

Laurel Park Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
Feb 10th, 2020

The meeting was held at Tamiami Tap, 711 South Osprey Ave., and was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Board members present were Don Baillie, Jim Lingley, Juliette Reynolds, Julie Cotton, John Shkor, Betsy Sublette, and Ronald Kashden.

Board members absent were Al Streaker and Dan Bridinger.

The meeting was well attended by the neighborhood with all the seats taken with many folks standing.

Don started the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for Tamiami Tap hosting the meeting. He introduced the current board members present as well as pointed out the past presidents in the crowd. Don then spoke about the current membership drive.

Bill Riebe, Utilities Director for the City, spoke about the upcoming work to be done on Osprey Ave. He mentioned that there is a website, www.osprey-utility-project.com for residents to keep informed. Bill Swick, also from the City, helped Riebe distribute a flyer about the project.

John Shkor then gave an update on the status of Hudson Bayou, including the city's involvement with the issues caused by recent construction. Progress was made in cleaning up the portion of the bayou between Oak Street and the MURT. The LPNA will continue to work with the various government agencies to further improve the bayou.

At that point of the meeting, Don moved to the election of the future LPNA board. He introduced the candidates for the board, all of whom were present except for Vicki Ondis. Don then queried the crowd for any write-in candidates, but none came forward. Since all the board seats were uncontested the candidates were elected by unanimous acclamation by the attendees.

Ron Kashden then gave a presentation on the role of the LPNA within the City's government, the neighborhood's borders and zoning and a bit of history on Laurel Park.

Juliette Reynolds individually thanked all the departing board members for their service and gave them a present on behalf of the LPNA.

The floor was then opened for questions/comments for the LPNA. A group of individuals from Towles Court asked about having their properties included within Laurel Park. Ron responded that the boundaries of Laurel Park (and the LPNA representation) is regulated by the City.

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.