

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (GPNA)

Thursday, April 16, 2026

The Way Church

- Ken Brooks welcomed members and introduced special guests in attendance:
 - **Springfield Fire Department—Fire Station #9**
 - Casey Perryman reviewed their call records for our neighborhood service area, along with smoke alarms availability and service including those for the hearing impaired. Also reminded members of the law against burning yard waste and/or trash in the City Limits of Springfield.
 - **Julinn Torres-Police Area Representative Officer (PAR) Officer**
 - Discussed issues and call complaints in our neighborhood including in-home businesses, multiple non-family members living in one home including rehab homes. There was also a concern regarding cars being worked on continuously.
 - It was mentioned that crime in our neighborhood was low compared to other neighborhoods. Most reports were “crimes of opportunity”, such as thefts occurring in unlocked vehicles.
 - **Brandon Jenson—Springfield City Council**
 - Reviewed the following topics/policies being considered in Springfield right now:
 - Traffic enforcement and noise enforcement.
 - Budget funding is available for needed improvements in neighborhoods (sidewalks, etc.)
 - Sewer rate increase necessary for improvements to comply with Federal agencies and the Department of Natural Resources.
 - Animal Control—Reviewing the working hours of animal control officers to better accommodate demand times, and for the City to take responsibility for major problems.
 - Campbell Avenue improvements.
 - Kansas Avenue improvements.
 - Chapter 94—Solid Waste Management.
 - The City is looking at the possibility of consolidating the trash service for the entire City.
 - Hotel Terror—an election will be held for voters to decide whether the City can use “eminent domain” to acquire the building.
 - **Angela Watkins-Community Development Specialist at Community Partnership of the Ozarks**
 - Discussed the benefits for keeping our neighborhood clean and the GPNA annual Neighborhood Clean-Up on May 2, 2026.
 - Dan Jessen—Superintendent of Solid Waste for Environmental Services at the City of Springfield.
 - Spoke on “understanding community trash recycling” and the City’s cleanliness initiative, reviewed Chapter 94 and public engagement. Also encouraged members to purchase the mulch available at the yard waste recycling center.

- **Business Meeting called to order.**
 - **Secretary's Report**-Debbie Butts referred members to printed report made available for review at the meeting and also our website. Motion to approve seconded and approved.
 - **Treasurer's Report**—Joe Stokes- reviewed the Financial Statements for Fiscal Year May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026, along with Annual Budget for Fiscal Year May 2026 to April 2027. Motion to approve seconded and approved.
 - **Unfinished or Old Business**
 - Neighborhood Works PLUS
 - Ken reported that our neighborhood submitted the most suggestions for improvements and/or projects in our area to the City.
 - **Request for unfinished business from the floor**--none
 - **New Business**
 - **Neighborhood Clean-up**—
 - Saturday May 2, 2026
 - Volunteers needed
 - **GPNA Summer Party**
 - Saturday, June 6, 2026
 - Volunteers needed
 - **Bass Pro Cheering Challenge**
 - Sunday, November 1, 2026
 - Volunteers needed
 - **New Business from the floor**-none was reported.
 - **Announcements**
 - Next association general meeting is planned for Thursday, July 16, 2026
 - No other announcements reported.
 - **Business Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Submitted by Debbie Butts, Secretary

April 17, 2026

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