

SPCA Annual Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026 · 28 attendees

Meeting Business

- Donna Hughs opened the final meeting of the year.
- Members approved the September meeting minutes.

Guest Speakers

- **Richmond 311:** Operations Manager Alan Hampton explained the escalation process for tickets. Residents may call if a ticket receives no response. He noted that tree requests are assessed and prioritized and may take up to a year. Richmond is working to improve closure notifications, especially for utility issues. RVA 811 is the Miss Utility service. Donna will post Alan's contact information on the SPCA website.
- **Richmond Public Schools:** RPS School Board member Ali Faruk asked for support for a 1% retail sales tax increase to fund major renovations and construction. This issue is on the November ballot.

Committee Reports

- **Beautification:** The 2027 Garden Walk is scheduled for June 6. The next Neighborhood Clean Up is October 17 at 10 a.m.; volunteers will meet at Chris Banks's home, 1411 Brookland Parkway. The Parks dept. approved the Little John Park concepts; the committee can now seek design pricing.
- **Hospitality:** Katherine Mayo thanked attendees of the 100th Anniversary Celebration. Five residents have lived in Sherwood Park for more than 50 years, and 10 new residents have moved in since April 2026. The Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for November 8.
- **Membership:** Dues can be paid by QR code or on the website, including recurring payments. Garden flags are available for \$15.
- **Safety and Government Affairs:** Waldorf School parking discussions produced a preliminary framework, but work continues. Code Refresh is on version 3; residents can use SPCA newsletter instructions to submit comments. Some residents are seeking a public referendum in November 2027. DPW delayed Five Points intersection planning until this fall while zoning input is considered.
- **Block Captains:** Sonya Donaldson Bates requested four volunteers. Interested residents should contact her.

2027 Officers were voted in and approved. Next Steps

- **President:** Bobbie Hunt
- **Vice President:** Tim Thibodeau
- **Secretary:** Denise Nelson
- **Treasurer:** Lee Ann Jones
- Terms begin in January 2027, when the new bylaws will also be introduced.
- The Third District Meeting is October 14.
- The next SPCA meeting is in January.