

**Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Monday, March 20, 2014
310 S. Osprey**

A meeting of the LPNA Board of Directors was held at 310 S. Osprey and was called to order by Kate Lowman, past LPNA president, at 6:30 pm.

Present: Kate Lowman, Rene Desjardins, Betsy Sublette, Kasy Kane, Marwan Khammash, Dan Bridinger, Ginger Mermin, Kelly Franklin

Not present: Chris Jaensch

Guests: Jude Levy, Katherine Orenic, Officer Cannon (SPD)

Minutes of the January 7, 2014, Board Meeting were adopted by acclamation. The minutes of the General Meeting held on February 18, 2014, were accepted as accurate (they will be voted on at the next General Meeting).

Treasurer's report was given by the Treasurer Betsy Sublette. The current balance is \$8,110.56. Report adopted by acclamation.

Board positions and assignments discussion. Kelly Franklin will be the president until Dec 1 when Rene will take up the presidency until May 2015 when he leaves town. How the remainder of the 2 year term will be filled will be determined next spring. The vice president will be Chris Jaensch which will include contact with the City and as chair of the Laurel Park Committee to Fight Back Against Nuisance Properties. Betsy Sublette will continue as the treasurer and check the LPNA Post Office Box regularly. The recorder/secretary will be Ginger Mermin. Kate as past president will be an advisor to the president.

The CCNA rep will be Dan Bridinger with Kate as the alternate. The website and neighborhood emails will be supervised and sent by Kelly. Jolie McInnis will be coordinating this April's Tunes in the Park. Kate with a neighborhood committee will monitor the status of the Form Based Code and how it might impact our zoning. Jude will ask Teresa about the cost of printing and folding 500 more Laurel Park Historic walking maps. With more maps in hand, a notice will go out to the neighborhood that they are available at the box in the park. Dan agreed to keep an eye on the box and keep it filled with maps. For now, Jude will keep track of map edits for a bi-annual update. The bi-annual clean ups will be handled by Marwan. Sign placement will be orchestrated by Dan and Rene. No newsletters planned, but perhaps once in the year one might be published to "touch" each residence with important contact information. City grant applications for Tunes and the Holiday Party will be assigned. Shani Thimm has designed our posters and will hopefully continue to do so for us.

The MURT status will be monitored by Ginger. The president will let SPD know of dates and times of LPNA meetings. The membership data list is being handled by Pamela Diamond. The January Membership Drive, complete for this year, will be assigned to someone next year. The Holiday Party date has been reserved with the City for next Dec. but a coordinator has not been chosen.

The use of the association name on the proposed new Strong Mayor/City Charter was discussed. At a CCNA meeting, LPNA requested that the name be removed from the It's Time website for people think LPNA has endorsed which they haven't and can't. To date the request has not been honored. CCNA unanimously asked this group to remove the LPNA name from a Laurel Park resident who is a charter member. Perhaps Chris could send a letter to the group?

Kate reported on the Form Based Code (3 yr project). Karin Murphy and Andrew Georgiadis from the Urban Design Studio gave an overview at the LPNA General Meeting in February but they were not specific about text amendments and/or changes to Laurel Park boundaries and zoning that they are considering to proffer.

Six or so residents went on the walk-about the following Saturday. The Urban Design Studio folks seem to be focusing now on Washington Blvd (301) and neighborhood access to Payne Park. Kate made an analysis of RSM-9 vs. potential zoning for Laurel Park and sent it to Karin and Andrew as well as the board members. There is reason to be concerned about proposed lot sizes, height and density. Expect an update at each board meeting.

Tunes in the Park is planned for Saturday, April 12, 5-9 pm. Jolie sent out email requesting volunteers for set up and clean up and distribution of post cards to let everyone know about the event.

Officer Cannon encouraged everyone to call 911 and say "non-emergency" when seeing something suspicious. He was given Chris' contact information as Officer Cannon was interested in our neighborhood "hot spots" to report back to his chief.

Kate made a motion to pay the yearly website hosting fee of \$240. Betsy seconded. This was approved unanimously.

Announcements: gas lines being replaced on some streets. Kate asked City (Doug Jeffcoat) not to damage bricks. Residents received no advance notice from the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Minutes taken by Jude Levy