

**LPNA Special Board Meeting**  
Monday, August 30, 2016, 7:00 pm  
1876 Oak Street

**Board Members present:** Jude Levy, Dan Bridinger, Kelly Franklin, Juliette Reynolds, Alice Sundstrom

**Board Members not present:** Don Baillie, Marwan Khammash, Jim Lingley, Betsy Sublette

**Also present:** Kate Lowman

- **Call to order.** President Alice Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- **Between meeting actions:**
  - On August 2, President Alice Sundstrom received word that the **Woman's Exchange (WEX) had filed an appeal** of the City Commission's March, 2016 decision (formalized in a resolution in June) to deny WEX's site plan and building permit to construct a loading space on Rawls. LPNA was named as a respondent in the filing.
  - On August 3, President Alice Sundstrom crafted an **update to LPNA members regarding WEX's action**. This update, approved by the Board via email, was also issued as a press release
  - It was subsequently discovered that contrary to what the LPNA board's prior understanding, under the Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure, WEX *had* to include the LPNA in its appeal. With the approval of the Board, a **clarification regarding the reasons for LPNA being named in the appeal** was issued to the press and LPNA members on August 13.

The August 13 update also included a briefing on the City's steps toward removing the primary street designation for 1-block sections of Oak, Laurel, and Morrill Streets between Orange and Rawls Ave. The changes will allow property access to and from those three, east-west streets and protect Rawls from future, additional access points and more traffic. It should go before City Commissioners early next year.

- **Discussion of the options.** Alice and Kate briefed attendees on their investigations regarding LPNA's options as a named respondent in the appeal.
  - The City attorney will be filing a response on September 15 (it is due to the court on September 16). WEX will have 20 days to respond to the

City's filing, after which oral arguments will likely be scheduled (probably for in December or January)

- The LPNA has 3 options:
  - filing its own response (which must be prepared and submitted by an attorney)
  - joining the City's response (by means of a 1-page form which must be submitted by an attorney)
  - doing nothing and letting the case play out without representation from the neighborhood.
- Alice spoke with the Board's insurance provider, and discovered that the cost of an attorney would not be covered under these circumstances.
- LPNA currently has \$8,328 in its account, with projected expenses of \$2,000.
- **Actions.**
  - For financial reasons, the Board quickly came to the conclusion that option 1 wasn't viable.
    - Kelly moved that LPNA **allocate up to \$1,000 for an attorney** to quickly review the City's submission and file a **joiner form**. The Board members present *approved this motion* unanimously.
    - Update: Alice, Kate, and Juliette were asked to explore various options for securing legal representation. On September 8, Kate and Alice met with an attorney who had land use legal experience, and was willing to work with us on our tight timeframe and budget to review the City's response and file the joiner form.
  - In the event that the Board was unable to secure representation, the Board felt that other opportunities to show the LPNA's support for the City's decision should be investigated. Kelly moved that Kate Lowman be empowered to see if a **letter of support could be sent to the City Attorney for inclusion in his filing**, and if so, that Kate craft the letter. The Board members present *approved this motion* unanimously.
- **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kelly Franklin