

Meeting Minutes
Spring Hill Civic League-General Meeting
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May 6, 2019

President: Bobby Wilson
Vice President: Ben Soltesz
Treasurer: James Rizzo
Secretary: Beth Miller

Meeting called to order on
Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:06 PM

Meeting adjourned at
7:40PM

**Board members
in attendance:**
Bobby Wilson
Ben Soltesz
Beth Miller
James Rizzo

Riley Baker
Sue Lippert
Debbie Glover

Absent:Erin Tobin

Summary of meeting:

1. Call to order:

- Review minutes from March 4, 2019 Community meeting
 - i. Accepted by Ben S.
 - ii. Second by Riley B.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- James provided a copy of the current budget
- Dues are still being collected from the community
- Currently working on grants

3. Public Safety:

- Sargent Burford attended and gave the community safety update(s)
- Shot Spotter is up and working in several neighborhoods
 - i. 138 activities captured in April-13 in Marshall Shadeland-5 in Woods Run- 5 in Perry North- 4 in Brighton
 - ii. Spring Hill had 26 reports filed and 11 of these were arrests
 - iii. There are additional cameras being installed
 - iv. There was a theft of a gun from an unlocked car on Admiral Street and there was 1 overdose (City wide 25 over doses and 2 deaths)
 - v. 311 complaints that are being submitted are being worked on- Community was encouraged to use this system because it works
 - vi. Parking on Waltz Street is still problematic and is forcing people to walk in the street since cars are parking on the sidewalks-Sgt. Burford will send a car to place warnings again

4. Good Deeds Day and Neighborhood Clean Up:

- Good Deeds I son March 30, 2019
 - i. This is a great effort and approximately 30 Pitt Students will participate and their focus will be community clean up.
 - ii. Special Thank You to Erin and Josh for coordinating this and Chris Waraks for picking up the accumulated trash
- Spring Clean up was April 20, 2019—participation was good. We would like to see more community engagement with this in the future

5. New Business:

- **Kirk Rys-** running for School Board in District 2 and this is our communities District-voting takes place on May 21, 2019
- **Update from Councilwoman Darlene Harris:**
 - i. Working on landslides
 - ii. Diana Street is under construction
 - iii. Spring Hill is to start in early June
 - iv. Goehring Street-there will be hearings and hopefully people will be able to get back into their homes
 - v. CDBG –Darlene has less money to give out
 - vi. Neighborhood Needs-is more restrictive and Darlene can place restrictions on the use of these funds
 - vii. Camera’s if it is decided they will be placed, they must be on private homes with WiFi
 - viii. Pot holes were addresses and this initiative is controlled by the director of Mobility and Infrastructure
- **Spring Hill is now a registered Community Group with the City of Pittsburgh**
 - i. James Rizzo managed through this process for the SHCL
 - ii. James explained that this required transparency from SHCL and potential benefits include getting help to develop a neighborhood plan
- **Memorial Day:**
 - i. Monday, May 27th at 11 am. Ben mentioned that we are unable to use the inside of the Memorial Home this year due to mold issues. There was a suggestion that we may want to consider moving the event to the Rockledge St. lot but the benefits of having at Brady’s include the last neighborhood memorial that the VFW visits.
- **East Northside House Tour:**
 - i. Home Tour is on June 8th. We are looking for another house or two to participate.
- **Movies at Waisenhaus Park:**
 - i. Riley explained that we hope to schedule a few of these on Fridays at 8:30pm. SHCL may be purchasing a few tiki lanterns for lighting and to ward off bugs.
- **Neighbor of the Year:**
 - i. Lois Hurray. The NSLC dinner is on Thursday June, 13th. There was a suggestion to add Jim Hurray on the award posthumously. Suggestion was well received.
- **Good of the Community Misc. and Open Forum:S**
 - Sandwich week mentioned.
 - Kaffeehaus upcoming event with Chief Schubert donating proceeds of the sale of his photos to Sarah Heinz House.
 - Murial Wall – concerns with continued decorations being placed on bench and planter. Chris Waraks plans to replace planter. Ben expressed interest in talking to the family that is placing the decorations and limiting them to holiday with them being taken down right after. Other neighbors expressed concern that the decorations distract from the purpose of the monument.

- Issue with the mural wall lights not working. Councilwoman Harris said she is notifying city to have those fixed and to get the spigot replaced. May be in line with current Neighborhood Needs money allocated to SHCL.
- Neighbor from Rhine street expressed concern that spring water from 1811 Rhine Street is continuing to flow into Rhine street. He presented photos of how it's icing up in the winter and is a hazard. Councilwoman Harris will talk to DOMI about it. SHCL board offered to make calls to city if it would help.

6. Meeting Adjourned:

- Motion to adjourn by Riley B.
 - Motion Second by Bob S.
 - All were in favor
 - adjourned
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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 9, 2019

October 7, 2019

November 4, 2019