

Laurel Park Neighbor Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 202

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

Board Members Present

Matt Acari, President  
Annette Liggett – Secretary  
Steve Fantauzzo

Ron Kashden  
Juliette Reynolds  
Cindy Taylor

Minutes - Ron moved to approve LPNA Board meeting minutes from November 21,  
2002. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - Steve moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.  
Motion approved.

Current balance: **\$10,847.86**

Credits

Membership and Donations = **\$175.00**

Debits

Picnic Expenses = \$ 600.00

Osprey Ave. Christmas Lights = \$ 286.28

Plantings & LP Sign - Oak & Rawls = \$ 124.18

Total = **\$905.75**

**Old Business**

Board Membership - Betsy Sublette recently moved out of Laurel Park and resigned  
her position on the Board. Cindy Taylor agreed to serve as LPNA Treasurer for the  
coming year. Several LPNA neighbors have indicated an interest in serving on the  
Board. It was decided the Board will appoint someone new to fill the vacated seat  
and then wait until the general election to elect/reelect an all new 2024-2026 Board.

Newsletter - It was agreed that another newsletter needs to be done this Spring.

Traffic Calming - Steve reported that the City has placed our requested traffic signs  
on Cherry Lane at the corners of Rawls and Ohio Pl.

Oak Street Median - Ron reported the City recently informed him that there is a  
sewer line in the Oak St. median and any new plantings in that area should be  
shrubs, not trees as was previously approved for in our County grant. Parks and  
Recreation is currently developing a new landscape design that Ron will bring to the  
Board for approval at the January Board meeting.

Membership/Donations - Annette reported she and Cindy will work on the annual solicitation letter and mail it out by mid-January.

### **New Business**

2023 Calendar - The following dates were set for 2023. Dates for additional social events and/or a neighborhood clean-up will be discussed at the January meeting.

Board Meetings (third Monday at 6 PM)

January 16	May 15	September 18
February 20	June 19	October 16
March 20	July 17	November 20
April 17	August 21	December 18

General Membership Meetings

- Spring - Monday, February 27 - at Tamiami Tap from 5-7 PM
- Fall - TBA

Tunes in the Park

- Spring - Saturday, April 22 - in Laurel Park from 6-9 PM
- Fall - TBA

Benderson Development Corp. 5.25 acre purchase at 1600 Ringling Blvd. -

In November, 2021 Sarasota sold the county administration building and two adjacent properties to the Benderson Corp. At the time of the purchase the buyer said they had no set plans for the property but would begin looking at redevelopment options in 2022. Because a portion of this sale is within the Laurel Park Overlay District, Ron agreed to contact the City Planning Department for updates re: any redevelopment options currently being considered .

LP Residents with Young Children - Steve reported a LP resident who has young children contacted him for help in meeting other LP parents. It was suggested they use the LPNA Facebook page to make contacts. Steve will follow-up on this request.

Neighborhood Hazards - Jules reported complaints from residents that temporary cable lines and uneven sidewalks are dangerous walking/tripping hazards throughout the neighborhood. Matt and Steve agreed to walk the neighborhood and report back to the Board with suggested next steps. Cindy suggested we also continue to use our communication devices (e.g., FB, newsletter, emails, general meeting) to remind residents of the City's ClickFix program for reporting such concerns.

### **Summary of Action Items**

**Matt** - contact Tamiami Tap re: use of their microphone/speakers for meeting

**Matt/Ron** - respond to persons interested in serving on the Board

**Matt/Steve** - map neighborhood for areas of concern (e.g., sidewalks, cables)

**Ron** - Contact City Planning re: planning options for County building

**Ron/Steve** - Respond to parent of young family request

**Annette/Cindy** - work on membership drive

**Cindy** - take pictures of neighborhood holiday lights for newsletter

Next Meeting: Monday, January 16, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Liggett, Secretary