

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes (Buffie Hutchinson)
June 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 at Laurie Hall's residence.

Board Members Present

Laurie Hall - President
Matt Arcari - Treasurer
Juliette Reynolds
Vicki Ondis (via Zoom)
Dan Bridinger
Buffie Hutchinson - Acting Secretary

Board Members Not Present

James Lingley - Vice President
Julie Cotton - Secretary

Agenda Items

Board meeting minutes for May 21, 2020 were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation. Current balance is \$9,496.72.

Pamphlets obtained by Vicki "10 Tips for Fire Safety" were reviewed. Additional information was discussed regarding building codes and smoke detector requirements. Matt is inquiring about fire dept completing checks and possibly free detectors for those in need. Pamphlets will be distributed at our next event and in the collateral display box located at the entrance to Laurel Park. Info can also be sent out via email blast.

Dan reports that previous concern about drug issues has been resolved as the suspected individual no longer lives in the neighborhood.

Dan volunteered to attend the next CCNA meeting.

The board discussed new neighborhood signage. Matt suggested deciding on material and getting samples/quotes. He will also reference historical pictures and Payne Park. We thought redesigning the signs could be opened up to the neighborhood to submit ideas and potentially hold a contest to get community involvement.

We discussed the possibility of speed bumps/tables on Osprey Ave, if possible to align with the upcoming construction project. Dan and Jules have contacts to inquire. Additional ideas included brick pavers from Mound to Ringling, new crosswalk signage, blinking lights at crosswalks. Dan will be contacting Nancy Kelly to explore these options.

Next Tunes in the Park is scheduled for 11/21 pending COVID has eased. Jolie to assist with funding.

New Business

Laurie proposed to the board that we should do a family friendly event like Movie night. The board approved this event potentially to happen at the end of Sept/early October. Laurie is contacting Jolie to find out what the steps are to get this planned. This event is pending COVID situation has calmed down.

The board discussed the Light Up Laurel Park event. Everyone was in agreement that we should make this an annual event. Next year we would like to schedule the event earlier, before the rainy season starts (April). Jolie has mentioned to Laurie that the Tunes in the Park event will most likely be held only once a year going forward. In the past, she has run this event twice a year but the City will provide the grant once a year going forward. In lieu of this, we can replace the April Tunes with Light Up Laurel Park and continue to have the November Tunes event. Light Up Laurel Park cost less than \$200 with minimal coordination.

Laurie was disappointed that there were no photos for this event. We need to ask someone in the neighborhood to take pictures so that we can post them on our website. No one on the board felt they had the "talent" to be photographer for events, so it was suggested that we post on NextDoor.com requesting volunteers.

Jolie had offered to place small American flags on Osprey which dovetailed into a discussion on placing banners on Osprey light poles with various themes during holidays. Jules is looking into the cost and work involved in setting this up.

Laurie encouraged the Board to consider enrolling in Sarasota government's Citizens' Academy, an 8-week course which starts January 23rd 2021. The course is held Thursday nights, 5:30-8:00pm, and is limited to 25 participants. Applications must be submitted before 12/13/2020. Detailed information about this is available here:

<https://www.sarasotafl.gov/Home/Components/News/News/1701/16>

Next board meeting will be 07/16/2020.

Meeting adjourned 7:05