

2025 Mountainbrook Annual Civic Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 27, 2025 – Hampton Inn SouthPark 7pm
Led by Dan Knezevic – 2024/25 Civic President

1. Call to Order 7:10 pm

2. 2025 New Neighbors & Board Members

Dan Knezevic, Board President, introduced 2025 board members. There are sixteen proxies and members present agreed to these changes.

Dan acknowledges former board members including Kathryn Pearson, Steve Shields and Camille Coers. He also acknowledges Helen Mayhew for her volunteerism with holiday decorations.

3. Code Enforcement – Matt Childers

Focus is beautification of the city. What do we see that we like and don't like.

- Live stock is a zoning issue – there are requirements if anyone is interested
- Stop signs being flown through – we can start a petition in the neighborhood. It's a lengthy process with the city. If we have speed bumps, we can't have stop signs.
- There are a few homes that are in disrepair in the neighborhood. We can call Matt and make an anonymous call. The homeowner will have ten days to do something for the reason called. We will be kept in the loop.
- There is an online petition that requires only six signatures (from anyone in CLT) and a house case will be started. A hearing would be completed within a month, all petitioners receive updates.
- The city maintains "minimal housing". The house needs to be livable and operable.
- Intersection signage is covered by hedges. Matt would get a complaint, confront the homeowner and require the hedges to be trimmed to safety obligation. They encourage the homeowner to do the work over the city folks.
- How to get Duke to trim the lines in advance of spring growth? Matt has a contact at Duke that can help us when we are frustrated. Often, Duke will respond to the city faster vs. the neighbors.
- Generators need to be in line with noise rating by the city. You can call CMPD and/or Matt and file a complaint.
- Excess cars/trailers, etc. need to be moved within seven days. Call 311 or Matt. \$100/day. Flat tires, expired tags, the city can tag it and remove it within 10 days.
- Neighbors dumping at the Club's private dumpsters. The city needs proof (camera and plate) CMPD can cite the owner for illegal dumping.
- Charlotte Water is interested in replacing lead and copper plumbing for the homeowners. You can reach out to Charlotte Water and they will check the front

of your yard to check for lead pipes and soldering. This is a project that is ramping up through 2030.

- HomeServe specializes in water insurance for about \$3/mo
- Leah has Matt's contact information if anyone is interested in learning more or report an issue

4. SPAN - Rob Aulebach

Rob, a founding board member of SPAN, and a former neighbor in Mountainbrook presented the SPAN update. There are 11 board members and five committees.

- There will be a public park at the library opening Q125
- Park Road Park has started dredging the pond
- South Park Church – there is a shell of a performing arts center. It's trying to raise money to create a theatre in Southpark.
- The work has started to shift by Sharon Road by the preschool and there will be a crosswalk beacon
- Rezoning regarding duplexes, triplexes and quadplex along but the State passed a law and you can no longer downgrade. We are currently stuck on this right now.
- The Sharon Wellness Center has been approved and its private + private units
- On Rexford with the big hole, can have up to 675 apartments but will include a new $\frac{3}{4}$ acre park
- Retail in Southpark is red hot. Mainly tenants in the mall are going into other places after leaving the mall. There is very little vacancy in Southpark.
- Publix and Colony Phase 2 construction is still under negotiation
- Crate & Barrel is leaving and going into where DSW. 37K down to 25K square feet
- The Loop – a fun run on April 27th on a race where the loop is going to be and then have a block party
- The Skipper! Fleet of EVs 9AM – 9PM, seven days a week within the mile loop of Southpark

5. Anne Heinig Park – Will Dubiel

Will spoke on behalf of the Anne Heinig Park Board, introduced the purpose and dedication to the park. Donations come through the Civic's annual fundraiser, private donations and the Eagle Scouts. The Scouts are always eager to help.

Will shared the current board members. Norm discusses the financials and its modest scale. Barebone expenses are approx. \$5 – 7K. Civic drive is roughly \$11K. Anything needed beyond that comes from a fundraiser.

Will has worked hard to convert the Trust to a 501c3 to leverage larger donations as a tax deductible, non-profit organization.

Spring Clean Up date is TBD. Things that need to be worked on are the picnic structure, the track, cleaning up the tire marks from recent vandalism and updating the basketball court.

6. 2024 Year in Review

Spend in review: Landscaping is the largest expense, including a few unusual repairs that were necessary. Social event costs have increased. There are many more people attending and food expenses have increases.

63% participation of homeowners which is par for the course. Would love to increase this of involvement and get new volunteers to help with the board and events.

7. Mountainbrook Youth Ambassadors Update – Olivia Blandford

Olivia is the President of MYA. It has 20 members this year and they meet every other month. Helped at the Fall Festival and the Chili & Mac and Cheese cook off as well as fundraising for national non-profits like Toys for Tots.

This year, they will help with the Easter Egg Hunt and do a handful of fundraisers.

Applications for joining the club will open this summer. It's for anyone in 6 - 12 grade.

8. 2025 Budget & Initiatives

We will be bringing back the Spring Fling and Progressive Dinner Party. Planning for a steady financial year. There aren't any big projects expected.

A neighbor brought up the Serenity Garden at the end of Johnny Cake as a great resource for our community.

9. Membership

The Board will reach out to other Civic Associations and ask about their membership rates. We will also target who used to participate and why they may no longer be.

We will be doing door tags with QR codes this spring.

BWE is updating their social events and their pool. Something to do with South Meck? We don't think so.