

**Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
November 12, 2012, 6:30 pm**

Present: Kate Lowman, Juliette Reynolds, Betsy Sublette, Marwan Khammash, Erika Brigham, Kasy Kane

Guests: Katherine Orenic, Bonnie Mittelstadt, Rebecca and Chris Jaensch

Minutes – not available

Treasurer's Report – Betsy gave the Treasurer's Report (attach to minutes).

Discussion re: suspected drug activity on Columbia Court - Bonnie, Rebecca and Chris asked for LPNA Board support in pursuing a solution. Neither contacting the landlord, Roy Fulgrapp of 641 Columbia Court, nor the City police have been helpful. Foot, bike & car traffic comes and goes constantly to the apartment building. Drugs? Prostitution?

Kate suggested a block meeting. Bonnie offered her home. Chris will contact lawyer friend about how to gather evidence.

Kate will: Contact City police Sgt. Boyd, ask for police reports on address for the last 4 years, ask how to bring in Code Enforcement and/or Nuisance Abatement. How to procure evidence? Kate will also contact the landlord and let him know that there have been a number of complaints.

Betsy also mentioned drug activity near her house on Oak (traffic all thru the night) at duplexes to the west of her.

Administrative Approval – Successful community meeting. Next meeting will be City Commission, Monday, December 3. Need up to five LP speakers supporting LPNA request.

The alternative offer of a neighborhood meeting at the front end (presented at the end of the Community Meeting by some in the audience) does not meet the needs of the neighborhood. By asking for a Planning Board public hearing, the neighbors will see a finalized and City-vetted site plan, and then we can bring up concerns in a recorded public forum. We have asked for this for some time and wish to proceed. **Motion to continue with the request for an Overlay: unanimously approved by Board.**

CCNA November Meeting report- Kate reported that Dr. Smith presented two zoning text amendments which may affect Laurel Park. One would change a 1970s rule on “nonconforming lots”. Kate asked for a list of lots affected in LP, but they cannot provide a list. Betsy offered to look up lots.

Kate will attend a meeting on Oct 29 with Lourdes Ramirez who has dealt with this issue on Siesta Key (Sarasota County). Tim Litchet will pull a dozen variance requests to help us understand the problem.

The second amendment would change “permitted uses” throughout the City (cluster housing in LP) and also allow “Provisional Approval” in neighborhood items such as child care. This could be a huge change.

Kate suggested we send a letter to the City asking that these two Zoning Text Amendments be held in abeyance until there can be a fuller explanation to the neighborhoods about the implications. (The Planning Department plans to give these to the Planning Board next month.)

Motion for Kate to send letter requesting a delay until the consequences of these changes for the neighborhood are better understood: Board unanimously approved.

Tunes in the Park - Jolie reports that all is going forward. Betsy has given Jolie checks for band and noise permit. Kate will ask Rene to send out request for help for Saturday, November 17 – 2 pm strong arms for set up, 3 pm decoration. Also ask Rene to send out a reminder to folks to come to Tunes, bring friends, dishes, etc.

Holiday Party - Kasy will ask Shani to add to the poster format the notice that there will be a **General Meeting** at 5 pm, party starts at 5:30 pm. Kasy asked for \$300 for food, decorations and flutist. **Motion to approve \$300 for the Holiday Party: Board unanimously agreed.** Steph and Robert have offered to help. Kasy asked for volunteers to set up at 4 pm.

General Meeting agenda – Treasurer’s Report. Thank LP volunteers for all of their good work. Explain AA process. Offer agenda for 2013. Remind about January membership drive....

Clean Up – Marwan reported. 16-17 people volunteered for the clean up. A good job.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:50 pm