

# August 12, 2025 | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time August 12, 2025 | 6:05 pm CT | Meeting location Delmont Library and via Zoom

Meeting called by Angela White @ 6:05 pm

Type of meeting Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting /

Presiding Officer Angela White

Secretary Marquetta Cheeks

Timekeeper NA

Prior Meeting Minutes Status Approved

Participants Cheryl Keyes  
Yvette Moody  
Dennis Taylor  
LaTasha Walker  
Ann R. White  
Angela D White

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Time allotted | 2 minutes | **Agenda topic** Prayer | **Presenter:** LaTasha Walker

**Discussion** Angela White opened the meeting with prayer.

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Time allotted | 2 minutes | **Agenda topic** Adoption of Agenda | **Presenter** Angela White

**Discussion** Meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes in agenda noted.

**Conclusion** Meeting agenda approved.

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Time allotted | 2 Minutes | **Agenda topic** Approval of August 12, 2025 Minutes |  
**Presenter** Angela White

**Discussion** Meeting minutes were recapped by Angela White. Motion to accept meeting minutes made by Cheryl Keyes. Seconded by LaTasha Jones.

**Conclusion** Meeting minutes were approved.

### Discussion

- Dumping in SH started in late April on 79th Ave behind 7980 Scenic Hwy (vacant lot behind Haynes building) and on 78th Ave behind 7838 Scenic Hwy (vacant lot behind Advanced Auto Parts). We worked with LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) and the Mayor's Office. LDWF ticketed persons involved and some (not all) removed their dumped materials. EBR cleared the dumping locations after our sites were included with the Mayor's special dumping removal list. LDWF recommended that SH install No Dumping signs.
- SHPOA Officers & SHPNCPID Board members met with the BRPD Real-time Crime Center (RTCC) to discuss neighborhood crime and develop strategies to address it. Action items were given to the SHPOA/SHNCPID and residents.
  - SHPOA/SHNCPID were encouraged to meet/interact with the new leadership at District 4 (Scenic Hwy)
  - Residents are encouraged to improve lighting around their homes, register security cameras with ConnectBlue, improve visibility of house numbers, and report all crimes to police.
  - SHNCPID Patrols have been ticketing persons running the stop signs and have been using speed radar to catch speed violators.
- Issues cited by neighbors include:
  - Litter – we need everyone to take action to solve this I the neighborhood
  - Overgrown lots & lawns – They are being reported to 311
  - Airbnb on Nottingham St – Neighbors have complained about noise, blocked streets, and litter. We ask neighbors to call the police at 225-389-2000 and get a police report number when issues happen.
  - Auto repair business on 77<sup>th</sup> – Neighbors have cited issues, and owner has been asked to take action for tenants to end the issue.
  - Red Apartments on 79<sup>th</sup> Ave – We have been working on this issue for years from restricting their ability to receive occupancy permits due to building conditions, requested condemnation, etc. It will discussed with Councilman and EBR Blight Manager.
- I attended a BREC Town Hall to raise concerns about our neighborhood park, Scotlandville Parkway. BREC acknowledged park maintenance issues and will implement a 311 system for park maintenance in September. They are pledging to be better stewards of existing park facilities and to focus on improving park capabilities to meet the needs of its users.

Some Scotlandville Parkway issues include:

- Unrepaired bridges, Overgrown grass, Debris-strewn walkways, Unrepaired safety fencing, Water erosion, Fallen trees, Lack of security lighting, etc. NOTE: Some park bridges have been repaired, but two bridges will require complete reconstruction.

Until the new park issue reporting system is in place, the following interim process should be used:

- Email BREC at Rapid@BREC.org with a Subject Line stating the park name and the issue. Explain the issue in the body of the email and include any pictures.

Action Items	SHPOA Members	Due Date
1. Acquire No Dumping signs for SH locations where dumping has occurred.	SHPOA President	Update at meeting
2. To reduce neighborhood issues and crime, everyone needs to address litter, install adequate exterior lighting, report crime to police using 225-389-2000, and make certain to get a police report number. Call 911 for life-threatening situations.	Residents	Ongoing
3. A meeting is being scheduled with the new leadership at District 4, SHPOA Officers, and SHNCPID Board.	SHPOA Officers	Update at meeting
4. Report BREC Park issues by sending an email to BREC with a Subject Line stating the park name and the issue. Explain the issue in the body of the email and include any pictures.	Residents	Ongoing

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Time allotted | 2 Minutes | **Agenda topic** SHPOA Treasurer's Report | **Presenter** Angela White for Sheila Sims

**Discussion** Treasurer was not available/ The Treasurer Report was deferred.

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Time allotted | 10 minutes | **Agenda topic** SU Football Season | **Presenter** Angela White

**Discussion**

Only SH residents will be allowed to enter Southern Heights at Scenic and 77<sup>th</sup>, 78<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> Avenues after football games to eliminate post-game traffic and speeding (typically about 2.5-3 hours after the game starts). Residents can enter with their driver's license or a utility bill with a Southern Heights address.

Last year for Homecoming, parking restrictions were put in place with violators being towed. This year, the Homecoming Parade is on Sunday, Oct, 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Homecoming Game Day is on Sat., Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. A discussion held on whether parking restrictions were needed for the Homecoming Parade and Game Day.

- Residents agreed restricted parking is needed on the Parade Day and Game Day.
- Additional No Parking signs are requested, especially closer to intersections.
- Towing enforced signs are requested. NOTE: Police indicated that signs stating No Parking means you can be towed.

Action Items	SHPOA Members	Due Date
1. Request Parking Restriction signs for SU Homecoming Parade and Game Day	SHPOA President	Update at meeting

Time allotted | 15 minutes | **Agenda topic** October 11<sup>th</sup> Elections | **Presenter** Angela White

**Discussion** Discussed the renewal of the property taxes to support our Crime Prevention and Improvement District. Discussed benefits of our CPID Patrol to neighborhood and requested members to vote “YES” to continue funding our CPID.

Time allotted | 5-10 minutes | **Agenda topic** SH Holiday Social | **Presenter** Angela White

**Discussion** Discussed opportunity to hold our neighborhood Holiday Social

Time allotted | 5-10 minutes | **Agenda topic** Community Announcements/Open Discussion | **Presenter** Angela White



This is an opportunity to lend our support for improvement activities in the Avenues. These activities may be an example of partnering with our Metro Council member to shape the future of Southern Heights.

Action Items	SHPOA Members	Due Date
1. Set up meeting with Lyndsay Hudson, EBR Blight Mgr. and Anthony Kenney, District 2 Metro Council Rep for blight resolution options in Southern Heights.	SHPOA Officers	tbd
2. Follow-up with Metro Council Rep on opportunity to shape the future of Southern Heights and, possibly, capitalize on the new Mayor's interest in improving NBR.		

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Time allotted | 2 minutes | **Agenda topic** Adjournment | **Presenter** Angela White

**Conclusion** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.