

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes Monday, April 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 at Matt Arcari's residence.

Board Members Present

Matt Arcari - President
Betsy Sublette - Ron Kashden (via Zoom)
Juliette Reynolds

Board Members Not Present

Dan Bridinger

Guests in Attendance

Annette Liggett
Cindy Taylor
Stephan Fantauzzo

Agenda Items

Board meeting minutes for March 22, 2021 were approved by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation. Current balance was \$11,568.96 and the total membership donations to date was \$4,325.

The 3 guests were considering joining the board, so Matt gave an overview of the LPNA and the role that board members. Betsy, Juliette, and Ron also shared experiences being board members. Annette, Cindy, and Stephan gave a brief overview of their experience relevant to joining the board.

Dan had passed the baton to Betsy regarding the bayou clean up, and she gave an update that she spoke with Diane Kennedy (city staff) and that there is a follow-up meeting arranged. With Betsy's approval, Ron will help with the bayou effort.

Cindy offered to help maintain and redesign the LPNA Web Site. Ron will provide credentials.

The recent neighborhood party, Picnic in Park, was discussed. All agree that that it was a success, even though it was cut short by rain. The format of folks bringing their own blankets/chairs will continue with future parties, since it also made cleanup significantly easier.

Matt met with city staff to discuss repairs to the roads and sidewalks. Next steps are a need to identify specific streets/cross walks for city to prioritize & also for going after additional funds.

Ron gave an update on the recent fencing the city placed around the Payne Park Auditorium. The city is going to remove a portion of the fencing and reduce the remaining sections.

Summary of Action Items

1. Matt/Betsy - Michael Saunders property – keeping an ear to the ground with business/city/developer contacts.
2. CCNA – changing representative to Cindy with Matt as a backup.
3. County Building on Morrill & Ringling - keeping an ear to the ground with business/city/developer contacts.
4. Building Code – renovations vs teardown: Waiver procedure for LPNA to have involvement?
5. Betsy/ Ron - Kayak launch – work with City and County to repair damage to the banks of the Bayou.
6. Street Repairs – Ron to follow up with Alice regarding steps taken for Hawkins Court resurfacing.
7. Leaf blower – Juliette to look to see if there is any ordinance regarding hours for leaf blowers.
8. Newsletter 3x/yr – Matt to shepherd.

Meeting adjourned 7:36pm

Additional note:

On May 10th, the board (via email) agreed to support a petition for the city to revise the existing noise ordinance to better address serious noise incidents that adversely affect residents but are permissible under the current ordinance.