

SPENA Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Rybarski residence, 1935 W. Colorado Boulevard, Dallas TX
Monday, August 19, 2024, 6:30 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)
2024 June Board Meeting Approval (Approvals made on-line prior to meeting)			Mary Calvo
Open Action Items Review (see action items section below for details)			Mary Calvo
Treasury Report (see attached report for details) Added one new member over last month; down in total members by 1 member in comparison to 2023.			Nathan Cox
SPENA Website The SPENA website has been retired as is currently down. Nathan and Kenda are working to understand next steps in addressing the issues. They are working with a former resident who's email is tied to the current site to make some progress. As best practice moving forward, we will ensure that individuals' emails are not tied to our digital sites (Web pages, FaceBook, Instagram, etc.). Rather we will set up organizational email addresses with a designated owner. There is an email address that Nathan formerly set up for SPENA (spena75208@gmail.com) that will ultimately be tied to the Web Site once it is back up and running.			Nathan Cox, Kenda North
1950 Fort Worth Avenue Update (The Miramar) Nathan addressed the email that he sent to the SPENA Board to review (see attached) regarding the development activities and SPENA representation. As a reminder, St. Jude was chosen by the City of Dallas to complete permanent supportive housing (PSH) units for ex-homless individuals who sign leases and receive intensive casework so that the root problems of homeless can be mitigated for people to live productively and independently. Nathan officially responded back to Dallas City Council stating that the SPENA Board is open to being involved. Nathan will attend an upcoming meeting scheduled on August 29, 2024 and report back. He encourages other SPENA Board Members to attend where possible.			Nathan Cox
Heritage Oak Cliff grant request status Since all of the requests have been approved (see list below), the Board now needs to begin planning and communications around the activities. Kenda and Hannah will work closely with Mike on communications updates via Newsletter and Social Media. 1) Historic lamp post updates – Vendors identified for quotes. Board voted on Black as the paint color. Joanna Robben will follow up with Greenspace for 2 lamp posts that border Stevens Park and West Kessler as to whether Greenspace will contribute to the funding for the painting. 2) Annual Block Party - Date TBD in May of 2025.			Mike McVey, Kenda North, Hannah Coxon

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3) Movie night at Annie Stevens Park – Will target holding in Spring of 2025, likely early April.			
Dallas Grant Foundation Kenda reported that the grant for privet removal and a paved loop around Annie Stevens Park was submitted on August 5, 2024 and will be reviewed by the end of the first week of September 2024 for approval disposition. If approved, SPENA must submit a formal application by September 23, 2024 to The Dallas Foundation.			Kenda North
Park Committees In the June 2024 SPENA Board Meeting, the SPENA Board voted on forming 2 Park sub-committees: 1) Playground, 2) Infrastructure. Saul is heading up both Committees for the bonds and needs assistance from other Members to assist with playground equipment, etc. Jessica Faulks stated that she will engage with Saul to understand next steps and to assist with getting support as needed.			Jessica Faulks
History Spot Jim shared the the history of the golf course (see attached). Jim also shared that this will be the last history spot for SPENA newsletters. He announced that he will be stepping away from his role on the SPENA Board as well to participate in other opportunities. In light of this change, Kenda will be taking the lead of posting a series of past history spots. Hannah will reflect these history spots on Social Media sites as well. The SPENA board reflected their appreciation to Jim for all of his hard work over the years to share our deep history with the SPENA community. He will be missed.			Jim Barnes
Annie Stevens Park parking rezoning from Oak Cliff Blvd to Laurette Saul Reyes is getting final signatures from Laurette residents to allow for parking on the non-resident side of the street. Once this is completed, we will plan for signage indicating new parking area.			Kenda North
Other updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Neighbor Brunch - Will be held at Carol Rybarski's house (1935 Colorado Blvd.). Boarded voted on October 27, 2024 as date. • Newcomer Baskets – Peggy reported delivery that all new residents over the last year have received Gift Baskets. Mary suggested that we include Steve Habgood as a new SPENA resident, who relocated from East Kessler. • Social Media - Working on Suggestion Box for digital spaces; Hannah will need assistance on Membership Marketing Flyer due to job and time constraints. 			Carol Rybarski, Peggy Shipp Hannah Coxon
Action Items	Assigned to	Status	
Get with Lindsey Patterson regarding membership campaign strategy on social media pages.	Hannah Coxon	Not Started	
Inquire what opportunities we have for Greenspace improvements for Annie Stevens Park via Joanna Robben & Deavon Moore.	Kenda North	Not Started	
Creat Suggestion Box on FaceBook page for park enhancements, etc.	Hannah Coxon	Not Started	
Send North Oak Cliff book information to Hannah Coxon.	Kenda North	Not Started	

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Schedule date for 2025 Block Party	Lindsey Patterson	Not Started
Schedule date for Movie Night	Lindsey Patterson	Not Started
Send communications out to new residents regarding 10/27/2024 New Member Brunch	Carol Rybarski, Peggy Shipp	Not Started
Check email addresses affiliated with social media sites	Hannah Coxon	Not Started
Provide updates on Miramar transition	Nathan Cox	WIP
Arrange painting of street lamps	Mike McVey	WIP
Understand options on reactivating SPENA Web Site	Kenda North, Nathan Cox	WIP
Provide updates on Dallas Grant Foundation submittals	Kenda North	WIP
Reach out to Jessica Faulks to help with soliciting participation from others to assist with playground equipment, etc.	Saul Reyes	WIP (Jessica now involved)
Get yearly pricing for Triangle lawn maintenance.	Saul Reyes	WIP
Get with Chad West regarding rezoning Annie Stevens visitor parking rezoning to Laurette.	Saul Reyes	WIP (awaiting petition signatures)
Round 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
Ensure new residents have gotten newcomer baskets. Get with Saul Reyes on getting Iris plants for new member baskets.	Peggy Shipp	Complete
Research repainting street lights for potential HOC grant funding.	Saul Reyes, Larry Worden, Mike McVey	Complete
Research movie night costs (e.g., screen, etc.) for potential HOC grant funding.	Jessica Faulks	Complete
Research funding annual SPENA Block Party with HOC grant funding.	Mike McVey	Complete
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, Peggy Shipp	Complete
Apply for Dallas Grant funding opportunities.	Kenda North	Complete

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Decisions	Made by	Date
SPENA Board will be actively involved with CHI of Dallas regarding 1950 Fort Worth Avenue transition	SPENA Board	8/19/2024
Light post painting will commence and be painted black	SPENA Board	8/19/2024
Digital sites will be tied to group emails vs. individual emails	SPENA Board	8/19/2024
Historian (Jim Barns) resigned from Board and will no longer be providing history spots. Archived History Spots will be published in Monthly Newsletter and on digital sites by Communications and Social Media Chairs.	SPENA Board	8/19/2024

Next Meeting
Next meeting: September 16, 2024, 6:30 pm, Nathan Cox residence (2011 Marydale Drive)

Meeting minutes taken by Mary Calvo