

# SPENA Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Nathan Cox residence, 2011 Marydale Drive, Dallas TX  
Monday, September 16, 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 (optional)
Carol Rybarski, Past-President		Hannah Coxon, Social Media	
Agenda Topics			Presenter(s)
<b>2024 August Board Meeting Minutes Approval</b> (Approvals made on-line prior to meeting)			Mary Calvo
<b>Open Action Items Review</b> (see action items section below for details)			Mary Calvo
<b>Treasury Report</b> On par with membership compared to last year at 78 members Larry reported that he spent -\$350 to address web site issues which will secure functionality over the next 5 years.; on par with membership			Larry Worden
<b>SPENA Website Update</b> The Website is back up and running. Larry is taking ownership of streamlining demographic information so errors don't happen again in the further (e.g. address, PO Box, etc).			Nathan Cox, Kenda North
<b>1950 Fort Worth Avenue Update (The Miramar) Update</b> (Debrief from August 29, 2024 meeting ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managed by the CHI Catholic Charities of Dallas</li> <li>Houses ~70 occupants (70% male; 30% female; 70% black, 30% white; 15% graduation rate; ~200 sq ft apartments)</li> <li>Application process includes background checks, drug screens, and continuous monitoring after move in</li> <li>Access cards required to enter and exit the building and to the individual apartments</li> <li>Front desk management</li> <li>Projected timeline for completion end of 2025; target August 2026 to be maxed-out</li> <li>Mary Alice Ayers will be the local liaison</li> </ul>			Nathan Cox
<b>Historic Lamp Post Painting (Heritage Oak Cliff Grant)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes all Lamp Posts in Stevens Park and Hampton Plaza (North side of Marydale and Atlantic)</li> <li>SPENA will pay the vendors to repaint then get \$2,000 reimbursement from HOC</li> <li>Larry will follow up with the vendor to get painting scheduled</li> <li>Kenda and Hannah will ensure SPENA will officially "acknowledge" the grant from HOC via Newsletters and Social Media.</li> </ul>			Mike McVey, Kenda North, Hannah Coxon
<b>Dallas Grant Foundation Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are a large number of grant requests</li> <li>Kenda expects SPENA grant request updates by the end of September 2024</li> </ul>			Kenda North
<b>Rezoning parking for Annie Stevens Park from Oak Cliff Blvd to Laurette</b> Saul has petition underway for obtaining signatures from all neighbors along Laurette			Kenda North, Saul Reyes

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<b>New Neighbor Brunch Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location will be at Carol Rybarski's residence at end of October</li> <li>Kenda working with Peggy on list to send out invitations</li> <li>For catering options, Joanna recommended "Front Porch Pantry" in Farmers Branch</li> </ul>		Kenda North
<b>Club House Happy Hour (9/19/24)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event is hosted by Greenspace</li> <li>SPENA will have a table (Carol volunteered to manage the table) and will provide flyers with SPENAs QR code for scanning. Flyers depict Park Clean-up and Halloween (see attached)</li> </ul>		Kenda North
<b>Other updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welcome Baskets</b> – Peggy delivered to new neighbors: Kevin &amp; Nick on Mayflower, Amy &amp; Duncan on Laurette, Stephanie on Mayflower</li> <li><b>October First Friday</b> - Will be held at a new boutique hotel (The Madison). Lynn and Thomas Bain will partner and provide food.</li> <li><b>Halloween</b> - Police are confirmed</li> <li><b>Traffic Study Update</b> – Study was conducted assessing traffic on Marydale between Hampton and Oak Cliff Boulevard at the request of SPENA due to multiple reports of speeding vehicles. The study reported that the average speed was 22 mph, that 85% of cars driving on the street drove 28 mph. Therefore, per the City, Marydale does not qualify for traffic speedbumps or cushions.</li> <li><b>Pedestrian Crossing Request</b> - There is a pending request for a pedestrian crossing on Colorado and Oak Cliff Boulevard. Nathan will reach out to Chad West's office for follow-up.</li> <li><b>Annie Stevens Park Clean-up</b> - scheduled on 9/28/24. Saul will get a bid from Frank on maintaining the Triangle across from the Park</li> <li><b>First Friday Hosting Update:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 1, 2024: Heather and Brandon Woodard, 2017 Laurette</li> <li>December 6, 2024 (Christmas): Mary Alice and Monte Ayers</li> <li>January 3, 2025 (Membership): Lindsey Patterson, 2029 Mayflower Drive</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Christmas and Membership Parties</b> – Per Kenda, Mary Alice and Monte Ayers will host the 2024 Christmas Party; Lindsey Patterson will host the January 2025 Membership Party.</li> <li><b>Greenspace Golf Tournament</b> - Scheduled October 14, 2024 (\$250 a person)</li> <li><b>HOC Home Tour</b> - Scheduled October 27, 2024</li> </ul>		
Action Items	Assigned to	Status
Pedestrian crossing on Colorado and Oak Cliff Boulevard	Nathan Cox	Not Started
Draft Membership Marketing Flyer for Board review.	Hannah Coxon	WIP

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Get with Lindsey Patterson regarding membership campaign strategy on social media pages.	Hannah Coxon	Not Started (Target beginning of 2025)
Create Suggestion Box on FaceBook page for park enhancements, etc.	Hannah Coxon	WIP
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	WIP (Kenda drafted invitations)
Check email addresses affiliated with social media sites	Hannah Coxon	WIP – Hannah to update to SPENA board.org
Arrange painting of street lamps	Larry Worden	WIP
Provide updates on Dallas Grant Foundation submittals	Kenda North	WIP
Solicit participation to assist with playground equipment, etc.	Jessica Faulks	WIP
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. Target people who are not members in. Jan Feb	Saul Reyes	WIP (begin in Jan 2025)
Send North Oak Cliff book information to Hannah Coxon	Kenda North	Defer
Identify hosts for remainder of First Fridays and Membership Drive parties	Kenda North	Complete
Understand options on reactivating SPENA Web Site	Kenda North, Larry Worden	Complete
Provide updates on Miramar transition	Nathan Cox	Complete
Inquire what opportunities we have for Greenspace improvements for Annie Stevens Park via Joanna Robben & Deavon Moore.	Kenda North	Complete
Send highlights to include in Member Marketing Flyer to Hannah Coxon.	Saul Reyes	Complete
SPENA Website issues	Larry Worden	Complete
Ensure new residents have gotten newcomer baskets. Get with Saul Reyes on getting Iris plants for new member baskets.	Peggy Shipp	Complete

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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

Decisions	Made by	Date
There is no need to get Greenspace involved in any decision making regarding painting of lamp posts	SPENA Board	9/19/2024

Next Meeting
Next meeting: October 21, 2024, 6:30 pm, Nathan Cox residence (2011 Marydale Drive)

Meeting minutes taken by Mary Calvo