

**LPNA Board Meeting**  
Thursday, October 13, 2016  
1723 Oak Street

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Board Members present:** Alice Sundstrom, Betsy Sublette, Jim Lingley, Juliette Reynolds, Dan Bridinger, Don Baillie, Jude Levy. Not present: Kelly Franklin, Marwan Khammash.

Also present: Kate Lowman, Jolie McInnis

**Minutes:** September 15, 2016 Board meeting minutes approved by acclimation.

**Treasurer's Report** accepted by acclimation. Same as September's. \$8,328.80.

**Housekeeping:**

Signage for upcoming events needs to be delegated. Jolie will handle those for Tunes; the Holiday Party signs will be given to Cheri Wisener; Jim agreed to prep and put out the General Meeting signs. Jolie will provide maps to Cheri and Jim about sign locations. If we need more signs, Don has a contact. Jolie has been using Staples and Office Depot.

**Updates:**

**WEX:** Lincoln has filed his response and requested oral arguments. LPNA hired Attorney Dick Ulrich to join the City's case. Due to our budget restrictions and our confidence in Robert Fournier's expertise, Ulrich will only participate in oral arguments if the Judge specifically asks him to respond to something.

**CCNA:** Dan gave the report of the CCNA meeting. Chief Bernadette DiPino of the SPD gave a rousing presentation. She feels the department is making progress dealing with crime, homeless, drug dealing – even reaching out to drug dealers' families who are left bereft and are victims, too. She reminded all not to give cash to homeless individuals, rather give to organizations who help them. The Chief is hiring many new officers focusing on more women and minority recruits.

**PREP Board:** Dan is also on the PREP Board and reported that Bobby Jones needs upkeep. It is considered half of the City's park land and needs to be secure for City use (not sold). He is going to recommend nature trails be put in. Bobby Jones Golf Course is a valuable City resource.

**MEDIANS:** Nothing new to report.

**HANG TAGS:** The City Neighborhood Department has provided LPNA with hang tags. Jude will provide volunteers with maps. Betsy, Don & Cathy, Marwan & Monika, Jules & Billy volunteered to take them around to all homes and apartments. The tags advertise Tunes, the General Meeting and the Holiday Party.

**HAWKINS COURT:** Alice said Hawkins Court owners and renters were surveyed, lukewarm responses to helping with re-bricking. City has agreed to bid out the project this fall; bids should be back in February 2017.

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** Co-hosts, Cheri Wisener and Teal White, will meet in early November. Will order more food this year. Community grant for \$250 applied for (pays for food).

**TUNES IN THE PARK:** Jolie is delighted to have hired the Passerine Band to play at Tunes. She expects a good crowd. Don will man the membership table. Alan will set up the lights. Set up at 1 pm, 2:30-3:30 pm ice from Publix (Don will pick up), and clean up at 9 pm. Besides the City grant, Jolie asked for funds from LPNA up to \$500 for band, drinks & desserts. Dan made the motion; Don seconded, approved unanimously.

Alice, Dan and Jude will make brief announcements about the General Meeting, Food Bank and the Holiday Party, respectively.

Don said he would announce events on Next Door as 90+ Laurel Park folks have signed up for the social media. Just post for Laurel Park please. Alice has invited City Commissioners, City Manager, Jerry Fogle, Nancy Kelly, Doug Jeffcoat to Tunes.

**GENERAL MEETING AGENDA:** STOP presentation, 2020 presentation, announcements.

### **City's Mobility Plan:**

Kate gave a summary. The Mobility Plan is part of the City's Comprehensive Plan which is implemented in the zoning code. The City has been working on this for years. The current update is 700 pages! As a result of the Mobility Plan, the City can spend transportation funds on sidewalks, bus shelters, bike lanes, etc. There is a part of this plan that affects Laurel Park negatively – the peak traffic trigger numbers used to trigger a traffic study are too high. Kate will draft a letter to the City Commissioners to be sent by the Board about this. We will also thank the City for creating a buffer around the neighborhood where more traffic studies will be performed. Laurel Park is the only City neighborhood to be granted this. Kate was asked to send STOP website to Board members to inform them further about this issue.

The Board is invited to attend and speak at the November 7 afternoon (2:30 to 4:30 pm) City Commission meeting when this issue comes before them to be transmitted to Tallahassee.

### **Be Vigilant:**

Jolie mentioned that she noticed a bicyclist going in and out of driveways scoping out properties. Please, when you notice such activity, call 911. There have been some break ins on Ohio.

**Membership Drive:** Alice said the Membership Drive will begin in December.

### **Ideas for Membership Funds:**

- Paint south side of LP sign at S. Osprey and Morrill intersection saying something like “Thank you for visiting Laurel Park”
- Banners on light poles at S. Osprey intersections
- Reactivate newsletter, perhaps twice a year, pay for an editor and layout. Ask for assistance with this at the General Meeting. It's a valuable asset for LPNA.
- Order LPNA tees – include woman's styles, colors. Give tees again with memberships over \$25. An amount was not finalized.

The Board approved \$200 for holiday lights for the lamp posts on S. Osprey.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm

Submitted by Jude Levy