

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, Nov 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 at Matt Arcari's residence.

Board Members Present

Matt Arcari - President
Betsy Sublette - Treasurer
Laurie Hall - Secretary
Juliette Reynolds
Dan Bridinger
Julie Cotton (via Zoom)
Ron Kashden (via Zoom)

Board Members Not Present

Buffie Hutchinson

Agenda Items

Board meeting minutes for Oct 20, 2020 were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation. Current balance is \$8,537.26. This month we purchased an annual subscription to use Zoom.

Matt and Ron did a great job presenting at the city meeting on Oct 19th, regarding the rezoning of 1751 Mound Street. As a result, the property was rezoned to DTNE(Downtown Neighborhood Edge) which is the best possible outcome for Laurel Park.

Betsy has been working with the police to have the homeless man removed from behind the lift station. He has been there for many nights and leaves trash and debris behind. The police have not been able to stop this person from living behind the lift station. We need to discuss this issue with Nancy Kelly, could the lift station be fenced off?

Betsy suggested that we have a new sign placed in the kayak launch parking spaces that prohibit overnight parking. There are two individuals who consistently use these spaces. They rent on Osprey Ave and are not respectful of the handicap signage either. The spaces are not available to kayakers as they were intended. We need to talk to Nancy Kelly to request signage "No Overnight Parking". Also, parking enforcement should be ticketing non-handicap cars in the space and cars that are parked overnight.

Jolie will be decorating Laurel Park with holiday lights and has wrapped the white lights on the poles. Betsy will reimburse Jolie for any items she needs to purchase, so far there has been no

cost as holiday decorations were reused from last year. Jolie bought new lights for the Osprey light poles and will be reimbursed for those.

Jolie submitted a grant application for Laurel Park which has been accepted. (\$900) Some of the money will help fund the holiday party incidentals (flyers, balloons, etc)

The Board discussed the LP Membership Drive to be commenced in January 2021. Lauri Crown is heading up the project again this year. The list of addresses within Laurel Park came from the City but it was not accurate and the post office did not deliver "current resident" addressed envelopes last year. If we want to send to "current resident" again, there needs to be a follow up with the post office to find out why they returned these 1st class postage mailings. Laurie Hall has the most current list of LP members.

Many residents have suggested online membership payment. Jules and Laurie will look into this and see if it can be set up by the end of January.

There have been a few requests for a printed newsletter. We have not done one since October 2019. Laurie will ask for volunteers on Nextdoor.com

Matt is working on a new sign to replace the aging Washington Park sign on Oak St. The Board approved this unanimously.

Dan will place walking maps in the Laurel Park box.

New Business

Laurie (and Ron) received an email from Chris Jaensch regarding a detention center being planned near Payne Park. We think that this should be addressed as there are many other locations near downtown, but not on prime property that would be better locations for this type of facility. Matt will follow up on this with Chris.

The Board would like to have a holiday lights party on Sunday, Dec 27th. It will be similar to the April Light Up Laurel Park event with a holiday theme. There will be a holiday decorating contest (with Jolie's help).

Betsy advised the Board of the potential for changes to the county parking lot backed up to Morrill Street which is for sale (Zone G). The Board should monitor the possible changes to this property as it could be developed in the future. Contact Nancy Kelly or Ryan Champlaine to learn more.

Summary of Action Items

1. Matt - follow up with Chris on Rehab Center near Payne Park (Chris Jaensch)
2. Dan - place walking maps at Laurel Park

3. Matt - inquire with Nancy Kelly about dog waste bags
4. Matt - Ask Nancy Kelly about signage for parking space issue at kayak launch (Ohio Place)
5. Matt - Ask Nancy Kelly about vagrants at the lift station (can this area be fenced off?)
6. Laurie - send Save the Date email for Dec 27th event, create email blast and flyer
7. Laurie - begin planning newsletter content (need committee/volunteers)
8. Jules - draft thank you letter to Candie Peterson and Nancy Kelly for child picnic tables
9. Jules/Laurie - work on taking online membership donations, instead of paper checks
10. Matt / Laurie - draft membership letter for Lauri to use in membership drive.
11. Laurie - provide names and addresses to Lauri Crown for membership

Next board meeting scheduled for 12/14/2020, 6pm, unless there are conflicts.

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm