

GSNA Public Meeting — Meeting Minutes

Date: July 22, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM–8:25 PM

Location: Historic Fire Barn, Upper Onondaga Park, Strathmore

Meeting Type: Public Meeting

Voting: No voting required

Attendance

- President: Carol Harvey
- VP & Chairperson (Pawstivley Strathmore): Gudrun Rudd
- Acting Board Secretary: Taylor Greene
- Board Members: John DeMott, Jason Allers, Liam Kirst

Call to Order

- Meeting began at 7:10 PM.

Agenda / Announcements

- Upcoming Events
 - Pops in the Park: 7/28 presenting Causeway Giants and a concession stand by GSNA (weather pending, rain dates typically the following Wednesday; rescheduling of two previous concerts discussed)
 - Art on the Porches: 9/12 (lawn signs available for posting, contact GSNA via strathmoreneighborhood.org)
 - Strathmore Parks Run: 9/13

Recap: Pawsitivley Strathmore & Donation (Fixing to Help CNY)

- A large check was presented to Karen Hubby with SANS and Nancy Hohler with Fixing to Help CNY.

- Check of \$4,070.70 made out to Spay and Neuter Syracuse for Strathmore Giving Grant.

- A question was raised about how to donate more.

Karen advised interested donors to contact her directly.

- Contact: Karen Jeanne Hubby — <kjhubby@spayandneutersyracuse.org>

- How funds are used: Owners of cats and dogs pay a small copay; the grant covers the remaining cost. Contact <https://www.spayandneutersyracuse.com/>

- Karen will post updates on the GSNA Facebook page of funds used and procedures performed. There will be a comprehensive report as well.

Parks Update (Syeisha Byrd, Parks Commissioner)

- Pops in the Park: rain dates typically the following Wednesday; looking to reschedule previous two concerts (details to come).

- Turtles: The City has opted for no turtle logs; instead, there will be large boulders, to be installed in the lake for turtles.

- Theft / reporting: plants have been stolen from planters; residents asked to report via the City Line app.

- Debris in lake: report buildup via the City Line app.

- Elmwood Park playground: new playground equipment ordered; installation date not yet provided.

- Lake accessibility: accessibility measures being added to the park master plan.

- Disc golf: coming soon; no date yet; planned as a community build project.

- Poison ivy: present in the wooded area; Parks working on signage for identification/removal.

- Programs: information and signup for programs (e.g., swim lessons, yoga) available at <https://syracuse.recdesk.com>.

Mayor's Updates (Mayor Sharon Owens)

- Noted increased traffic in the park during prom and graduation season; exploring ways to monitor traffic.
- Housing Strategy Corp expected to come to the Elmwood Neighborhood in 2027.
- Police recruitment: residents encouraged to apply via joinsyracusepolice.com.
- Route 690 east closure for two years noted; mayor discussed interest in removing I-90 tolls to encourage thruway usage and alleviate city traffic.
- Municipal dog shelter: tentative space identified; must meet NYS regulations and will be combined with county.
- CRB (committee) discussion: mayor agreed it is an important committee; details not fully captured in the notes.
- Former Shea Middle School building: mayor stated the city owns SCSD buildings and hopes to convert unused buildings into housing.
- Traffic/signage on Geddes St: mayor will loop in the Vision Zero coordinator.
- Fireworks concern: concerns about fireworks being set off in public spaces (e.g., reservoir) injuring bystanders; brainstormed idea of making the area a city-sanctioned space.
- Scooters: mayor exploring other companies to create healthy competition and encourage proper usage and collection of parked bikes.
- Glenwood pedestrian access: plans to install a sidewalk tentatively this year.
- Tony (Neighborhood Watch)
 - Officer Night Out: free and open to the public; date Tuesday, August 4th, 4PM-7PM, Kirk Park
 - Crime reports: syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org
 - Overall crime described as low compared to other neighborhoods and other years.
 - Concern raised about houses and vehicles being egged on Clairmont Ave.

Public Comment

- No separate public comment period captured in the provided notes; questions were raised during discussion topics.

Motions / Resolutions

- None. (No voting required.)

Action Items

1. Post lawn signs for Art on the Porches. (Due: prior to event on 9/12)
2. plant theft and lake debris using the City Line app. (Ongoing)
3. For additional donation giving, interested parties should contact Karen Jeanne Hubby directly. (Ongoing)
4. Loop in the Vision Zero coordinator regarding Geddes St traffic/signage concerns. (Owner: Mayor's office; due date not provided)

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM