

12 South Neighborhood Association Meeting

2/1/2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chris Cotton

Approximately 40-50 people in attendance

Board and Neighbors Introduction

Announcement from representative from Belmont University- Community Day

Belmont.edu/community to get free tickets to a basketball game for next Wednesday 2/10, free dinner at 6pm, make reservations, looking for a large group. Basketball game at 7pm

Give a birthday present to largest group over 125.

Chris- Schedule for the night.

Nathan- Communications guru-

*new members email list, make sure you sign up. Used for communication and updates.

*Website has been hacked and having issues so working on that. Jimmy Miller- Will work on website.

*Working on social media outlets- twitter at 12southnash, create instagram account

Chris- trying to get back assets have a few left to get like FB, mail key

Encourages NextDoor use for communications

Info@12south.org will email whole board

Pete & betty- from district 17, here to connect

In the next few months want to host a community forum about things were excited about/ concerned about to provide questions and answers to what is going on. Will invite councilman coby sledge

Lee- MTA/RTA- In motion, soliciting feedback from neighbors. There are 3 broad plans. Wants to solicit feedback from neighbors. All 3 plans don't have many options for 12 south but other neighborhoods have requested things to include and we can give feedback as a neighborhood.

Plans are not finalized. If we want to have a say, we need to speak up.

*Website called Nmotion.com for plans.

New development in neighborhood- a lot of older larger trees have been removed. Lee is working to put a plan together to have more trees to be planted to serve the neighborhood.

Need volunteers to help plant trees, cant replace the older bigger ones, but plant new ones for the future.

Chris- Introduction - Sgt. Jones

Sgt. Jones- community cord for midtown precinct- educate community as to what is going on and act as a resource for the community

Went to 350 community meetings last year.

*Break-ins on Kirkwood- woman unloading groceries, someone walked into her house and dog chased suspect down the street. Had a bicycle on the porch and may have enticed suspect.

*Neighbors can help with preventative measures

Last 60 days in 12 south-

*18 theft reports

*3 burglaries- most burglaries happen in daytime, more than average.
Crime is up across the city.

A lot of the crimes are crimes of opportunity-

45-50% of cars broken into are because they are left unlocked

*You can call Sgt. Jones and request someone to check on your house while you are out of town. Also let trusted neighbors know to keep an eye on your house.

Call non-emergency number -615-862-8600 if you see anything suspicious

Alerting police helps for future investigations and identify suspects

Jessie- resident on Benton Ave- attempted burglary at her house – alarm was deterrent

Sgt Jones, encourages people to set alarm even when they are home. Dogs are great. Keep your blinds closed. Trim trees away from house. Make sure your door fits the frame. Record all your serial numbers, if no serial numbers, mark it in a specific spot that only you know. Listen to your surroundings.

Detectives have some strong leads on recent break-ins

Crimemapping.com – updates on crime in neighborhood.

Neighborhood watch- Start neighborhood watch teams. Pick director and block captains. Can get signs from Sgt. Jones to put around neighborhood on stop signs and dead end signs.

- Take the time to get to know your neighbors.

When to call the police...suspicious cars or person(s).

Solicitations- legitimate businesses have to go through the county clerks office to be approved to solicit.

Magazines, campaigning- no permit is needed. Can use no trespassing sign in yard.

*No knock list- Metro Clerks Office

HOME TOUR- biggest fundraiser each year

Chris Koch- Need help from the neighborhood, purchase an add for home tour booklet, docents

There's a pre-party Friday night and post party Saturday night if you are a volunteer or docent.

Looking for a few more houses to put on the tour. Trying to get 7-8 houses for home tour, need about 3 more.

Bill Mays- has there been any effort to tie in businesses and get them to sponsor a house, etc.

Kerry- Block captains-

Overlay passed and is 698 homes from Paris to Acklen- there has been requests to extend the overlay areas.

30 block captains involved in overlay- could be a good opportunity to extend the block captain duties to neighborhood watch. Can pair up.

Try to keep the spirit of the overlay and contacting our neighbors through electronic or personal contact.

Chris Cotton- Islamic Center had us over, have been in the neighborhood for 37 years. Have many opportunities to visit their center

Going to meet with businesses soon to see how to be involved with them.

Questions- Sidewalk to be put in near the park? Yes, on Kirkwood, but don't know when.

Pete from district 17-Second Saturday breakfasts, next one will be at Kay-Bob.

Urban Grub- going on year 3 or 4 of sewage drainage on 12th, will be finally fixed

Anne Kreuger- Tabernacle update? None yet, still waiting to hear back

Rashed – more lights in crosswalks? Needs to be addressed with Colby

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm