

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
November 3, 2014
1876 Oak Street

The meeting was called to order by President Kelly Franklin at 6:30 pm.

Present: Kelly Franklin, Chris Jaensch, Dan Bridinger, Betsy Sublette, Kate Lowman, Kasy Kane, Marwan Khammash, Jude Levy
Not present: Ginger Mermin, Rene Desjardins

Minutes of the October 12 meeting were adopted by acclamation.

Betsy gave the Treasurer's report. After \$561.36 in expenses for Tunes in the Park, the current balance is \$6,729.39. The report was accepted.

Board Vacancy: Rene resigned his board seat with a letter dated October 22, 2014. He hopes to remain active when he is in town. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Jude Levy to fill the vacancy on the Board. Kelly signed an official letter relinquishing her Presidency as of December 1. Chris declined the offer of presidency. After discussion, since Rene was to be President starting December 1, Jude by unanimous vote was selected President to complete the term until elections are held in February 2016.

Board discussed General Meeting to be held at Payne Park, Monday, November 10 at 6:30 pm. Discussed agenda, refreshments. Decided to thank Jolie for another wonderful Tunes in the Park. Jude will bring sign up sheets for attendance. Kelly will bring agendas, Feb General Meeting minutes, and sign up sheets for Neighbor to Neighbor.

Jude asked for an estimated \$230 for the January 2015 Membership Mailing. All approved. Chris offered free copying at his office.

Kate presented what is known about the zoning text amendments from the Urban Design Studio (handed out at CCNA). Expect actual zoning changes in 6 months. Two concerning text amendments in this first round: Eliminating language for landscaping buffers and eliminating a public hearing for easement requests. Zoning Text Amendments will go before the Planning Board in January 2015. Kate clarified that the City's Transportation Plan and the Urban Design charge to update the City's Zoning Code are on two different tracks though they affect each other.

City planners want orderly maps; want fewer categories. Since we are the only neighborhood in the City with RSM-9 zoning, it seems likely that our zoning will be changed/modified. There is also the question of further moves in the direction of Administrative Approval on development, no public hearings. Currently we have a hard won Overlay participation on large developments on Laurel Park's borders. Will that be retained in the new code? Questions will be sent to Karin Murphy/Urban Design beforehand so she may prepare to focus on Laurel Park at our General Meeting.

Adjourned: 7:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Jude Levy
(guest secretary)

Next LPNA Board Meeting will be held Monday, Jan 12, 6:30 pm at 310 S. Osprey.