

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, Feb 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 at Matt Arcari's residence.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Juliette Reynolds

Agenda Items

Board meeting minutes for Jan 18, 2021 were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation. Current balance is \$7997.96

LP Membership envelopes are ready for mailing. Many thanks to board members for stuffing envelopes during this board meeting. (Betsy, Dan, Matt).

Last month gift cards were distributed to the three winners of the holiday decorating contest.

A dog waste bag dispenser was installed in Laurel Park near the entrance. Betsy Sublette donated the cute and friendly "Poop Fairy" bag dispenser. Thanks to Betsy, there was no cost to LPNA.

We discussed the resurgence of the potential location of the Sarasota Orchestra in Payne Park. The city would like to ensure that the orchestra is located somewhere downtown and is reaching out to them to find a solution that works best for the community and the orchestra. LPNA is not taking any action at this time.

Matt wants to hold a "light" Tunes in the Park event in June or July. Laurie will reach out to Jolie and help get this organized.

The Board discussed the effort it would take to create and distribute a Fall newsletter. Betsy said that in the past, there were ads sold and it paid for the printing of the newsletter. It was suggested that we could possibly outsource the work. Julie Cotton offered to write an article. Laurie and Ron offered to work together to move this forward.

Julie Cotton resigned from the Board. We now have three openings on the LPNA board. Matt has some individuals in mind and encouraged everyone on the board to recommend five people to the board. Members are to send recommendations to Laurie prior to our next meeting.

Dan will reach out to John Schkor to determine what would be the next step with the bayou cleanup effort. John was working with a couple of organizations and we are not sure how to proceed.

Nancy Kelley has ordered the signage for the parking spaces at the end of Ohio Place. Signage to be posted: "4 - Hour Parking", "No overnight parking".

Matt identified the highest priorities for the Board at this time:

- Laurel Park Newsletter (Sept distribution)
- Fill three LPNA board seats
- Light Tunes in the Park
- Bayou cleanup/Laurel Park cleanup

Summary of Action Items

1. Laurie - reach out to Jolie about Light Tunes in the Park
2. Dan - Talk to John Shkor about status of bayou cleanup (or have him attend our next meeting)
3. Ron and Laurie - Make a plan Fall on newsletter
4. Each Board member- recommend potential LPNA board members to fill three seats

Next board meeting scheduled for 03/22/2021, 6pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:06pm