

February 2017 Minutes

Donald called meeting to order at 6:31pm

Approval of the minutes

Nathan - Update on project on 10th Ave.

*Stormwater improvement project, about a 10 month total project. Letters went out in the mail today. Meeting for it on 2/22 at midtown police precinct @ 6:30pm.

-Donald- project out for bid and has been delayed but are still working on it

*Traffic calming committee- with 10th being torn up eventually it gives the neighborhood an opportunity to have a say in how it will be designed after the stormwater project.

*Home Tour Update- May 20th-Box is the main sponsor for home tour. Once they open there will be gift certificates and a ticket to the home tour.

*Gathering houses now-

Is there a website to email ideas on home tour? Yes, Hometour@12south.com, info@12south.org

*Neighborhood sign-Hit a few weeks ago. Nathan, Chris, & Donald assessed damage and think that it can be repaired. Going to call the metalsmith who made the sign to fix it. Don't know who hit the sign. The sign is metro property so our insurance won't cover the damage.

-Is there liability for the neighborhood association?

-How can we get the sign back without it being hit again?

*Possibly have signs like Edgehill? If things get too expensive

Ken- City did not want the association to do the sign in the first place. Carol Ashworth negotiated with the city to get the island and sign.

Donald- investigating traffic triangles and making them more pedestrian friendly. Concern is ongoing maintenance and safety. Trying to come up with some best practices for ideas.

*Property taxes - NOAH- concerned with home affordability and how the tax increase will affect it in the city

Meeting on 2/16 @- trying to bring people from every church and neighborhood assoc in the city to talk about recourse for the tax situation. Will post the meeting on website and social media.

-Sandra Lee-Have to appeal before its time to pay taxes. Have to call and get an appointment. Then find comparable houses and submit it.

There is a way to calculate it online- will post it to the board. The average is about 35%.

Over 55 initiatives? Yes and will be discussed at the church meeting.

Newsletter- David- Want to find a way to disseminate news to people who are not online.

-Ran the numbers and it is expensive so we are looking for ideas to supplement the cost. Advertising?

Ken- Has a list of about 25 people who would be willing to deliver the newsletter. Block captains- Have had some difficulty getting it off the ground. Block captains would be responsible for getting information out to the people who does utilize email or social media. Also, communicates back about what's happening on their block.

Ken- Sevier park fest- first weekend in May- Friday night is a big concert, Saturday is free- lots of vendors, food, and music. Run by friends of Sevier Park and proceeds go to do things in the park. Will need volunteers eventually

Colby-

*Meeting updates-

-2nd Saturday disct 17 meeting this week @ 8:30-10am-Stem prep on foster ave historic zoning, overviews on different overlays.

-Rescheduled Water meeting for 10th- 2/22 @ 6:30pm at the midtown precinct

*Short term rentals- Thursday host companies will be trying to roll out legislation on a state level. (Air BnB). Only has to do with non-owner occupied units. 3 bills up for first reading.

*Has been talking with historic about putting in the request for the carriage house at sevier.

*Hillview Heights and Inverness vote tomorrow will be deferred until next month. Saturdays meeting will help educate and address questions

* What committees Colby is on- planning/zoning & historical, affordable housing adhoc committee. Hope to pass next round of Barnes funding. Also serves on parks & rec committee & health & hospitals committee, Metro housing commission, & appointee for public records commission.

*WB budget- will it be in the capital budget? Budget is in June. Keep in touch with the school board and council members to keep it in.

Group introductions