

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Aug 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 at Matt Arcari's residence.

Board Members Present

Laurie Hall - Secretary
Matt Arcari - President
Juliette Reynolds
Jim Lingley - Vice President (via Zoom)
Dan Bridinger
Laurie Hall (via Zoom)
Betsy Sublette - Treasurer

Board Members Not Present

Julie Cotton
Buffie Hutchinson
Vicki Ondis

Agenda Items

Board meeting minutes for July 15, 2020 were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation. Current balance is \$8,687.16

The board discussed neighborhood signage. Matt will inquire with Nancy Kelly about the templates and signage rules.

The grant applications for Laurel Park were discussed. LPNA board supports grant request for 3 neighborhood events to be scheduled after Jan. 2021, dates to be determined. Safety measures to be followed according to city and state regulations. Matt will call Jolie to help get this completed quickly. The grant application needs to be submitted next week. She asked for the number of LPNA members, we have approximately 300 members (based on our current membership list).

Laurie gave an update on the child picnic tables that were ordered for LPNA. One of the tables has been installed by the swing area. They need to put down a pad for the second one before they install it (by the sandbox). Matt will send a thank you note to Nancy Kelly and Candie Peterson. Laurie will give him bullet points to help out.

Dan updated us about the traffic study that he has arranged to be performed at the end of September. The city is waiving certain criteria due to the pandemic, so we will have less red tape. Also, the city will take into consideration the off-season and reduction in traffic due to pandemic.

Betsy retrieved the welcome bag items from Julie's house. Laurie suggested Lauri Crown might be interested in helping distribute the bags to new residents. Betsy will contact Lauri to ask if she could put the bags together and distribute them as new residents settle in.

Laurie brought up the topic of the Citizen's Academy. The city is not sure if they will run the program this year. Matt and Betsy are both interested in participating. Information is available here: <https://www.sarasotafl.gov/home/showdocument?id=4358>

Juliette has looked into the possibility of adding flags/banners on Osprey Ave lamp posts seasonally. Apparently, businesses are allowed to use the lamp posts for banners, but not neighborhood associations. Matt and Juliette are interested in pursuing the project with the city to see if we can get special permission. Matt will discuss this with Nancy Kelly.

Juliette drafted the content for the email blast about dog waste and noise (pet etiquette). Laurie will create a newsletter article to be sent out. Laurie will research the ordinances that apply to dog owners.

Betsy is championing the installment of doggie waste bag dispensers similar to the ones she saw in Gillespie Park. The dispensers allow you to donate a plastic bag or take one that is provided. These would be installed at the park.

Betsy has around 100 Laurel Park walking maps. She will pass them on to Dan and he will place some in the box at the entrance to Laurel Park.

New Business

There was discussion about homeless people sleeping by the lift station and kayak ramp. There seems to be less lately, although it still continues. The City's Coordinator of Homelessness Response is Kevin Stiff, he can be contacted via email: Kevin.Stiff@sarasotafl.gov or phone 941-915-0692.

Summary of Action Items

1. Matt - contact Jolie as soon as possible, so that she has everything she needs for the grant application
2. Matt- contact Nancy Kelly regarding banners and templates for signage
3. Laurie - research dog ordinances, send bullet points to Matt for thank you (child picnic tables), send email blast on pet etiquette
4. Betsy - contact Lauri Crown on welcome package
5. Dan - place walking maps at the park
6. Juliette - send notes and banner information to Matt and Laurie
7. Betsy - follow up on pet waste bags for the park(?)

Next board meeting scheduled for 09/17/2020 unless there are conflicts.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm