

Southmoor Park Registered Neighborhood Organization
Annual Meeting Minutes
Thomas Jefferson High School, Room 111
January 31, 2019

1. **Call to Order** – 6:00 AM. Introductions of Board Members
Present: Lori Church, Monica Snyder, Karen McGuire, Jeff Guard
Absent due to illness: Jan Smart
16 Members Present
2. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. Matt Grimsley, Denver Police Department, District 3 –
Promoting Neighborhood Watch, planning more meetings, as it has been shown that it moves crimes elsewhere. Main Crimes: crimes of opportunity – garages left open/cars left running and unattended being stolen. Our neighborhood crime stats – increase in car theft/burglaries down.
 - b. Kendra Black – Council Representative (Southmoor Park native) and Taylor Menniz – Assistant.
 - April 10th – Meeting for Annual Good Neighbor Program (precursor to Neighborhood Watch): New Chief of Police to attend, possibly his boss, Manager of Safety.
 - Safeway conversion to be finished by summer: ownership changing hands and Tony’s still planning to go in.
 - University Hills Farmers Market had a slow start in 2018. But 2 “farmers” moving from Cherry Creek to UHills on Saturdays in summer.
 - Wednesday, Feb 20th. 4-7 pm. SOCO Visioning and Pop-up Beer Garden at the Wellshire Event Center. “Sticky note meeting” for comments at various stations. (Currently an event center – no longer a restaurant.)
 - Friday, Feb 22nd. Coffee Talk: 10:30 AM – Noon. Thomas Jefferson HS. Seniors to Seniors. Older people and younger people (HS seniors) discuss civic involvement and leadership. Councilwoman Black and Mayor Hancock to attend.
 - No update on RTD area adjacent to Monaco, south of King Soopers on Hampden.
 - c. Ashlee Grace: Liaison – Denver Public Works and Southeast Denver Communities.
 - One of four liaisons working to deliver projects more efficiently and bring more satisfaction to communities involved.
 - Interacting with 311 and Kendra’s office.
 - d. Julie Seagren from Denver Water and Drew Franzen, Project Manager from MWH Constructors, reporting on Reservoir Project along Happy Canyon.
 - Progress: all tanks in service. Demolition of old reservoir to start soon. 8 weeks in duration. Noise and vibration to be monitored. Per Drew Franzen, noise abatement sub-contractor experienced in Weld County oil-field being hired to address neighbors’ noise concerns.
 - Pump station after this. Projected completion of pump house: early 2020.
 - Access road between 6’ east-west fence and 4’ fence running parallel will shift south to allow for landscaping. Landscaping along 6’ fence will have to be done after the access road is no longer needed (latter part of project). Landscaping elsewhere can be done earlier.
 - Should be wrapping up entire project in 2020 as projected.
 - a. Shannon O’Connor, Prosecuting Attorney for District Attorney Beth McCann.
 - Prosecutor – over 12 years. Started with misdemeanors, now working felonies. Also lives in neighborhood.

- Big platform of DA's campaign: juvenile justice: DA's office initiated the Youth Advisory Council. Monica's son Asher, age 12, attended his first Youth Advisory Meeting (no parents allowed) and is very glad he is able to participate.
 - Another program from DA's office: Turn Over a New Leaf – facilitating removal of low-level marijuana offenses from records.
- f. Bill Rutherford, Southmoor Park resident reported on the Walk A Mile (with a Denver Police Officer) program held in October, 2018: good attendance; very informative. Officer stressed common sense but sometimes overlooked safety practices: closed garage doors, security lights, trimmed trees and shrubs, locking cars parked on the street.
- 3. 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes:** Karen McGuire, Secretary, reviewed highlights of subject minutes (copy provided to attendees at meeting). Motion to pass. Vote taken for approval. Minutes approved.
- 4. Treasurer's Report** - Lori Church explained transition from Bill to Jan and provided Jan's report in her absence.
- Board Goal: to be revenue neutral or positive, where in annual spending does not exceed income from dues and sponsorships.
 - 2018: 73 of 163 households paid dues (\$25 per household). \$2,460 revenue; \$2,594 expenses; Net -\$133.
 - Projected 2019: \$2000 expenses. \$3500 Revenues. Looking for ~\$1000 in donations and sponsorships.
 - Bill mentioned Southmoor East by comparison and their large bank account; though dues are mandatory.
 - Newsletter costs about \$100 each issue. Elway sponsorship pays for this. Suzy moves to pass the 2019 budget.
 - Motion to pass budget. Vote taken for approval. Budget approved.
- 5. Updated Bylaws**
- Background: Lori explained three distinctions between HOA and RNO. (1) HOA just owners; RNO includes renters and owners. (2) HOA registers with State of Colorado and RNO registers with Denver City and County. (3) HOA does have some clout to enforce covenants and collect dues, whereas an RNO does not. The Southmoor Park HOA was formed in 1961 for a duration of 50 years. Southmoor Park covenants expired in 2011. Southmoor Park HOA registration lapsed in 2014. We are currently a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) with the name Southmoor Park HOA. Our website is <http://www.southmoorparkhoa.org/home.html>.
 - Lori highlighted all the major bylaws changes, referencing the documents provided at the meeting and in the January newsletter.
 - Motion to pass new bylaws: Vote to approve new bylaws. New bylaws approved.
- 6. SPHOA Website** – Started by Steve Hartley. Updated by Bill and Jan. Includes Board Member info, Community Contacts, Calendar, Meeting Minutes, Denver View Plane Ordinance, Bylaws. See <http://www.southmoorparkhoa.org/home.html>.
- 7. Future Meetings:** bi-monthly, last Thursday of every odd month. Open to public. Next meeting is March 28th at TJ, Room 111.

8. Possible Committees

Three committees currently proposed and to be more formally addressed for implementation at next board meeting: Welcoming Committee, Cleanup Committee, Activities Committee. May use newsletter to ask for volunteers.

9. New Business:

- Terry Russell noted a tree missing in the Happy Canyon Island by Jasmine: Is this Cherry Hills Parks and Rec or Denver Parks? If Denver, can we have replaced?
- Will we be getting an additional Hawthorne Tree at Ivanhoe Island to replace the one that died.
- Discuss Name Change from HOA to RNO at next meeting, including pros and cons.
- Strategize Welcoming, Cleanup and Activities Committees at next board meeting so these can be put into effect.
- Terry Russell suggested Jeff Guard write some memories for the newsletter; maybe kicking off a memory corner in the newsletter with resident participation.

10. Close Meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.