

March Neighborhood Meeting, 3/7/16

Welcome- Chris, called to order at 6:31pm

Introduction- Board and neighborhood attendees, Nathan absent due to injury

Announcements

*Chris introduced Will Pinkston- Dist 17 school board member

-Will is very active in neighborhood associations with school board, director search...on school board since 2012, running for re-election. Focus is on search for Director of schools. Davidson is 46th largest school district in nation. Seeing extensive growth, \$810 million annual operating budget. Will handed out informational pamphlet. 16 % of school population is ESL, goal is to provide quality education in a growing system.

-Highlighted story in newspaper- Mayor Berry and Mr. Pinkston will be doing telephone town hall 3/15 @ 6:30pm, 615-306-0017, opportunity to register at mnpnext.org.

- Please include name, email and phone number and Will will call you prior to call to. Board will post on NextDoor.

*Introduction of Islamic Center

-Rashed- 4/2 from 11-1:30- Diversity Brunch, open invitation to the community. No cover, food from over 40 countries. 300 people attended last year and they are expecting double this year.

-Also, are updating Islamic Center sign.

-Just added a new imam, from Murfreesboro.

*Sevier Park Fest – Jack Davis manage Sevier Park festival,

-5/6-5/7 fri/sat

-Tix @ sevierparkfest.com, \$25 for Friday night

-On staurday, second stage at halcyon bike shop with vendors in between park and bike shop.

-Friday night entertainment is Blues traveler, Kansas Bible Company, tix are on sale & they are going fast. Will sell out.

-Can support by getting sponsorship packets, event guide they produce, fastest growing festival that they have. Event benefits friends of Sevier Park. Jack's info and email are on the website.

-Bill Mays- Edgehill Rocks- 4/2 from 10am-6pm, 6,000 people last year. Walkable and a lot of fun!

-Ken Winter- Friends of Sevier park- financial support for the park, been around for 4 years. Raise money to do small things to benefit the park, ex: water fountains.

* Colby Sledge- Councilman- District 17

-Conservation overlay- what is permitted and not permitted. Carrying a bill that would follow a demo permit. Creates public record of a permit, if they do not submit affidavit within 30 days the demo permit will be pulled.

-Affordability efforts- bill at end of April supporting affordability efforts, ways to get involved- adhoc affordable committee- meets mon or thurs. Contact Colby if interested. Also contact council and tell them you support affordability efforts.

-TIFF- Reform bill where funds go back to metro instead of MDHS.

-Grimeys/Frothy- asking to be exempt from the 100 ft rule to sell beer, they are within 99 feet of a park.

-Second Saturday meeting, this Saturday 3/11 at Belmont University @ 8:30am in Massey Hall on 4th floor

*Sgt Jones- Donald and Chris C attended Sunnyside meeting two weeks ago. Positive effort to bring both communities together

- Midtown Hills Precinct lobby- has a community mural, representation of what is going on in the community. Residents should stop by and visit.

-Belmont University's art dept is working on a mural as well. Art project has been made a part of their curriculum.

-Community crime report on table.

-Yellow Dot- TDOT program designed to help first responders with critical info. Put yellow dot on the back of your car and envelope in glove box with important personal information. Helps first responders know about you in a timely manner. Free program.

-Handed out cards.

Approval of minutes- Chris motioned, Lee and Kerry seconded, all in favor.

Board Business

Old business-

Block captains- Kerry's computer broke and will have print outs next week.

-Neighborhood watch and help - communicating with neighbors effectively, personally, email, social media, etc.

-Have some captains, but will need more and will be requesting. Could be more than one person on a block to help tackle all the homes. Keep momentum going.

-Ken Winters- will send Kerry a list of all the names he has

*Home Tour-Lauren Reese – 12th annual tour, Still need homes, looking for sponsors, as well as volunteers. Approaching new home builders, mixing up old and new.

-Chris Koch- would love to have mostly old homes restored but there aren't many left that haven't already been on the tour. We would like to add 2-3 more homes to the tour.

*Bill Mays- To Councilman Sledge, could we possibly get more trashcans on 12th?

-Ken Winters- Picked homes for the home tour in mid 2000's, had to twist a lot of arms, but afterwards everyone said they loved it. People come from all over the city and outside of Nashville. Look at your blocks and look at the homes you like and go ask them. It's our sole moneymaker.

-Christ Cotton- if you know of someone you can email board and we will help facilitate.

New Business-

*501-c3 status was revoked-

-prior board never filed paperwork with the state.

-Current board paid \$70 fine to reinstate.

-Found out between February's meeting and this months meeting.

-In order to maintain status we have to file appropriate articles.

*Motion to pay fee-Lee – Daina second, all approve.

Nothing has been filed with the IRS since 2013, so we will have to file for the past 2 years to maintain federal nonprofit status. Will probably need to hire a tax accountant. Have financial records going back to 2013. New board has inherited current situation and is working to fix it.

We also were not given keys to the mailbox, Chris Koch had to get new keys made. Mail from over a year ago. Over a years worth of liability insurance in mailbox, as of Oct 2015, had been turned over to collections. We will have to pay \$1500 in back insurance. We have about \$10,00 in the bank account and will have to take about 12% of our money to pay for all of the back bills.

-Todd- expenses for 2013-2014 should not belong to the board, patrons at play may owe some of that.

-Donald- how did it mix with PAP? Will Smallman

*Motion to hire tax accountant-Donald, Lee second, all in favor.

-Lorre- Is the last board liable?

Chris C- Yes, legally speaking you have a fiduciary duty to the 501-c3, you (board) become liable. Liability insurance covers people from being liable, but we do not have that anymore.

-Rashed- is process in place for next board? Will have processes and procedures.

-Ken- treasurer from previous board had help from a CPA

*Motion to determine how much is owed- all in favor

*Motion to get new insurance- all in favor

Communication report- Lee

*Hoping to be able to utilize block captains to communicate with people who don't use electronic media. We now control FB page, twitter, set up instagram, managed by organization not individuals.

-Nathan has done a fantastic job of updating all our technology.

Beautification- Donald

Will finally get to move into his home in 12south. Would really like to get community engagement initiatives going. We do not want to replace Sunnyside, we want to work together with other communities and demographics. Looking for volunteers who want to get involved and get neighbors who might not be engaged, more engaged. Email him and we will set up adhoc meetings.

Misc. Items

*Sunnyside organization- Same geographic overlay as 12 South. Bobby Johnson, head of Sunnyside. Meet last Monday of every month at 6:30pm.

*Our membership is not mandatory, do not have to pay.

*Lorre- should have an info booth at Sevier park fest to include 12 south NA, Sunnyside NA, and district 17. Community info booth.

*Bill Mays- booth at the farmers market as well?

*Lee- Beautification/gardening- pushing to get more trees for the neighborhood. Big old tree contest. Possible legislation to protect old trees in Nashville.

*Lee-Possibly planting 100 saplings on earth day this year.

*Chris K- planting maintenance- prior board had maintenance on 12 south sign island. Have an outstanding invoice for work done in the fall from Bryan landscaping. Do we continue to pay for that service? Will discuss at April meeting.

-Motion to pay outstanding bill- Chris, second lee- all in favor.

April Meeting

*Mr. Ross will bring microphone for next meeting

*MTA at next meeting

*Bryan Landscaping

Motion to adjourn-Daina, Chris second, all in favor.

Meeting closed at 7:52pm