

SPENA Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Rybarski residence, 1935 W. Colorado Boulevard, Dallas TX
Monday, April 15, 2024, 7:00 pm



(* = Absent)

Board Members		Committee Chairs	
Nathan Cox, President		Lindsey Patterson, Social	*Joe Rybarski, NOCUPP
Jessica Faulks, Vice-President		Saul Reyes, Beautification & Parks	Mike McVey, Heritage Oak Cliff
Larry Worden, Treasurer		*Peggy Shipp, Welcome Ambassador	Joanna Robben, Greenspace
Mary Calvo, Secretary		Kenda North, Communications	Jim Barnes, Historian
Carol Rybarski, Past-President		Hannah Coxon, Social Media	
Agenda Topics			Presenter(s)
Call to order and previous month meeting minutes approval			Nathan Cox
Treasury report (see attached for full report) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still down from last year 			Larry Worden
Neighborhood events updates/assistance needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Block Party</i>: 5/4/24 from 11:00 – 2:00 (food 12-1:30 or till it's gone!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flyers completed and printed ready for distribution Send communication flyer to Kenda by April 22 in JPEG or PDF and print 225 (Kenda, Lindsay, Jessica) Oak Cliff Printing Board members plan to arrive at 10:30 am to help set up tables, drinks, chairs, etc. Hannah and Carol will bring ice chests Carol will bring leftover water from Mardi Gras parade Carol will bring large trash bins Saul will bring trash bags leftover from Park Clean-up Cross-Buck confirmed to cater Board will sell tickets and caterers will collect Musical entertainment secured for \$450; Kenda will also bring tip jar Bounce House secured Bead station secured Joanna will bring road barriers 			Nathan Cox
Heritage Oak Cliff (HOC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on grant application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to submit for 2024 is 05/5/24 Group suggested funding for movie night in the park and SPENA street lamp painting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saul/Larry will follow up on street lights (this will likely need to be submitted for 2025, as there are limited funds to pre-pay for this) Mike will follow up on movie night costs (e.g., screen, etc.) Hannah can provide projector for movie night 			Nathan Cox, Mike McVey

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Email/Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed what to/not to include in SPENA newsletter. Board agreed contents should not involve any political references, opinions. Content regarding elections should focus on providing information on voting locations to encourage people to vote. We also agreed to acknowledge people who are contributing ideas and recommendations (e.g., Yoga in the Park Michele Touchet, etc.) 		Nathan Cox
Annual Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 20th at 6:30- 8:00 Stevens Park Golf Course Nathan confirmed that Chad will attend with Chad's office re: his attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics requested for Chad to address include how to use the 311 systems for improvements, roundtable discussions regarding Fort Worth Avenue (Mirmar, Sprouts), status of Central Market Kenda will reach out to Ben Mackey, School Board Representative, to also attend 		Nathan Cox
Greenspace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Hour 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Golf Course 		Joanna Robben
Action Items	Assigned to	Status
Research repainting street lights for potential HOC grant funding	Saul Reyes, Larry Worden	WIP
Research movie night costs (e.g., screen, etc.) for potential HOC grant funding	Mike McVey	WIP
Contact Ben Mackey to attend Annual Business Meeting	Kenda North	WIP
Rounding with SPENA residents to promote membership	Saul Reyes	WIP
Send highlights to include in Member Marketing Flyer to Hannah Coxon	Saul Reyes	WIP
Draft Membership Marketing Flyer for Board review	Hannah Coxon	WIP
Get price quotes for Iris bulbs and discuss use (e.g., welcome baskets, selling on Earth Day, etc.); Need input from Peggy when she needs for baskets	Saul Reyes, Kenda North, Peggy Shipp	WIP can order if we want
Assign Board Members to distribute Block Party Flyers	Carol Rybarski/Larry Worden	WIP

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Mock-up up a new social media page on the existing FB site to present to Board for review	Hannah Coxon	WIP – Initial contact made with former FaceBook page owner
Investigate how to engage with Annie L Stevens Trust (managed by Foundations Dallas) as a potential funding resource for SPENA opportunities.	Saul Reyes, Carol Rybarski, Jim Barnes	WIP Trust designed for the needy adults and children; Saul tap into Kendra if she needs to escalate

Decisions	Made by	Date
None		

Next Meeting
Next meeting: Annual Business Meeting, April 20, 2024, 6:30 pm, Stevens Park Golf Course, 1005 N. Montclair Avenue, Dallas, TX

Meeting minutes taken by Mary Calvo