabout, December 1st, 5pm. Theresa Yarber and Chris Veit will lead; may partner with Edley's. Traffic needs to be considered which limits the type of event.

- Kate Parrish is collaborating with Councilwoman Gadd and NDOT on a paper shredding event.

Old Business:

- Sylvan Park Sign- design complete; permit request underway. Worked with Chris Veit; funding has been set aside; need approval from Parks.
- Murals on Murphy Road underpass:
 - The application was sent to CSX; they liked the design, but it can only be used on the sides; the bridge can be painted in a solid color only; this was a huge win because the neighborhood has been trying to accomplish this for 30 years; awaiting full approval. CSX sent SPNA a 27-page document for review and we need to pay \$1,500 for the application. \$20,000 has been set aside for this project. Grants were applied for and there will need to be additional fundraising.

New Business:

- The library will have a mini book sale on the day of the farmer's market. Books can be brought to the library for their fundraiser.
- The new library: Hadley Park and Green Hills are before Sylvan Park. General Services will tell us when we can start. There will be a 6–9-month discussion phase, then an 18-month development phase. There will be a new building if Parks approves use of the land. The footprint proposed is similar to the Donelson library.
- There is a group of neighbors looking at Richland Park to see how they want it to grow and change. Loralyn Greene would like to create a "friends" group, similar to what they have for McCabe Park.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: November 11th at 7:00 p.m.