



## South Perry Business & Neighborhood Association (SPBNA)

To strengthen the South Perry Business District and the surrounding community

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**APPROVED 2018-01-09 (NO CORRECTIONS)**

Minutes for the meeting held on **Tuesday, December 12th, 2017** at Emmaus Church:

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

### I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

9 people were in attendance:

Matt Blaine\*  
Deb Conklin\*  
Dana Dalrymple

Sam Lux\*  
Peggy Parker\*  
Hal Rowe

Bettie Stiritz\*  
Ian Sullivan\*  
Emily Wenzel

\* Indicates Voting Members

**Excused Absences (emailed to Sam or Ian):**

Jen Hansen

### 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 November minutes, which had also been emailed out to the mailing list.

Deb moved to accept the 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 November 30th, 2017 for both SPBNA and Garden funds. The current total register balance for SPBNA funds is \$5,355.57 and \$781.99 for Garden funds. After giving this year's grant recipient the \$1,500 donation, the total Fair net income is at \$914.97. For the year 2017, the SPBNA had a total net loss of -\$210.90. The Garden had a total net loss of -\$8.57.

Deb suggested that the wording on the Profit & Loss Statement should be "Proceeds and Loss", since we are a non-profit organization.

### III. SPD REPORT

A police representative was unable to make the meeting, so no report was given.

### IV. NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

#### Library

Dana came to the meeting to remind everyone of the library's business services that available. The Buxton Scout resources are available downtown, which can give new businesses information on what

consumers might be interested in based on neighborhood, etc. There is a staff member available at the downtown library to help people learn how to use this resource. The Foundation Center is at Eastside and Southside, which is a good way to find grants and grant makers.

### **ECNC (East Central Neighborhood Council)**

Deb reported on what has been happening in connection with the East Central Neighborhood Council recently. Neighborhoods Matter helped get residents involved in the East Central Neighborhood Council, which was a steep learning curve for people new to working on neighborhood councils. Karen stepped down as president last month, but someone else stepped up to be president at the last meeting.

Years ago city started staffing neighborhood council meetings, to have someone there from neighborhood services to help out.

Deb would like to ask how to help SPBNA develop more effective leaders, and how to work together better with the ECNC.

The City has district meetings now, which seem to be where the city is putting a significant amount of energy. It seems like city thinking that they might be able to have more confidence in the work that is being done because there are so many different city officials involved.

South Perry has done what city asked, to become a vibrant neighborhood. The City didn't complete what they said they were going to do (finish phase 3, add more bus routes, etc.). We need to ask as a city how do we train people to be "more urban", i.e. being ok with parking a few more blocks away from where they are going, etc.

We need to encourage people to take the survey about the Grant Park parking lot concepts. It seems like blocked driveways is more of a problem. Someone asked why can't the city paint lines on street.

## **V. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET AND DONATION OPTIONS**

Bettie led a discussion to look at using some of the extra SPBNA funds to help out some of the local non-profit organizations in the neighborhood. Out of \$5300 dollars currently in the SPBNA bank accounts, the executive committee came up with the amount of about \$1,500 as a suggestion for an amount that could be split up and given to a few organizations. The SPBNA does obviously need to make sure it has enough money to fund all the necessary expenses for next year, and we also want to keep a little bigger portion of money available for larger projects that may come up.

Bettie opened up the discussion to ask for suggestions of non-profit organizations to consider. They began by listing all the organizations in the neighborhood:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Center
- Vanessa Behan
- Liberty Park Community Development Center
- Family Promise
- Odyssey Youth Movement
- Emmaus Church
- Inland Church
- Liberty Park United Methodist Church

TEAM Grant was not being considered because they were already the recipient of the Street Fair Proceeds Grant this year. Vanessa Behan has said that they have enough fundraising and that the amount of the SPBNA grant wouldn't make a very significant impact on their budget, so they preferred that it go to other neighborhood organizations. Ian thought that MLK was also in a similar situation, and other person thought that they were doing some reorganizing now that they are going to start running the East Central Community Center.

Someone from the group suggested that we consider where the money would make the most impact.

Deb thought the new director of the Family Promise Open Doors Shelter has done great job at fundraising. Some people in the group thought that they would probably benefit more from volunteers possibly.

Liberty Park Community Development Center now has two directors, one for the Champions after school program, and one for the ECAP program. It was thought that they have had difficulties raising enough funds in the past and run on a pretty tight budget.

Emmaus and Inland Churches were both considered because of their involvement in the neighborhood over the past years. Inland Church has been a big help with the Kids Fair and also extended their AppleFest to the neighborhood this year. Emmaus has done the Easter Egg Hunt and the Santa Claus photos, has also helped with Street Fair, and has opened their building for the SPBNA to use for meetings for the last year. Sam thought that they would probably use the money to help buy candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was brought up that the SPBNA did give \$250 to Inland Church in the fall to help them cover the insurance so they could do a hayride for AppleFest. This brought up the fact that it was nice that Inland had a need for something they were doing for the neighborhood and the SPBNA was able to help them with it.

If some of the other organizations had a specific project or program that a portion of the \$1,500 could help with, it might make it more tangible where the money was going.

Someone asked Ian if there would there be a specific program that could use the money. Ian said that their Tree of Giving is going on for the next week or so, and if the money came in within that time period it would go towards that. He estimated that they would need at least \$300 to fill the remaining tags.

Liberty Park United Methodist Church had hosted SPBNA meetings for many years in the past, and they also used the staff the Street Fair booth for many years. Someone asked Deb if Liberty Park United Methodist had a certain need that could use some help Deb said that a group is going to start hosting a monthly gathering of women of immigrant and refugee background, inviting people to share their cuisine, and make a "donation" of food to help someone else be able to come and eat. Their biggest need in the next year is getting the kitchen recertified, which would cost about \$350.

After some discussion, they came to a consensus about how much to give each group. **Peggy moved to divide up the \$1500 by giving Liberty Park Community Development Center \$500, Odyssey \$400, Emmaus \$300, and Liberty Park Methodist \$300. Matt seconded the motion. All were in favor, there were no abstentions. Motion was passed.**

Bettie wrote out checks to each organization, and gave them each to certain people to take to the organization.

## **VI. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

Ian announced that he is no longer able to serve as President, and withdrew his name for reelection. He said that he would be willing to serve for three more meetings, the group thought that we should set deadline of February.

Sam had also previously announced that he did not want to serve another term as secretary.

Ian asked if there were any people willing to serve. Emily said that she might be willing to serve, but would not feel comfortable serving as President. The topic of separating the duties of managing the social media out of the Secretary position, and the group discussed moving the social media responsibilities over to the Vice President position. Someone asked what Ian spends most of his time as president doing. It is the facilitation of meetings, but probably more of the time is spend "behind the scenes" with the coordination of all the moving pieces, and coordination with the neighborhood and

community.

The group discussed again how to try to bring more people to meetings. Could we have childcare at meetings? Broadcast meeting remotely? (This second option had been suggested at a previous meeting, but so far the logistics haven't been figured out).

There was consensus that it would be helpful to have more businesses here. Deb said that they originally moved meeting to 6 to try to accommodate businesses. Some felt that having the meetings start a little later might enable more people to come, as it wouldn't be right in the middle of normal dinner time.

**Deb moved change January meeting to 6:30pm; Peggy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion was passed.** Bettie said that she has a conflict that evening and won't be able to come but will give her report to Peggy.

The group discussed putting something on Facebook and Nextdoor, saying that it might go away. Someone suggested doing a survey. It might help to do a PR thing about everything that SPBNA has done/does. Post pictures along with it, and also post on Facebook. Things like, "Did you know that the Street Fair donates to charities?" "...the SPBNA helped get the Streetscape done...?"

We probably need to start by recruiting for membership, to get a bigger pool to get officers from.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **SPBNA 501c3 Status**

Ian said that he had been putting off doing anything about the 501c3 until we figured out what will be happening with the officers, and the future of the SPBNA.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

### **Very Merry Perry**

The businesses really stepped up this year. They want to see about putting more things on the street next year, and maybe have a tree lighting thing. Some of the businesses want to get electricity to the street trees so they can put up lights there. Someone had the idea to have a contest for house holiday decorations in the neighborhood.

Apparently there was a scavenger hunt around the neighborhood that may have made some people wondering what was going on.

### **Community Garden (Peggy)**

They are going to have a planning meeting in January next year.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Sam Lux, SPBNA Secretary*