

Neighbors in South Roanoke general membership meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, Ronald McDonald House

There were 18 people in attendance.

City Councilman, Bill Bestpitch informed the membership that voting precincts will be reduced from 36 places to 21. Firehouses will no longer be included, and South Roanokers will either vote at Crystal Spring Elementary School or Crystal Spring Baptist church. New voter cards will be mailed in the next week or so that will list each person's voting precinct location as well as what district they are located in (District 11 or 17.) This is effective as of March 1st.

Frank Smith, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the membership with the slate of officers. (There were no nominations from the floor.) The following people were voted in:

President, Barbara Norris Duerk

Vice President, C.J. Meidlinger

Secretary, Stewart Putney

Treasurer, Webb Roberts

South Roanoke neighbors should be aware of recent approval of changes in zoning. Additional parking for Vistar Eye Center was approved in behind homes on White Oak, and next month's city council meeting will address potential removal of proffers for Fork in the Alley. This would allow the restaurant to be able to make changes to the property without notifying surrounding residents.

Treasurer's Report: Neighbors in South Roanoke has a bank balance of \$5,469.00.

Karen Carroll and Bob Hiltonsmith shared information about a new program, "greenway ambassadors," which has been started to act as a "neighborhood watch." Trained citizens (on the Greenway) are there to be extra eyes and ears, give directions, and promote the idea that our greenways are a safe place to be. Check out greenways.org for more information about the program and how to get involved.

Neighbors in South Roanoke board members are seeking ways to get more neighbors involved in the neighborhood association. Mrs. Duerk distributed fliers to the business district about tonight's meeting. She also applied for a grant for a bulk mailer which could help to grow memberships. A suggestion of purchasing more yard signs (was approved.) noted, and (N)otification of the meetings listed in the South Roanoke Circle may help.

The Blue Ridge Marathon will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Neighbors are encouraged to volunteer. Please visit blueridgemarathon.com for more information.

Mrs. Putney offered to be the point person in the neighborhood to report pot holes, solid waste issues, etc. to the various city departments. Report all issues to her via email: tsghputney@cox.net or phone/text 520-4846.

Mark Peterson, a Valley Metro bus driver, asked that citizens (to) visit <http://rvarc.org/tag/public-input/> to voice input about the future of transit in Roanoke.

(Barbara Duerk, President, declared Neighbors in South Roanoke "rebooted". The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Upcoming meeting schedule:

Listed as April 16th – but this is a Saturday

July 19th

October 18th

Respectfully submitted,

Stewart Putney

Secretary, Neighbors in South Roanoke

Attachments:

The attendance list from the January 18th meeting

City Voting districts