

South Plaza Neighborhood Association 2023 Winter Update

SPNA WINTER MEMBER'S MEETING

January 24, 2023 at 5:30pm
Plaza Branch – 1st floor meeting room

Get the latest on STR ordinances from KCNAC co-chair Tiffany Moore, hear from a KCPD Community Interaction Officer Metro Patrol who will speak about crime statistics in South Plaza, suggestions for preventing crime, handling panhandlers, and Neighborhood Block Watch program.

Learn about the newly created Plaza Area Council, get the update on the crumbling wall on Brookside, Blvd., review what SPNA accomplished in 2022.

We are looking for nominees for SPNA Board member positions, and committee volunteers starting in July 2023. Please consider getting involved.

You can also expect to meet some of the candidates for City Council, running for election in April.

SPNA Board of Directors

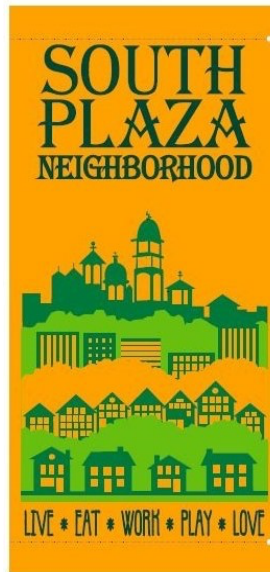
Kate Marshall, President
Sean Tucker, Vice President
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Allan Fischer, Secretary
Cliff Couty, Member
Kelly Bunch, Member
Jeannie Moore, Member
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Message from the SPNA President

In the first 6 months of my tenure as your neighborhood president I have learned much about the essential role that neighborhoods play in Kansas City, MO. One of our charters is to bring matters of great importance to the attention of City Council and other city departments to enhance and improve our immediate community and meet the needs of each resident.



We have been engaged in completing the work on last year's PIAC projects and applying for 2023 grants – hoping to have some funding approved for the damaged sidewalks on the Wornall Bridge or a new crosswalk light on the north side of the Sister Cities Bridge. Fingers crossed – we will hear in April.

We have also lobbied to get the crumbling wall on Brookside Boulevard repaired before the hill gives way. We have been told that funding has been approved and are hopeful that work will begin soon.



Your SPNA board has also been hard at work, updating the website, creating an easy PayPal button way for you to donate your membership dues: \$20 Residents and \$100 for Business members. (see below). We are also getting our data base in shape and preparing a mailing to invite more Business Members.

If you are interested in getting more involved with your community, please reach out! We need a volunteer to be a Volunteer Coordinator, so we can manage committees such as Safety and Security, Events, Beautification, and more. In July, we will be adding new board members so please consider nominating yourself or a neighbor. – *Kate Marshall*

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South Plaza Crime Statistics

TIPS: Never leave anything in your vehicle in view that would attract a thief. Take measures to prevent theft of your vehicle and license plates. You can add a GPS device to your vehicle. As was noted at our October Town Hall meeting on crime and safety, vehicle thefts have a very low prosecution rates.

Offenses	Curr Month	Prev Month	Curr YTD	Prev YTD
1. Homicide	0	0	0	0
2. Sex Offenses (All)	0	1	1	0
3. Robbery	0	0	4	2
4. Assault Offenses				
A. Aggravated Assault	1	1	10	2
B. Simple Assault	1	1	15	10
5. Burglary	2	1	9	7
6. Larceny/Theft Offenses				
A. All Except from Vehicle	8	6	62	38
B. From Motor Vehicle	6	6	101	95
7. Motor Vehicle Theft	3	3	46	30
8. Arson	0	0	0	0
9. Vandalism/Destruction of Property	1	3	40	29
Total	22	22	288	213

The new SPNA Safety/Security Committee, chaired by Cliff Couty monitors crime reports available through cityprotect.com. Anyone can view the data at that website and sign up for weekly reports.

Neighborhood Watch

South Plaza can schedule a training with the KCPD Community Interaction Officer (CIO). Those interested in forming a block watch can give their contact information to Safety/Security Committee member Donna Kerr. Forward any inquiries through southplazanakc@gmail.com.

Plaza Area Council Forms

A group of Plaza area civic leaders have joined together to form a nonprofit organization to ensure the continued vibrancy of the Plaza Area.

The Council will foster community involvement and initiatives that engage residents, the historic district, and exciting new initiatives in the surrounding area. The organization intends to play a role similar to that which other civic organizations fill, such as Downtown Council and Midtown KC Now.

Plaza Area Council mission

To serve as a community convener, building an inclusive, activated and engaged Plaza area — a must-experience destination for residents and visitors, driving economic and social value.



The Plaza Area Council will represent the needs and concerns of residents, nearby neighborhoods, tenants, merchants, business owners, organizations, and visitors. The website for the new organization is www.plazakc.org.

The members of the founding Steering Committee include: Lynn Carlton, Tyler Enders, Tom McGee, Kate Marshall, Matthew Mellor, Dennis Strait, David Westbrook, and Beth Zollars.

APRIL 4th - CITY ELECTIONS

We will be voting for Mayor and City Council positions. A sample ballot will be available on the Board of Election website soon: www.kceb.org

The General Election will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Register to vote by March 8. In-Person Absentee Voting begins February 21. No-excuse In-Person Absentee Voting begins March 21.