

MINUTES – LPNA General Meeting
February 7, 2017

- **WELCOME**
 - Meeting called to order 6:01 p.m.
 - Board Introductions - Alice Sundstrom introduced the LPNA Board.
 - New residents introduce themselves.

- **THANK YOU – Alice Sundstrom**
 - Jolie McInnis for Tunes in the Park
 - Cheri Wisener and Teal White for Holiday Party.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Minutes for Fall 2016 General Meeting approved by acclamation.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES**
 - **Treasurer’s Report** – Betsy Sublette. Distributed to attendees. Current balance, \$10,068.94. Approved by acclamation.

 - **Woman’s Exchange** – Alice Sundstrom
Deadline has passed for further legal action, so the loading dock on Rawls will not be built. City Commission has approved 50-foot secondary street exception for Oak and Laurel so that any future development on the WEX site or Michael Sander’s lot will not be required to construct a loading zone facing Rawls. Alice recognized Kate Lowman’s leadership on this issue. Dan Harris added his thanks to the community.

 - **Membership Drive** – Alice Sundstrom
Kicked off in October at Tunes in the Park and with door hangers, email reminders. Donations optional, but we’ve raised \$3,221 from members.

 - **Laurel Park History / Historic Homes** – Jude Levy
Jude handed out a brief history of the neighborhood and the LPNA.

 - **Urban Design Studio Update** – Alice Sundstrom
 - Trying to digitize built environment and simplify standards.
 - Keeping Laurel Park zoning largely as is – RSM-9 (residential single use and multiple residential nine units).

- Proposed tweaks / improvements:
 - Surrounding areas – keep eye on what is being proposed.
 - Decrease impervious lot coverage from 75% to 65% max.
 - Tighten porch standards to get more desired / historic standards.
 - Add additional requirements on garages, such as requiring detached garages and prohibiting attached.
 - Increased setback requirements for larger combined lots.
 - Better definition of accessory unit.

The above items would apply to new construction, additions, and renovations. Design studio will be hosting workshops in April, and they want neighborhood feedback in order to finalize by September. Alice asking neighborhood to consider the above changes, and get back to the board if any concerns. She also invited LPNA members to sign up for a zoning committee to consider these ideas in more depth, and refer back to LPNA.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Safety** – Alice noted that if you see a problem in the neighborhood, call 911. Pick up safety tips brochure from Sarasota Police Department.
- **Solar Coop** –Erica Briggen for FL Sun for residential solar. Flyers available. Information session, Friday, Feb. 24th at 11 a.m. at 6700 Clark Road,

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- League of Women Voters is holding a forum for all City Commission candidates at the Selby Library on Monday, March 6 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Monica Streaker
- All Faiths Food Bank - TBD
- Clean-up Day – April 8 8:30 a.m. – noon – Marwan Khammash
- 30th Tunes in the Park – April 15 - 5-9 p.m. – Jolie McInnis – Volunteers needed to help set-up at 1:00 and tear down at 9:00.

- **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:16 p.m.