

12 South NA July Meeting

7/11/16

Called to order at 6:35pm by Chris Cotton

Sgt Jones Update –

Appreciates the active community in 12 South and encourages other neighborhoods to be active.

Crime wise- has been pretty low except for a few incidents but all vehicles were unlocked. So lock your doors!

-Also make sure lawn equipment is secure

-Info is at the back of the room for basic security

-Any questions

Minutes approved

Farmers Market – 12 SNA will be at the farmers market tomorrow, so come visit!

Neighborhood block captain program-

Have a few people signed up and now would be a great time to sign up

Putting together a night of training for neighborhood watch program. Great way to keep neighborhood connected and safe.

Sign up through the website.

Financial report

No withdrawals and no deposits

Taking ideas for how money should be spent?

New business –

Representative from NES –

Brownouts and tree trimming

Laura Smith – NES- works closely with Metro

Alerted by Colby to outages in 12 South neighborhood. Committed to solving the problems with outages. Have a 5 member board appointed by mayor. Irma lives in neighborhood and serves on the board. Rashed – also involved with NES as a representative.

VP of system operations, Jack Baxter –

Electricity 101-

Frequent outages- why? System is designed to do that, but not at our frequency. 12 South is experiencing more than usual, NES is aware.

6 primary circuits at numerous substations- serves over 2600 people in 12 South.

Without specific names and addresses NES did not know where outages were and hard to investigate. Got a list of names and addresses and investigated. Sent operator out and he found many of the outages were being caused by trees.

Early may power tripped again and found more spots-

Trim every 4 years. We are at the end of our 4 year cycle.

Another independent investigation was done as well.

Independent engineering investigations going on as well- put in new settings in so it wasn't so sensitive, but the new settings wouldn't take

Nov- April- 12 individual outages due to squirrels

Devices seem to be too sensitive for some reason.

What they have done to help is tree-trimming, replace faulty line closing control which has been replaced on 7/6. Only had one outage due to lightning strike during storm. They think they have been able to fix the problem and will continue to monitor.

Lee- Address brownouts- are they related or different? They are a different problem. Is unique to how NES system was built.

234-0000- power outage reporting number- When power goes out, please call the number to report. Brownouts and power outages are not recorded unless people call.

Any current solution for brown out? No it's a system design, 1/3 of system is built that way.

Lorre- Doesn't make sense that squirrels are causing brownouts and power outages, believes it is due to infrastructure. We pay taxes and deserve good service. Who is cutting tree and why?

A few years ago Nashville ranked as the worst out of 110... started tree-trimming service to help with issues. Have adapted International Arborist Tree-Trimming standards and guidelines. Brought on arborists to properly trim trees. There are specific guidelines for each species.

If you have a unique requirement for your tree, an NES arborist will meet with you.

Have 4 different tree trimming contractors- certified to work around high voltage power lines. Trimmers can make mistakes, but they take trimming seriously

Is there a path to follow if there is complaint?

Vegetation management hotline- 7:30am-3:30pm

On the NEW power website there is a place to enter information

Tried to beef up communication on vegetation mgmt.

Donald- appreciate NES coming out , maybe if there had been some communication about the tree trimming process before it was time to start tree-trimming cycle.

Get proposals from different contractors and vendors for tree trimming-

Chris- NES possibly needs to vet contractors better and communicate better with Neighborhood Association to let residents know.

When experiencing a brownout, turn the main breaker off. Call NES to report it and you will get a phone call when it has been restored.

Newsletter topic/website- chart and list of who to contact for what

Neighborhood leadership breakfast – talked about traffic and parking

There is a traffic-calming program that we will participate in. Want to get more feedback from residents on those issues. Will hear more about it soon.

Condition of alleyways- trash and accessibility, how to tackle the issue? Does it fall on public works? Should we organize a neighborhood clean up day?

Ken Winter- Keep lids shut on garbage cans to avoid standing water and spread of mosquitos and disease.

Metro planning will lead us through the next phase of planning in our area, so please participate when it comes up.

Mr. Brown- Crew working on Sunday morning, cannot be working unless they have a permit. He called the police who made them leave. They are not allowed to work on Sundays!

Terry from Edgehill Bike Club Bike ride- ride bikes from operation stand down to sevier park- Anyone who wants to get involved please contact Lee

Colby-

- 1) Budget- is done...paving and sidewalks, one of the first upgale lane between lealand and craig...Vaulx is on the list of top 5 for sidewalks. 11th is about 60% designed0has asked about the retaining wall façade. Will not be done this summer.
- 2) Short term rentals- plan on having a community meeting to talk about a bill for short term rentals. Concern for number of
200 short term rentals in our area that has a permit.

Google fiber?

Coming in our direction, but still no idea on timeline