

SPENA Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Nathan Cox residence, 2011 Marydale Drive, Dallas, TX
Day, Month June 17, 2025, 6:30 pm



(* = Absent)

Board Members		Committee Chairs	
Nathan Cox, President		*Lindsey Patterson, Social	*Skylar Fechner, NOCCP
*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	
Carol Rybarski, Past-President		Hannah Coxon, Social Media	
Agenda Topics			Presenter(s)
2025 May Board Meeting Minutes Approval (Approvals made on-line prior to meeting)			Nathan Cox
Open Action Items Review (see action items section below for details)			Mary Calvo
Treasury Report (See attached Treasury Reports for details)			Larry Worden
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership YTD increase of 18 members and \$1,266 			
NOCCP			Mary Calvo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary shared the SPENA email distribution list with Skylar Skylar indicated she will not be able to attend the SPENA Board meeting, but will be sharing takeaways from NOCUPP meetings outcomes with the SPENA Board 			
Parks & Rec Update			Saul Reyes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Equipment (Kenda) had a meeting with Jerrod White (refer to Kenda's write up). Planning for playground will not start until October. If we want the equipment to be something other than a toddler park, we need to get that request in prior to October Kenda received feedback from the City regarding the confusion 20 mph and 30 mph speed limit signs on Plymouth in front of Annie Steven's park. The 20 mph sign is "suggested"; the 30 mph sign is "official" Official speed limit is 30 mph. 			
Heritage Oak Cliff Update			Mike McVey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval disposition for pending grant requests will be made June 26, 2025. There is an HOC Awards Ceremony at the Housing Authority on Hampton. Centennial celebration light post banners is \$100 for a base fee plus \$20 per lamp post for the application. These costs do not include the cost of the banner and hardware, which is what we submitted to HOC as a grant request (~\$1,600). In addition, SPENA also has a grant request for the 2026 Block Party. 			
Stevens Park Centennial Celebration			Nathan Cox, Kenda North, Mike McVey
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPENA will hold the Annual Business Meeting as part of the Celebration Event will be held at the Turner House on 9/25/25. The SPENA Board Members can get into the Turner House the day before to set up. Cooler, refrigerator, linens, etc. will cost \$175. Kathy Kibble will bartend and help set up and break down. Kenda will lead putting together a SPENA Centennial Magazine capturing 			

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STEVENS PARK ESTATES



<p>historical information that has been gathered by Jim Barnes over the years. We will also include stories about the houses/neighborhood from the residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board discussed potential of selling the magazine to help funding for playground equipment.• Board Members were asked to help solicit stories and get them to Kenda.• There was also discussion on putting together a slide show to run during the event.• An Evite will be sent to residents to RSVP for the event. We may also include others invitations to the event to people that were former SPENA residents that now live elsewhere. There was also discussion to invite Board members from other surrounding neighborhood associations.• Saul will follow up with a plan for how we provide alcohol for the Event• Chad West will participate with a Mayoral Proclamation• Kenda will need SPENA volunteers to participate in organizing various events (e.g., signs in front of houses that are 100 years old, stories about various homes, etc.)• Finalize decision on direction for light post banners	
<p>SPENA Board Electronic Documentation – defer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drop Box (Larry)• Discuss next steps to identify key documentation and knowledge necessary for this Board and future Boards	All
<p>Resident Recognition Discussion - defer</p> <p>Continue brainstorming recognition ideas of neighbors in our community, the Board discussed considering the following ideas (Board members excluded):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yard of the month• Best Decorations (Halloween, Christmas)• Easter Celebration (hosted by Lynn and Thomas each year)• Others?	All

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Action Items	Assigned to	Status
Identify opportunities for funding for Annie Steven's Park via Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett's office	Saul Reyes, Kenda North	Not Started
Create a Suggestion Box to bring to FF's along with QR code for scanning	Hannah Coxon	Not Started
Finalize Centennial plan on Centennial Banners (printing, hardware, etc.)	SPENA Board Members	WIP
Solicit volunteers from SPENA residents to participate in organizing various events (e.g., signs in front of houses that are 100 years old, stories about various homes, etc.)	Kenda North	WIP
Solicit stories from SPENA residents and get them to Kenda	SPENA Board	WIP
Slide presentation for Centennial Celebration	TBD	Not Started
Evite to residents for Centennial Celebration	TBD	Not Started
Food and drinks for Centennial Celebration	Saul, others TBD	WIP
Define ad hoc group assisting Kenda with Centennial Celebration	SPENA Board	WIP
Finalize playground design with Gerald White	Kenda North	WIP
Continue discussions with Chad West regarding requests for curb cut-outs and medians at crossing on Colorado (Oak Cliff Boulevard and Mayflower)	Nathan Cox	WIP
Provide updates on Dallas Grant Foundation submittals	Kenda North, Larry Worden	WIP
Solicit participation from others to assist with playground equipment, etc.	Kenda North	WIP
Notify Peggy Shipp of any new residents in your areas	All to Peggy Shipp	WIP (ongoing)
Review Annie Stevens Park 5-Year Plan and submit additions, edits, etc.	All to Saul Reyes	WIP
Get with Chad West to participate in Centennial events	Nathan Cox	Complete
Investigate whether the HOC grant funds received for this event can be utilized in either 2025 or 2026	Mike McVey	Complete
Finalize and submit package to Jake Ettinger re: parking and speed limit signs	Kenda North	Complete
Create Drop Box or secure electronic location for SPENA documents	Larry Worden	Complete
Email Skylar Fechner regarding attending SPENA Board meetings, adding SPENA Board to NOCCP email list, and attaining NPO names	Mary Calvo	Complete

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Round with SPENA residents to promote membership. Target people who are not members by distributing SPENA membership flyers to SPENA residents' doors (Note: We will use the same core group that distributed the Membership Party flyers).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Atlantic & Oak Cliff Blvd Nathan• Marydale Hannah/Mike• Colorado Carol• Old Orchard Larry• Mayflower Mary• Lauraette & Plymouth Saul	Defer to Fall
Consider options for incentives for people paying SPENA dues (eg: spray paint curbs with SPENA iris, etc.)	TBD	Defer to fall

Decisions	Made by	Date
Annual Business Meeting and Centennial Celebration will be 9/25/25 at the Turner House.	SPENA Board	6/17/25
Kenda North lead for Centennial Magazine	SPENA Board	6/17/25
Parking and speed limit signs will not be changed in front of Annie Steven's Park	City of Dallas	6/17/25

Next Meeting
7/22/25, Nathan Cox residence, 2011 Marydale Drive, Dallas, Tx, 6:30 pm

Meeting minutes taken by Mary Calvo