



South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, November 14th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

Ian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

8 people were in attendance:

Seth Berrow
Matt Blaine*
Deb Conklin*

Sam Lux*
Dave Overhoff
Peggy Parker*

Bettie Stiritz*
Ian Sullivan*

* Indicates Voting Members

Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):

Craig Sweat

Quorum

6 voting members in attendance

17 total voting members currently; $6/17 = 0.35 =$ 37% (Quorum requirement is 25%)

II. ORGANIZATION BUSINESS

Adopt minutes of prior meetings

Sam distributed copies of the September and October minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list earlier that day.

Matt moved to accept both sets of minutes as presented; Bettie seconded the motion. All were in favor, with no abstentions. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Bettie distributed copies of the Profit & Loss Statement as of October 31st, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden funds. The current register balance for SPBNA funds is \$5,305.57 and \$803.74 for Garden funds. After giving this year's grant recipient the \$1,500 donation, the total Fair net income is at \$864.97. There still are some missing transactions that should have come in through the SPBNA's square account that Peggy used at the Garden booth during Street Fair, but they haven't been able to track them down for some reason.

Bettie noted that the SPBNA has a net loss for the year of \$260.90. She would be willing to check with another insurance company, if anyone knows of another one to recommend, to see the insurance amount we pay go down, especially because the amount we pay next year will likely increase from what we paid this year. The Garden has a net profit for the year of \$13.18.

III. SPD REPORT (Captain Meidl)

Officer Seth Berrow (the Neighborhood Conditions Officer (NCO) for our area) and Lieutenant Dave Overhoff reported on some of the police activity related to the area in the past few weeks:

- 617 E. 9th Ave. is becoming a big issue, there have been many burglaries and vehicle prowls related to that house. The owner lives in it and she allows other people to live there. That house is

also tied to 918 E. 10th Ave. He does have an investigation going, they have written a nuisance notice for the property, the owner entered into agreement to correct the issues, but not all issues have been corrected. Now they have moved on to infractions. Any extra nuisance gets another citation. If necessary, he will contact the City attorney to see if a judge will make judgement to allow them to board it up.

- The City attorney has said that it is better if multiple people have called in about disturbances or complaints related to a property, and have been specific about the address. Any phone call that is made generates a case #, but make sure to list the address specifically. Officer Barrow can then punch in an address and see all the calls that have been made to that address. CPS gets called if needed after police find out about problems in a house, etc.
- In response to a question from someone, Officer Barrow said that Elder Services can help “lock-ins” (older people who can’t take care of their yard or can’t leave the house any more).
- The owner of a business who some of the teenagers robbed saw who broke into his restaurant, and he knew who one of them was because he lived nearby. He talked to the kid’s parents and worked out a deal to get his stuff back, then they backed out on the deal. Now the Police can’t prosecute them any more because there was a transaction initiated. He acknowledged that it is a Catch 22 because many criminal prosecutions don’t result in getting your property back.
- The City is slowly working on “zombie houses”; there are about 4700 in city, rv’s campers are a big part of that.

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)

Deb and Ian didn’t have much to report; there have been some changes in their officers recently, and it sounds like they need residents to get involved in leadership who already know how the system works. They have a lot they need to know about. The CDBG process changed, so neighborhoods have less involvement in how the money gets allocated, but that is still a big part of it.

There was some discussion about how the SPBNA is related to ECNC and whether or not we could become our own neighborhood “officially”, as some have wanted to do in the past. Someone thought that South Perry probably wouldn’t benefit from being its own neighborhood, because we would probably get less money overall for any projects. Also, the trend in the City right now is to combine, not break smaller.

V. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

SPBNA 501c3 Status

Ian mentioned that it would look better to have a full board when we apply for the 501c3 status. He still needs to get together with Rebecca to start working on it. There is probably a good portion of the application that can they can start putting together, and if positions get filled then they can add those in if it hasn’t been finished yet.

Peggy said again that it is very hard for Garden to raise money without having the tax advantages for donors that 501c3 status affords. She confirmed that Rebecca is still very willing to help.

Website Update

Sam updated the group on the status of the website; currently he is trying to get possession of the domain (southperry.org). The media company that was previously donating the hosting closed up after the owner was killed in a motorcycle accident. He has transferred the hosting ownership into SPBNA’s name for now using the same hosting company that the media company used, LFC Hosting, but the domain didn’t get transferred before the owner died. He said that he has found a couple of more affordable hosting options, and will transfer the website over to using one of them once the domain is transferred to SPBNA ownership.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Elections in November

Ian reviewed the positions that are up for election this year and the ones that are open. This year the the President and the Secretary officer positions are up for election, and the one Board Member at large position held by Matt Blaine is up for election. Ian is willing to serve another term, but Sam would like to pass the Secretary position on to someone else.

The Vice President position has been open for some time.

Ian said that he preferred that they wait until next month to hold the elections, because of the low amount of people present. It was the consensus of the group to postpone to next month.

There was some discussion about the Secretary position, and whether the duties involving managing the social media could be broken off into a separate position..

There was some discussion about how to have a push to get more neighbors to come to meetings.

Someone asked that Sam notify the mailing list when he is posting the meeting announcement on Nextdoor; if more people comment on the post, it will get more visibility, and if they keep commenting every couple of days, it will keep it visible for longer. It might also help to try to make sure to post the meeting events at least 2 weeks early, even if the agenda isn't quite finalized yet, etc.

The SPBNA is helping to coordinate and push out info for Very Merry Perry. We are also having a December meeting on the Tuesday after, December 12th.

Suggestion for making the December meeting about donating. Announce what to bring and who it will go to ahead of time.

We could have a local business come and talk, someone people would want to come and hear.

Being disciplined in the agenda is important. We could also have snacks or food available during the meeting; A lot of people don't get dinner because of the time. We could see if there are any leftovers from Very Merry Perry,

VII. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Very Merry Perry

The event is scheduled for December 9th this year; businesses will be meeting sometime in the next week or two to start planning.

If there is some kind of giving tree for the neighborhood, people could also bring socks, warm clothes, sanitary products.

Community Garden (Peggy)

The Garden is all buttoned up for the season; it went smoother than it has in the past, have a game plan for how to better coordinate it for next year. Going to start planning calendar in January next year.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary