

# Laurel Park Neighborhood Association

## General Board Meeting

February 17, 2015

Friendship Center 6-8 pm

The General Meeting of the LPNA was called to order by President Jude Levy.

Board members attending: Jude Levy, Kate Lowman, Marwan Khammash, Betsy Sublette, Dan Bridinger and Ginger Mermin.

42 people signed the sign-in sheet

President Jude Levy asked new residents of Laurel Park to stand and introduce themselves.

The minutes of the last General Meeting (November 2014) were approved by acclamation. The Treasurer's Report (balance of \$5930.11) was also approved by acclamation.

Tour Chairman Ron McCarty gave a report on the House Tour to take place on March 1, 2015. Twelve houses and apartments will be on the Tour. Jude mentioned an informal clean-up of Laurel Park to take place on Saturday Feb. 28.

Tunes in the Park will take place on April 11 from 5 to 9 pm.

Jolie McInnis asked for volunteers who would be willing to write grants to benefit Laurel Park. Dan Bridinger asked for volunteers to establish a park committee. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Marwan Khammash, a board member, is head of the clean-up committee and the next major clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 9 am. Jude noted that Laurel Park is almost 50 acres.

Erika Brigham, the LPNA liaison to County's Coalition of Neighborhood Associations gave a report stating that organic farms are increasing in Sarasota County.

Mark Lee, of Legacy Homes, gave a report of the 19 lots that are being developed between Devonshire and Alderman. He stated infrastructure is in and lots are almost ready to be built on.

Karin Silver of VanDyk Group talked about the "Orange Club" a group of condo and townhouse residences to be built on Orange Avenue.

Annabelle Newland is the property manager for an apartment complex on Morrill Ave. The rental apartments are being refurbished and two are ready to rent.

Kate Lowman gave a brief history of the overlay that Laurel Park has over any construction on the borders. The Woman's Exchange is planning an expansion of about 40 %. They want to put a loading dock on their property facing Rawls Avenue. Everyone was encouraged to attend the second community meeting to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 at City Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Recorded by Ginger Mermin