

ETC Membership Meeting Minutes August 16, 2018

President Lee Turley began the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Carol Suzuki reported a balance of \$1,897.85. Of that amount, it was noted, \$1,100 was generated by ETC's participation in Good Neighbor Day competitions.

Good Neighbor Day

Marianne Mashburn announced that this year, Good Neighbor Day will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 29 at Richland Park (off of Charlotte Avenue).

Several of our neighbors who have represented ETC in the past chimed in to say how much they enjoyed participating in the trivia matches and team-building games, and they encouraged others to join in this year. In addition to the various non-athletic competitions, the event will feature live music, an international food pavilion, farmers' market, and kids' zone.

Members Kristen Beahm and David Windrow expressed interest in participating on behalf of ETC.

Murfreesboro Road improvements

Representatives from TDOT explained the improvements in progress on Murfreesboro Road:

1. The collapsed drainage pipe below near the old Vultee Boulevard Bridge will be replaced by a 1300' box culvert.
2. The Vultee Boulevard Bridge has been removed and will not be replaced. The only access to Vultee Boulevard will be from Kermit Road, where a new intersection will be installed.
3. Bike lanes and sidewalks will be added to both sides of Murfreesboro Road for the length of the project (from approximately Vultee Boulevard to Jupiter Drive).

Metro Nashville Police Report, South Precinct

Our Community Coordinator, Sergeant Fernandez, began his remarks by stating that the Kroger parking lot shooting incident that occurred in June is still under investigation. He spent the majority of the remainder of his time imploring neighbors to act responsibly:

- if you see an incident, or notice suspicious behavior, report it! YOU be the person to call 862-8600 to report non-emergencies or 911 to report emergencies. “The more people who call, the better,” he said, and added, “posting on facebook will not notify the police.”
- Lock your vehicle! Sergeant Fernandez distributed an extensive list of items that had been stolen from vehicles in the last two weeks, including jewelry, cash, credit cards, power tools, cell phones, wallets, laptops, and guns. “Remove valuables from your vehicle! If you must leave something valuable inside, hide it.”
- An effective way to reduce speeding is to report speeding vehicles to the police.

MNPD will host its next Citizens Police Academy on Monday nights from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. September 10 - December 3, 2018 in the community room of the East Precinct, 936 E. Trinity Lane, Nashville, TN 37207. Interested persons must register by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 31.

New Principal of Glengarry Elementary School

Leslie Gordon, new Principal of Glengarry Elementary, introduced herself. Leslie is new to the area, as she and her husband moved here from Chicago less than six weeks ago! She is extremely enthusiastic about the school, its students, and teachers.

Asked about the PTA, she favors both re-establishing the group and further engaging the community. She has plans to partner with the community in an effort improve attendance. She repeatedly invited neighbors to stop by or call her for a tour of the school.

Asked about declining test scores, she noted that poverty is the number one indicator for low scores. On paper, she said, 65% of GES students live in poverty; in reality, however, the percentage is 95. Leslie added that 65% of the students are non-native English speakers, and that many of the students face instability, both of which are key low-score indicators.

Remarks by Outgoing President

Lee read a statement from the outgoing President, Ross Holmes. Ross thanked the neighborhood for the opportunity to serve and cited accomplishments during the past year, including:

- placement of little libraries – a project implemented in conjunction with Glenclyff High School
- formal adoption of by-laws
- regular social gatherings
- speeding reduction project

Election

Lee opened the floor to nominations for the following positions:

- President-Elect – no nominations
- Secretary – no nominations
- Treasurer – Jessica Windrow confirmed her interest in serving in this position. Jessica earned a BBA and has served as a corporate accountant for more than fifteen years.

Marianne Mashburn nominated Jessica Windrow to serve as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by Kristen Beahm and unanimously approved by all present.

Steering Committee

Four Steering Committee positions are currently open, including those of two officers and two members:

- President-Elect (vacated by Lee Turley when he became President) and Secretary (vacated by Nanette Bahlinger, whose term expired)
- positions held by Marianne Mashburn and Kristen Beahm, whose terms have expired

The President may nominate persons to fill the positions, but the membership must approve them.

Steering Committee meetings are held monthly. The location, times, and dates are flexible. The meetings are open to all and all are encouraged and welcome to attend. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity to meet neighbors and build a sense of community.

Social Events

In addition to the Steering Committee meetings, Lee asked for a volunteer to coordinate regular ETC social events. “If you want things to happen,” he said, “don't count on someone else to do it. Volunteer! Share the load! Create a community!”

Holiday Party

Lee invited neighbors to participate in the planning of the event. He encouraged those present to attend an upcoming Steering Committee meeting to help begin the process.

Walk-Bike Nashville

WBN hosts educational sessions on a regular basis. Topics range from traffic-calming to sidewalks. The next class will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center on September 5 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. when participants will learn how, why, and where Metro decides to build sidewalks.

Branding

Lee asked neighbors to consider a name for the area as other sections of Nashville have successfully done, e.g., East Nashville, Hip Donelson, The Nations.

This should not be confused with ETC, which is the name of an organization. Rather, he suggested a name for the area that will help identify this part of town.

One suggestion that has been made plays on the many connecting thoroughfares in the area and the easy access they provide to all parts of town:

- The Junction – where Nashville meets the world!

Neighbors are encouraged to attend an upcoming Steering Committee meeting to further this discussion.

Acknowledgments

- Susan Marshall was recognized and thanked for her outstanding work organizing and promoting the ETC Showcase, a monthly event that

featured music, comedy, and audience participation. Thank you, Susan, for your commitment, good nature, and hard work!

- Carol Suzuki and Nanette Bahlinger, outgoing Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, were thanked for their efforts and surprised with gifts of appreciation.

The meeting concluded at 8:07 p.m.