

Laurel Park Neighbor Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Matt Arcari's residence, 1855 Oak Street

Board Members Present

Matt Arcari, President
Betsy Sublette, Treasurer
Annette Liggett, Secretary
Steve Fantauzzo

Ron Kashden
Juliette Reynolds
Cindy Taylor

Agenda Items

Steve moved to approve LPNA Board meeting minutes of August 23, 2021. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ron moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Current balance: \$11,260.62
Credits= \$175.00 for membership
 = \$1300.00 for Grant
Total = \$1475.00
Debits = \$14.00 for USPS PO Box Key

Old Business

- Traffic Calming All agreed traffic is an issue for neighborhood residents and Ron provided an update on a comprehensive approach to dealing with increased and speeding traffic. So. Osprey, Laurel and Oak streets were cited as areas of immediate concern. Ideas include: speed bumps/tables, radar speed display, police officer on the road, signage, staggered parking on alternate sides of the road, traffic warning signs). Juliette emphasized the need to develop relationships with City staff who have primary control over these matters as traffic is a long-term issue.
- Annual Meeting - Matt reported approximately 75 people attended the LPNA General Meeting on Monday, September 27 at Tamiani Tap. The agenda included Board updates by Matt, City updates by Bill Riebe (Utilities Director) and Nancy Kelly (Neighborhood Planner) and a safety presentation by Sarasota Police. Jolie McInnis gave an overview of possible Park playground equipment to replace a sandbox that the City recently removed because of health/sanitary concerns.
- Membership - Cindy, Betsy and Annette are working on updating membership procedures, data input, and donation acknowledgments.
- Towles Court Neighbors - Ann & Harry Brogan approached Matt to see if Towles Court neighborhood can join LPNA. Since the LPNA by-laws require that members reside within the Laurel Park historical district, the Board asked Matt to contact the Brogans and suggest they contact Sarasota's Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA) regarding their city-wide monthly meetings and to remind them that individuals residing outside of Laurel Park are welcome to become Friends of LPNA.

New Business

- Laurel Park Beautification - The Board approved Jolie McInnis contact Nancy Kelly to ask the City to purchase the teeter-totter playground equipment shown at the September general meeting. Also they approved that LPNA reimburse Jolie for the purchase of new holiday lights for South Osprey.
- Initiatives/Committees: The Board decided to focus this year's efforts into five broad initiative areas and to form committees with LPNA members who indicated interest in helping out in these areas. Following are initiatives, priorities and Board member liaison.
 1. Beautification: priority - Oak Street Canal (Ron & Betsy)
 2. City Government: priority - El Tropicale/short term rentals (Steve)
 3. Newsletter: priority - articles on neighborhood interest/history (Cindy)
 4. Social: priority - membership and events (Annette)
 5. Traffic: priority - working with city on calming measures (Matt & Ron)

Summary of Action Items

- Matt - contact Jolie McInnis re: playground equipment approval and November event.
- Matt - send thank you letters to general meeting speakers/guests.
- Matt & Ron - follow up with Ann & Harry Brogan re: Towles Court request.
- Matt & Betsy - send flowers to Jolie to acknowledge all of her efforts.
- Betsy - reimburse Jolie for holiday lights.
- Annette - send welcome emails/notes to new members & thank you notes for donations.
- Juliette - provide board liaisons with guidelines/protocols for committee responsibilities.
- Cindy - update membership database and send board information re: committee interests.
- Committee Liaisons - contact potential committee members prior to November 20

Next board meeting: **Monday, November 15, 2021** at Matt Arcari's residence, 1855 Oak St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Liggett, Secretary