

Mountainbrook Annual Civic Meeting Minutes: January 2020

Meeting Date: January 26, 2020 – Hampton Inn Southpark 7pm
Led by Vince Zito & Dan Knezevic – 2019/20 Civic Presidents

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm

2. Approve 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motions made to approve, all in favor and minutes approved.

3. Introduce & Vote on 2020 Board

Vince introduced 2019 board members. Vince then mentioned the board member rolling off for 2020: Jen Ruiz. Kelly Blandford and Bill Helman are not present, all other board members are.

We have two candidates that have expressed interest in the Social Chair, any other candidates may come forward. Final vote will be made during our February 2020 board meeting.

4. Safety – Community Police Officers: Brian Sudamack, Beth Jackson

Officer Beth Jackson spoke that our neighborhood's biggest issue is vehicle break-ins. We had six this year, and all of them were unlocked cars. Please reduce crime and lock your car doors!

Speeding is an issue in our neighborhood. Please slow down and pay attention. Majority of those speeding live here.

Take responsibility for your property. Don't buy from solicitors. If they don't go away, call 911. It is suggested to get your packages off the porch as soon as possible. Reach out to your neighbors for help when traveling.

Nextdoor - don't believe everything on there. Don't report crimes on there, please report them by calling 911. Report suspicious behavior to the police as soon as possible. Please be careful what you put out there on social media.

Question: How hard is it to get a stop sign? Per Elizabeth MacGregor, who has worked a lot on this, we need statics for it, need to go through CDOT. The standards have also been lowered so we may have a better chance now. Need to take it on as a project. Kim Mulligan is interested in taking this on. The Civic Association supports Kim's efforts.

5. SPAN

Rob Aulebach, a SPAN board member provided an update. SPAN is made up of 4,000 homeowners and 33 neighborhoods.

The Loop, a \$10MM bond, for walkability in Southpark. The City hired a consultant to conduct a capital campaign feasibility study. Loop segments to be built include: Phillips Place, The Barclay, Apex, The Colony and Carnegie. Symphony Park has hired a consultant to determine better program/use for the space.

Sharon Road Safety Committee working to make the intersection and the street way safer. Good chance of getting another street light (probably Sulkirk Road/Sharon Road). Sharon Towers is working to improve the Sharon View/Sharon Road intersection. Sharon Towers is paying for a larger portion to improve it.

6310 Fairview Rezoning proposed where the Fifth/3rd bank will be 15 floor residential apartment building. The rezoning is in process today. Next door to this is land owned by Novant and it has been very quiet on how it plans to use the land. Medical buildings produce a lot of traffic, apartment buildings not so much.

2901 Coltsgate Road Rezoning is currently a ReMax building. Trying to change from business to MUD building. Currently 2 – 3 stories, but has been

proposed as a six story with 5 story parking deck. City would like to put some restrictions on it.

Backlot Trail is how we would best get from here to Park Road Park. Reduce cost by eliminating sidewalks and get input from NC trail for better engineering.

Question – do we know who bought the property for sale on Sharon View Road. The property that backs up to Sharon Woods is under contract but the homes across the street have not. SPAN has not learned who is under contract and what will be built. When we do find out, we need to implore they put in a curb and better drainage.

Bike lanes on Colony will be making improvements. Publix is going in where the Colony is currently, its part of the remodel.

6. Anne Heinig Park

Norm Cook spoke on behalf of Tom Dukes, President. The Board understands its responsibility to supporting the Park. Its in a very good financial position than in previous years. There are some challenges and opportunities moving forward, nothing new. They are primarily regarding trash and vandalism, and the Board is actively working to determine how best to reduce and improve these. The pool construction contributes to some of this. Several residents have approached the kids playing basketball, hopefully we can get something more permanent. Please take care of our space! Until there is a new gate, which will fix after the pool construction concludes, it should improve. Y Guys did the Gaga Pit. One tree on the playground needs to come down, lots of tree limbs to be cut. Volleyball poles need to be put into the ground, the field goal will come down. Another expense will be landscaping and beautification for the park to be more cohesive with the pool. Tree and landscaping, and some swings will take up much of the budget this year. The strip of land from the pool sale will be financed \$5K over three year. The board only has \$2K a year in fixed costs. Should have \$8K a year in income to bring the park up to date over the next three years. Neighborhood involvement has been very sincere.

Dedication to Frank Barnes will be completed this Spring.

7. 2019 Accomplishments, Income & Spending

2019 Year in Review: Spring/Fall Progressive Dinners, Easter Egg Hunt, Cinco De Mayo Party, Yard Sale, Mac & Cheese Contest, holiday decorations/luminaries/caroling, monthly newsletter, tree banding, composting pilot. Cancelled events Halloween Parade and Pizza Party and Fall Picnic due to weather.

Saved dollars from weather-related cancelled events will help fund the April 25th Spring event, which will include a band, a magician, catered and Open House at the Club and family camp out.

We had another healthy year mainly due to Camille who has the biggest line item, landscaping We exceeded our dues goal of 107% YOY.

We did not spend the allocated funds on the gas lights this year, therefore, our cash balance looks very healthy.

8. 2020 Budget & Goals

2020 Goals:

- Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fling, Neighborhood Yard Sale, Spring/Fall Progressive Dinners, Chili and Mac & Cheese Cook-off, Fall Party at the Park & Luminaries and Caroling
- Improved landscaping at the main entrance to Mountainbrook
- Coordination with Pool/Park activities
- Continued monthly newsletter

2020 budget:

- \$5,000 primarily budget now for the front entrance
- Increased budgets for the main spring and fall events

Note that Jen Ruiz is moving off of the Board as social chair. We are still open to candidates. Acknowledgements were made about her tenure and accomplishments throughout her years.

Question: the gas lanterns are awesome, are we going to keep them? They all work and new parts need to be ordered for the old lamp still under Bill Helman's house.

9. Membership / Raffle Prizes

Have 58 households that have paid 2020 Civic Association dues. We would like to have 100% membership participation.

A dedication was made to Jen. She has moved over to the Club Board and she's also on the Park Board.

We raffled 1 bottle of wine, a gift card to Legion and a gift card to Bricktops.