

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2013
310 S. Osprey

The meeting was called to order by Kate Lowman, president.

Board Members present: Kate Lowman, Kasy Kane, Betsy Sublette, Erika Brigham, Jude Levy (quorum present)

Board Members not present: Julie Reynolds, Rene Desjardins, Marwan Khammash, Teresa Stone.

Betsy presented the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously accepted.

Several residents are concerned about two dogs that are running loose in the neighborhood. Dogs' owner lives at 1638 Oak. They read a letter from a third neighbor who has registered a complaint. They were advised to call Animal Control and to keep a record of events. If the situation continues and the County does not respond, come back to the Board for a letter of complaint to the City/County.

President's Report: The Laurel Park Overlay was approved 4-1 by the City Commission. Residents will have the opportunity of being involved in two public meetings about large projects on their borders. / The Board insurance has been paid. A nominal increase. We need to update list of Board members with the agency in 2014. / The grant request to the City was submitted by Jolie and Katherine. Much gratitude. / It looks as if the BRT is history.

Tunes in the Park has been scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 5-9 pm.

Jude announced that the Sarasota Alliance will have their Historic Home Tour in Laurel Park, Sunday, March 2, 2014. This year in the Washington Park subdivision area (Madison Court/Oak Street) and next year in the Ohio/Oak area. The chair, Dorthea Calvert, will be our guest at the October LPNA Board meeting.

Also, Chris Wenzel will attend the October meeting to talk about the historic home walking map. He is very interested in this project. We need a flat map to put in the park, at the Visitor Center, etc. and we need a map for the website.

Kate will send the new website link to the Board for another look. Jude and Kate will meet for some changes and Kate will meet with Kelly. Kate would like to see the website roll out at the end of the month. For the first few months, we can expect feedback.

Kate plans to have a flyer for Tunes taken to all in the neighborhood. The new website will be on this flyer.

Jolie has asked for \$230 for Christmas lights on Osprey. Unanimously approved.

A Nominating Committee has been selected: Jolie McInnis, Katherine Orenic, Kasy Kane.

Denise Kowal has contacted Kate about the Michael Saunders lot on Orange. The City quit paying the rent of \$2,000/mo in July (there is a barrier up now). Denise would like the City to buy the lot for the businesses in Burns Court. Jolie McInnis would like the LPNA Board to support that request. The City would like the businesses to pay the rent on the customer parking lot. The Board discussed, noting that we have already requested that the City continue to lease the lot. Board agreed not to take further action at this time and Kate will send email to Denise asking to keep us apprised of events.

Holiday Party reserved for Sunday, December 1 in the park. A coordinator is needed for food planning, decorating and music. The Kanes will take care of the tree and its decorations. First, Kate will send out an email to the Board; second, to the neighborhood looking for a coordinator.

Jude reported on the CCNA meeting. Jude provided a handout was given about the City's new Form Based Code. The presentation didn't answer many questions that would apply particularly to Laurel Park. Kate and Jude will talk with Karin Murphy at one of her open door Friday afternoons soon. The Urban Design Studio will have an Open House, October 4, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Other topics discussed at the meeting: 2050 Plan, Neighborhood Watch, an Associate to sit at the table with neighborhood reps.

A General Meeting is in the planning stages. Preference for November 5 or November 12. Kate will follow up with the Senior Friendship Center.

The MURT is still an active project. City hopes to have contracts solidified with construction beginning in October.

Board discussed the possible demolition of Payne Park Auditorium. Kate will send a letter to the City from the Board saying we look forward to public meetings (and hope to be able to use the public facility once again as we did in the past until the City closed access to neighborhoods).

Announcements. Lukewood Park Lift Station Meeting, Wed, Sept 18, 6-8 pm in SRQ Media Room, City Hall Annex. Lido Beach sand renourishment & erosion prevention plans (a la Army Corps of Engineers): Sept 18, 3-5 pm, Coastal Advisory Committee at the Sarasota County Commission Chambers, 1660 Ringling Blvd.

Meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by
Jude Levy