

Laurel Park Neighbor Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021

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

Board Members Present

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| Matt Arcari, President | Ron Kashden |
| Betsy Sublette, Treasurer | Juliette Reynolds |
| Annette Liggett, Secretary | Cindy Taylor |
| Steve Fantauzzo | |

Agenda Items

Ron moved to approve LPNA Board meeting minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

Current balance = **\$10,995.20**

Debits = **\$265.42**

Sound Permit for Picnic = \$50.00

Lights & Park Decorations (Jolie) = \$215.42

Credits = No income since last report

Betsy reported the LPNA zoom account is due. It was decided not to renew the account because all Board members can access FaceTime for videoconferencing.

Old Business

Picnic in the Park - will be held Saturday, November 20, 2021. It was decided to have a LPNA table at the picnic with membership applications/renewals and T-shirts available for \$10 donation. Juliette moved that the Board purchase a square card reader to use at this and future LPNA events. Motion approved.

LPNA Signage - Matt reported he is getting samples from the City for sign replacement throughout Laurel Park and will bring for Board's input.

Movie Night in the Park - Matt reported that Angelica Young, an LPNA neighbor and local relator offered the use of a screen and popcorn machine if we hold a movie event this year.

El Tropical Property at 1910 Morrill St. - Steve reported that he, Ron and Matthew met with the city's attorney and code compliance manager and attended the November 4, 2021 code compliance hearing regarding El Tropicale's illegal rentals and inappropriate signage. At the hearing, the City presented the neighborhood petition of approximately 90 signatures and the LPNA letter supporting the City's position regarding 7-day rentals. The magistrate found for the City and while no fines were levied at this time, it was agreed that the City will monitor the situation for 60 days with the case coming back to the magistrate on January 13, 2022 to confirm compliance. The LPNA will work with city staff on how to monitor this property beyond the January 13th, 2022 date.

Membership - Cindy and Ron reported that the membership database is in good shape for the early January 2022 membership drive. It was decided that the President's renewal letter will inform members of the Board's intent to "go green" as much as possible and that all LPNA communications and donation payments can now be done electronically, if a member prefers.

Newsletter - It was decided that LPNA would produce at least three 2022 newsletters (January, April, October).

LPNA Committees

Members indicating an interest in serving on an LPNA committee will be sent an email thanking them for their interest and informing them that a board member will contact them for a meeting. Following are the 2022 committees and Board liaison:

1. **Beautification:** priority - Oak Street Canal (Ron & Betsy)
2. **City Government:** priority - Short-term rentals (Steve)
3. **Newsletter:** priority - January, April, October issues - (Cindy)
4. **Social:** priority - membership engagement (Annette)
5. **Traffic:** priority - working with city on traffic calming measures (Matt & Ron)

New Business

Charter Review Commission & Recommendation - Ron reported that the City's Charter Review Board is considering changing city government from a Commission-Manager form of governance to a Strong Mayor form. He outlined the rationale of each and background information of previous attempts to change the Charter. Ron shared a draft resolution for LPNA's support of the existing council-manager model. Following discussion, Betsy moved that Ron forward this resolution to members of the Charter Review Committee and the CCNA. Motion approved.

Friendship Center - Betsy and Cindy reported they met with representatives from the Friendship Center to discuss ways to inform LPNA members of the opportunities available at this neighborhood facility. Cindy updated the Board on an audio interview project "My Journey" that is offered at the Center to record stories of senior citizens for a CD keepsake to share with family members and friends. Cindy suggested that the LPNA invest in this service to develop a Laurel Park "living history" to be shared on the LPNA website, in newsletters and with the media. Ron moved the Board authorize an expenditure of up to \$1,000 to implement such a project and for Cindy to contact Terry McGannon, Director of Development to discuss feasibility. Motion approved.

Summary of Action Items

Matthew

- Contact Jolie re: LPNA table at the event and invite Nancy Kelly and City Commissioners, Liz Alpert & Jen Ahearn-Koch and City attorney, Robert Fournier to the November 20th Picnic in Park.
- Lunch with Nancy Kelly to discuss neighborhood issues including traffic strategies (e.g. Orange/Laurel crosswalk and traffic calming).
- Get LP sign samples for review at December meeting.

Ron - email governance resolution to Charter Review Committee and CCNA

Ron & Cindy - purchase a card reader

Steve - write article for newsletter re: outcome of El Tropical magistrate hearings.

Steve, Ron, Matthew - work with City to monitor neighborhood issues re: 7-day rental compliance (esp. El Tropicale & 1670 Laurel St.)

Betsy, Annette, Cindy - draft President's January 2022 membership renewal letter to include electronic and/or paper preferences and set date for mailing.

Cindy

- Contact Terry McGannon re: LPNA living history proposal
- email communication to potential 2021 committee Members

Ron, Betsy, Cindy, Annette, Steve, Matt - hold respective committee meeting

Next board meeting: **Monday, December 20, 2021** at Matt Arcari's residence, 1855 Oak St.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Liggett, Secretary