

March 2017 Meeting

Called to order at 6:31pm by Chris Cotton
Introduced everyone and what street they live on
Approval of minutes- all in favor.

Sgt. Jones will be here soon for the local police report
Colby could not be here tonight due to a conflicting meeting.

Rashed- 3rd annual diversity brunch- had 1,000 people last year. Very popular event -
4/1 from 11am-2pm
Food from 40 countries. There is no fee for it, but you can donate if you would like
and they will pick a few organizations to donate to.

Nashville Rise- work on educational issues in Davidson Co.

- Allison from Nashville Rise- parent advocacy org- informing and empowering parents about educational options. Any school, private, charter, zoned etc. Created to provide access to parents for quality education.

- Ariba- Provide learning opportunities for parents who want to be more engaged in their child's education.

*12 South Home Tour-

- Donald is the liaison this year

BOX is title sponsor and they are now open. They are offering instagift cards if you buy \$100 gift cert. you will get a free ticket to the home tour. \$10,000 in sponsorships this year- most ever!

- Anyone interested in being on the home tour please let Donald know. We are looking for 2-3 more houses

- Will be on May 20th instead of April.**

- 12southhometour.com will be active tomorrow morning. You can sign up to be a docent. You get a free t-shirt. To be a docent you will assist the homeowner with ushering people in and out of the property. It's a 4 hours shift and there is a free party the night after the home tour. Its' our main fundraiser and always very popular.

*Nashville Tree Task Force- encouraging different groups to plant more trees. Carol Ashworth is point person in our area but could not be here tonight. The groups will work with the board and they would also deal with codes and builders to make sure that trees are planted when they are torn down.

- If you are interested in joining, please sign up in the back and you will be added to the task force. Want to start contributing to the tree canopy.

*Sgt. Jones- Update

*One of the biggest hot topics - traffic/speeding on 10th.

- Incident that happened in WeHo- cannot discuss too many of the details because the investigation is ongoing.

- 7 handguns stolen out of unlocked vehicles

-Make sure to lock the doors to your home! Close your garage. Please be more vigilant

-Get off the phone, be aware of your surroundings. Watch out for your neighbor. It could happen anywhere so be more proactive and vigilant.

-Lock your bedroom door.

*Question from attendee- distracted drivers- people are scared to walk on the sidewalk.

-Kerry- trying to push the case that 10th is residential and not commercial and should not be considered a cut through.

-Neighbor- South Douglas is used as a cut through and is dangerous.

-Neighbor- is there a place that isn't a cut through?

Sgt. Jones- can't put speed bumps up because of delivery trucks.

*Possibly get a group of people to stand out with signs. Other communities are doing it and it seems to work. Could get the media involved and partner with the police.

-Police are following up on every single lead that has been coming in on the murder in WeHo

Traffic Calming Task Force—

For the past 6-8 months a group has been meeting in anticipation of the 10th Ave. water project that is coming up. Will tear up 10th Ave. and we have the opportunity to add some traffic calming measures on 10th. Met with public works and water dept. Plan is to get a list of wants and send it to Colby and set up a meeting with the task force and public works and water dept.

*The map of the construction will be on metro waters site. There are many ideas of what people want, but we need to narrow down to the most attainable.

-Bulb outs with lined parking spots, which helps narrow the road

-Tree canopy down 10th, not big trees, maybe some smaller ones

-Lowering speed limit

-Lighted raised crosswalks- about \$6,000 each- could be something that

WB PTO, the board, or businesses sponsor one. Ideally 3 would be great

-Belmont NA has been working on getting traffic circles. They have been fighting for 3 years to do and are doing a test run on 4/1.

-Traffic circles -would hope for 3 down 10th.

-Stop signs

-Bike lanes

-We have Colby's support, but if anyone has any other ideas

Project will start next week and take about a year and a half. Go to Metro Nashville Water's website for more info. Can actually reach out to the project manager and they are pretty responsive.

Chris- it will really benefit the neighborhood, just will be a pain in the short term.

*Need to get something to Colby next week.

*Could possibly do a petition if needed

-Question- 12 South crosswalks? 12th needs major upgrade, but we're doing 10th now because its' getting torn up.

-Chris- This is one of the most important issues we can tackle this year

-Rashed- possible to make 12 South more pedestrian friendly with lights and signs? Or possibly make it pedestrian/bike only? Many people are in favor but will still need more feedback.

*Chris- We submit to Colby and Colby takes it to public works then we all have a meeting.

We have the opportunity for 10th now and 12th could be a possibility in the future.

-What about the distraction with the phones?

Sgt. Jones- they don't only focus on speeding, they are look at distracted drivers.

Do we have the power as a community to make it a no texting community? Something needs to be done- Its already a state law -no distracted driving

*Chris- traffic calming planning process- anytime you narrow the street you cause people to slow down. Its an entire neighborhood issue. Anyone is welcome to join task force

David- Need more trees- NA every fall and spring there is a tree planting initiative. There is a small fee so that you are invested. You will get the tree, maple or oak, and the materials needed to keep it alive- its' about \$35. Also need help planting the trees. Trees are 10-15 ft high when planted. Email info@12South.org

There's info on the website.

Tax assessor info-

*Tax assessor's website- need to go on and make sure the info is correct. Much of it is incorrect. Will affect everyone.

*NOAH is offering a lot of workshops over the next 3 weeks for people who are concerned and want to know more about the programs that are available to them. Colby sent out newsletters to people's homes with meeting dates and times.

-If you know of a neighbor who could benefit for these programs, please let them know.

-Will also try to have block captains distribute

*Sign update- was hit a few months back- Donald has email out to find out what repairs would cost.

-Do we want to put it back or do something different?

-Metro is not in favor of it being there so we are trying to come up with a solution.

-It is an expensive undertaking, but we are trying to figure it out.

Open floor to neighbors-

Bill Mays- Any update on parking situation?

-Signs have been removed and now there is further discussion on residential parking permits, but we do not have any further information. That would be a question for Colby. But if he does not inform us, we do not know. We will keep asking Colby about it, but we can only share what we know.

-Anymore commercial coming to 10th?

*Should not be anymore.

-Parking around 12th and Montrose? Not that we know of- Ongoing conversation that we will have to have as a neighborhood is about the UDO. Not on the table currently,

but could come back up and it would be more stringent guidelines for businesses/
parking/design.

*There could be a lot of upcoming developments on the 18th district side of 12
Ave. S.

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm