

April 4, 2018 – Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Jessica and David Windrow, Susan Marshall, Carol Suzuki, Lee Turley, Kristen Beahm, Marianne Mashburn, Nanette Bahlinger

Stop Sign Petition

More than 25 but less than the required 50 signatures have been collected. To increase support, those present suggested revisiting the current suggested placement of signs.

April 28 Block Party

Since HON is no longer managing the Wimpole Drive Urban Farm, we will have to arrange use of the area through Metro.

- Nanette will send contact info for Jim Hester to Lee (done; Jim Hester responded that he is out of the office this week but that he has submitted a work order to have the grass cut)
- Lee will follow up with Jim Hester to determine our options for use of the area
- Carol will begin soliciting food donations for 50 people
- Kristen will contact Jenny Welch about tent availability
- Lee will locate a generator
- Ross will bring music (to be confirmed)

Other notes:

- This will be an ETC-only event, not a joint Glenclyff-ETC event as originally considered
- Suggested times for the event: 4 - 8 p.m. with set up from 2 - 4 p.m. and break down from 8 - 9 p.m.
- We may have to rent a portalet
- The Special Events Permit application has yet to be submitted; Lee will find out more details about whether a permit will be required in his discussion with Jim Hester.
- Carol's house/yard will serve as our backup in case we are unable to use the Urban Farm

Urban Farm Re-use

Those present favored converting the Urban Farm into a dog park.

- Nanette will invite Cindy Harrison, Metro's Project Manager for Greenways and Open Space Division, to speak at the May ETC Membership Meeting. Suggested topic will be Metro's plans for the Urban Farm space, neighbors' ideas for the space, and a general update of greenway status and plans.

Earth Day -- April 21

ETC will encourage neighbors to participate in one of two ways: 1) volunteer for one of the Mayor's Spring Clean Events , or 2) volunteer to clean up the Urban Farm!

- The Urban Farm clean up will be self-directed. Volunteers will be required to provide their own supplies.
- Comcast will not be available to help organize or assist.

Conference for Neighborhoods/Candidates for Secretary and Treasurer

Umm, I kinda spaced out or was eating or both during this discussion. Generally, though, I think the idea was that it would be great if members who might be considering ETC leadership, whether as Secretary or Treasurer or in any other capacity, could attend the Conference for Neighborhoods to be held April 14 at the Tennessee Bankers Association Building. Those present approved a motion for ETC to fund up to \$50 in registration fees for ETC members who attend the Conference for Neighborhoods.

- Per our by-laws, members must announce their candidacy at the May meeting; the election will be held during the August meeting.
- Marianne will promote both the Conference and ETC leadership opportunities via FB and email.

Make ETC FB Page Public?

Those present approved a motion to make the ETC FB page public. Conversation about other ways to encourage civil, constructive discourse between and among neighbors led to Kristen's suggestion that we set up Discord, a type of closed chat room, as an alternative to NextDoor.

- Effective immediately, ETC will discontinue an official presence on NextDoor.

Other business:

- The minutes of the February ETC Membership Meeting were approved. Kristen will post them on the ETC website.
- The next ETC SC meeting will be held 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Ken's Sushi.
- Those present approved a motion to move ETC SC meetings to the first Tuesday of the month beginning Tuesday, June 5. Time will remain 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and location will remain Ken's Sushi.
- The next ETC Showcase will be held 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Ken's Sushi.
- Marianne will create a FB poll to determine interest in re-instituting monthly socials at a local restaurant. An option to add other programmatic suggestions will be included in the poll.

- Marianne will email suggested by-laws changes to members prior to the May Membership Meeting.
- The May ETC Membership Meeting will be held 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Glengarry Elementary School.
- Marianne will use online resources to promote ETC membership now through July, and remind neighbors that membership is required to vote in the August election.
- Carol, Susan, Kristen, Marianne, and Nanette will conduct an ETC sign inventory.