

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

March 14, 2016

1685 Laurel St, Unit 8

6:00-9:00

The meeting was called to order by Past President Jude Levy.

Board members present: Don Baillie, Dan Bridinger, Kelly Franklin, Marwan Khammash, Jude Levy, Jim Lingley, Meg Spinella, Betsy Sublette, Alice Sundstrom

Guests present: Kate Lowman, Joile McInnis

Officers elected:

President: Don Baillie

Vice President: Meg Spinella

Secretary: Alice Sundstrom

Treasurer: Betsy Sublette

Assignments:

CCNA representative: Dan Bridinger

CCNA alternate representative: Jim Lingley

Park upkeep and City Staff liaison: Dan Bridinger

Event Signage: Alice Sundstrom

Historic Preservation: Meg Spinella

TBD:

Membership

Holiday Party

Don asked members for their expectations of the upcoming year. In addition to the LPNA's mission, the board needs to monitor the Urban Design's zoning recommendations and monitor growth which will impact our neighborhood, including the LP boundaries.

Don opened a discussion about increasing membership. Jude completed our annual resident mailing in December, which was well received. We currently have 90 member households. For our 2017 mailing, we should consider using the City's voter/property owner database to ensure we reach everyone. We should also continue to include membership forms in the newsletter, website, and have them available at Tunes and other functions. Don will include a push for new members in the upcoming newsletter. All board members will continue to work to increase membership.

Treasure's Report: Our balance is \$9,106.75 Alice moved to accept the treasures report. Motion seconded by Jim. Motion carried

Jan. 2016 Board Minutes: Betsy moved to accept. Motion seconded by Jim. Motion carried

CNNA: Dan and Kate attended the CCNA monthly meeting. At the meeting Kate gave an update on the Woman's Exchange appeal. Pineapple Place was the main topic of the meeting.

Traffic Calming: Jude stated that the City wants to combine the traffic study for both ends of Laurel St. as well as Oak St. Once they have letters from the residents pledging to obey the posted speed limits on those streets the city will proceed with the study. Jude also mentioned that the developer of 1938 Laurel is willing to pay for a speed table at the east end of Laurel St.

Oak Street Median: neither Jack Notestein nor Juliette Reynolds were able to attend, they will be invited to the next board meeting.

Woman's Exchange Appeal: Kate gave an update on the appeal and its expenses. All the Planning Commission appeal costs were covered by donations except for \$300 which LPNA contributed. The City Commission appeal is expected to cost approximately \$2,230, with \$2,000 raised so far. She discussed Mike Taylor's qualifications as a former senior planner for the City of Sarasota. As approved through emails at the end of February, LPNA is hiring him as an expert witness. He will be able to address the Woman's Exchanges claims about coding and zones for the loading dock. We will pay him \$633.90 to cover his airline ticket and rental car. The appeal to the City Commission will be on April 4, 2016, 6-9pm, City Hall room 112.

1938 Laurel Street: Jude gave an update on the project. The homes will be craftsman style homes. The development is moving along.

Tunes in the Park: Jolie gave an update. Don will man a membership table. Set up is at 2:00, clean up is at 9. Dan will have a barrel for collecting cans of food for the Food Bank. Prior to Tunes, Dan will include an article in the upcoming newsletter asking for donations, and Kelly will send out an email requesting the same.

A motion for Jolie to write grants to fund the 11/16 and 4/17 Tunes in the Park was made by Meg; Motion seconded by Jim. Motion carried

New Laurel Park T-shirts will be discussed at the April Board meeting.

Hawkins Ct. Re-bricking Project: Alice discussed the condition of the street. She said the city is interested in partnering with the LPNA on the re-bricking of portions of the street. A Motion to send the Doug Jeffcoat at Public Works a letter requesting this project was made by Kelly; Motion seconded by Meg. Motion carried

All Faiths Food Bank: Dan reported on Saturday's outreach project. 17 people participated in sorting meat for 5,833 meals. He has received \$425 in donations.

405 S. Osprey: We had a discussion of the process around the proposed house move on 405 S. Osprey. The prior board was in favor of preserving the historic structure, but asked that the trees that would need to be removed from the median be replaced with trees and plantings of a similar size to what is currently in the median to preserve the green-space for all residents and ensure continuity with other medians. The Board sent a letter to this effect to the City; as it turned out, the median in question was not in Laurel Park, and the City ordinance required replacing like-with-like trees.

While Devon Rukowski had requested an opportunity to discuss his proposal for the relocation of the property at the fall general meeting, there was a miscommunication about the amount of time he would be allotted. This resulted in him not making his presentation. To avoid future situations such as this, it was suggested that we communicate more clearly with our general membership and with those who will be speaking at all meetings.

Next board meeting: April 11, 2016, 6:30pm at 1685 Laurel St., Unit 8

Move to adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Minutes submitted by Alice Sundstrom, Secretary.

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Special Board Meeting

March 21, 2016

1685 Laurel St, Meeting Room

6:00-6:30

The meeting was called to order by President Don Baillie.

Board members present: Don Baillie, Dan Bridinger, Marwan Khammash, Jude Levy, Meg Spinella, Betsy Sublette, Alice Sundstrom

Jude requested funds to reprint notecards and maps of the historic homes in Laurel park. Meg moved to fund the reprinting of 200 notecards and 1,000 maps. Motion seconded by Alice, Motion carried

Spring Clean-Up: The spring clean-up will be held on April 9, 2016. LPNA will provide water. Marwan will ask Kelly to send out an e-mail blast announcing the date of the clean-up and also to place this on the website.

Don talked about what he has done since being voted into the position of Board President. He has contacted the following:

- Nancy Kelly, re: membership mailing. She will put together a list for a membership mailing.

Don said her office will pay for the mailing. No motions were made concerning this mailing at this time.

- Miranda Lansdale with the County Neighborhood Office, re: filed forms updating board membership and contact information.

- CONA: Don would like a representative from LPNA to attend their monthly meetings.

However their meetings are held at the same time as ours. No motions were made to send a representative to these meetings.

- Urban Design Studio: Karen was unable to meet with Don. However, the Design Studio holds a weekly open house. Don will attend the open house this Friday (3/25/16). It was suggested that before attending the open house, he meet with Kate Lowman to be brought up to speed on the LPNA overlay and the Urban Design Studio.

- Joan Higby re: creating and managing a FaceBook page

- Jack Notestein re: chairing landscaping committee

- Jack and Don will attend the county grant writing workshop in the fall

- Picked up a second key to the LPNA Post Office Box. Don and Betsy each have a key to the PO Box.

Don laid out his vision for how the LPNA could be improved. He has three initiatives that he would like to implement: membership, communication and grants. As discussed at the March 21, 2016 meeting, he would like to see membership increased with the hope of increased member involvement in the Association. He would like to create a Communications Committee which would produce Press

Releases. And, Don would like to see a committee that will be responsible for writing grants. No motions were made to implement these initiatives.

Next board meeting: April 11, 2016, 6:30pm at 1685 Laurel St., Unit 8

Move to adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30

Minutes submitted by Alice Sundstrom, Secretary.