

Southwood Park

CPO – Community Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes, Monday, April 29, 2024
Meadow Springs Community Church

Call to Order

7:03p CPO Vice-President Jenifer Daugherty called the meeting to order.

Attendees

Present 4 Board members were in attendance, including CPO Vice-President Jenifer Daugherty, Secretary / Treasurer Mikah Kutch, George Albrecht, and Laurie DeMelo

Guests 8 additional Southwood residents were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 30, 2023 CPO meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

CPO Secretary / Treasurer Mikah Kutch gave the Treasurer's Report.

Guest Speakers

Michelle Cushing and Grant Howell Lake Grove Fire District

Spoke on emergency preparedness – which was tested during the January ice storm. District has two new firefighters who are currently training at a six-week academy and will continue with additional training. The firefighter demographics now include 10% Female firefighters, this number is usually at 5%. Revenue for the department is received through property taxes, plus a local option levy of .015%. On July 4, they will drive around checking out neighborhoods and let their presence be known. There is a monthly meeting held by fire chief or fire marshal who is public information officer. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held the second or third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. For more information, visit their website: www.LGFD57.com

Old Business

4th of July Parade - Due to the high cost of fees L.O. has placed on park for events, Meadow Springs Church has offered their parking lot as a place to host a BBQ after parade. Some concerns with the location change were brought up - including religious affiliation, timing, and location being on opposite end of neighborhood from parade ending spot. The addition of a band to play during parade was discussed, but no definite plan is in place. BBQ liability concern was raised- Grant mentioned that county offers liability insurance for CPO. Planning meeting to be scheduled very soon with ideas and volunteers appreciated.

Garden placement – There is interest in starting a community garden. Potential areas are the Meadow Springs church, which has an established garden that neighborhood could possibly become involved in upkeep, or vacant land by water tower. Lisa mentioned that Alis Smbatyan had provided information at last meeting regarding county gardener volunteer who could potentially assist in getting a garden started.

New business

Dasha Troitskaya, President stepped down in January due to relocation outside of neighborhood boundaries.

President nomination: no persons were nominated. Grant and Lisa spoke to give information on what the position entails. A replacement is required, otherwise the CPO board will be disbanded. Nominations / elections to take place at October's CPO meeting. Please contact us through email below, if interested.

Southwood Park Neighborhood has a district separated into sections – Whit Middlecoff, the representative for South-Central has moved out of the area, and we are seeking a new representative. Lori DeMelo was nominated by Lisa Hilker and was seconded by George Albrecht and approved unanimously. Lori DeMelo is now a new board member and our representative for the South-Central section of our neighborhood.

Next Meeting The next CPO meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2024. Location to be determined.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p

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