

## **SCPNA Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2015 (approximately 30 in attendance)**

1. Police Officers report:
  - a. Lock cars; close garage doors; and don't leave valuable items visible in a car
  - b. There is a new device that can be bought at Home Depot that automatically closes your garage door in three minutes
  - c. No reported crime at the Methadone Clinic yet
    - i. Addiction is a life long struggle
    - ii. Methadone Clinics try to remove the social interaction that is common
      - 1. "taking dope is a social event"
  - d. There has been a decrease in spending on gang related issues
  - e. Some money focused on Colfax
  - f. "Shot Spotter" has been a great tool for the police. It can target a gun shot with 3 feet and send the information to their computers. So they can get there quickly and see if there are victims and/or shell casings. The shell casings are compared in the crime lab (one of the best on the country) with a national database and the result is many arrests
  - g. Gang members are "self-serving" and will cooperate with the police only if it benefits them
  - h. Alley behind the Royal Palace is "dicey." Call the police at 720-913-2000 (no-emergency number) or through 311. If they are in a criminal act, call 911.
2. Kathleen Sullivan, SCPNA's *pro bono* attorney for the GNA with the Methadone Clinic. Despite Kathleen's best efforts, it mostly went in favor of the Clinic. The facilitator negotiated with the Clinic independently of the neighbors and everything became at the discretion of the Clinic. Kathleen suggested several iterations of language especially with regards to any interactive with East High students but again it was at the Clinic's discretion. She felt it has weak language and could only "tepidly" recommend it as better than nothing. The motion was amended that SCPNA vote to agree only on the quarterly meeting section. That passed 17 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention. We thanked Kathleen for all of her work on this.
3. Michelle Reichmuth and Kurt Cole
  - a. They are SCPNA's reps to the City Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) put together by Councilman Albus Brooks to ensure communication among stakeholder groups and to discuss issues and impacts among all the groups. Members are: SCPNA, East High Neighbors, Greater Park Hill, North City Park, West City Park, Whittier, CHUN, City Park Alliance, and City Park Friends and Neighbors.

- b. Report for the last meeting:
- i. Algae blooms in Ferrell Lake – those have been completely cleaned out
  - ii. Duck weed blooms on Duck Lake are okay and have been left – they don't smell
  - iii. Dustin Redd Playground is fixed and safe for now.
    1. Replacement money (\$1.5 to \$2M) is not in the 2016 budget. Scott Gilmore wants us to "take the ball forward." Bonita asked what does that mean since we approved a resolution to replace it a year ago November and had several meetings with him since. It was suggested that SCPNA send the November 2014 resolution to the new Executive Director to reiterate the neighborhood's desire to have the playground replaced.
  - iv. The City has spent money on a Curtis Park Playground. They spent \$300K and apparently the community got a matching Trust for Public Land grant to match it. Perhaps SCPNA and its neighboring RNOs could discuss.
  - v. The lights in the Ferrell Lake fountain are out again and Parks and Rec has had to order new ones from Germany which are expensive. They plan, by the end of summer, to have the lights replaced by a Canadian Company where replacement lights would be cheaper.
  - vi. The poles and wires are up to prevent the geese from eating all of the vegetation. When they are taken down, the geese eat everything.
  - vii. Parks and Rec are taking out all of the Ash trees as ash bore is killing them. Elm trees and Black Walnut Trees must be sprayed to try and save as many of those as possible. For residents – take care of your trees so they don't infect other people's or the park's trees.
  - viii. CPAC is a new group and they just approved their by-laws. Their main goal is to facilitate the transfer of information from neighbors to Parks, the Zoo, or the Museum and vice versa. SCPNA will use its Mail Chimp system to send out information and will use surveys to gather public opinion.
  - ix. Anyone may attend its meetings
  - x. The Zoo's Gasification Plant will open shortly. There is a lot of information on the zoo's website. It is a new process developed with NREL (National Energy Renewal Lab) to use the large herbivore waste, i.e., elephant, rhino, etc., plus waste paper to create pellets which will be burned to heat approximately 25% of the animal areas. It is a priority system and there is some controversy (largely because it is unknown at this time) regarding the possibility of toxic gas emissions. It is undergoing review by the Department of Health and the Fire Department among others. It also puts an industrial zoning area

within a public park. October 20 from 6-7:30 there will be a forum at the Zoo regarding this process.

- xi. The Box Canyon and Lily Pond area of the park (nearer to DMNS) will be restored.
  - xii. Great thanks to Michelle and Kurt for their efforts on our behalf.
4. Rhonda Knop, chair of the Zoning/Liquor License Committee
- a. 1477 Monroe – three establishments
    - i. SCPNA approved the GNA for Humble Pie at its last meeting but afterwards Humble Pie made some changes which the committee viewed as not substantive so it was signed. Humble Pie does not make their food on site.
    - ii. The Chow restaurant will be a full service Restaurant and it will supply food to the Cerebral Brewery. At first Chow agreed to a GNA and later backed out.
    - iii. Cerebral Brewery is licensed only by the State and therefore neighborhoods don't have a say in them.
    - iv. There is a small parking lot in the rear but will be used by the restaurants and not by patrons.
  - b. The committee has been unable to deal with liquor license requests in a timely manner because they are often short notice and in-between SCPNA's meetings. Remote voting will make that much easier and SCPNA can target those within the 5 block area.
  - c. A GNA agreement was presented for the New World Cheese Company and there were no objections so it was signed.
  - d. Once remote voting is in place, the Committee recommends voting be as follows:
    - i. Actively **oppose** and so inform the City if the applicant either refuses to timely sign GN agreement, unreasonably delays in signing the GN Agreement or substantially reduces the GN Agreement so as to be worthless to the neighbors
    - ii. Actively inform the City of **no opposition** if the applicant signs the GN Agreement timely but the nature of the business does not add to commercial life in the neighborhood
    - iii. Actively inform the City that we **support** the license issuance if the applicant timely signs the GN Agreement and brings a business to the neighborhood that adds to the commercial life
  - e. Many thanks to Rhonda and her team for great work.
5. CJ Wera, VP SCPNA and chair of the Membership Committee
- a. The presentation is on the website in its entirety. We recommend that everyone watch it!!!
  - b. There was a motion to open voting at the November meeting (which are the elections) at 5:00PM for early voting. There were no objections. NOTE: no

- voting can begin until the first 12 members show up. That quorum is required by SCPNA's bylaws.
- c. The membership Committee now has 20 businesses on Colfax who will give 10% discount to SCPNA members!!!!
  - d. Put 9/24 in your calendars. A members night at Mezcal's
  - e. Ultimately once lots more statistical information is gathered, there will be events targeted at different segments within the neighbor, i.e., kids programs, adult programs, etc.
  - f. SCPNA intends to be able to address issues block by block with the help of our terrific Block Captains.
  - g. A big thank you to all of the membership Committee members

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND BE AS ACTIVE AS YOU CAN BE**