

## Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2025

Held at Tamiami Tap

Attending: Matt ARCARI, Steve Fantauzzo, Stim Schantz, Marc Epstein, Ron Kashden, Annette Liggett, Juliette Reynolds, Ron Watts. Absent: Helen Habbert.

The meeting started at 5 pm.

Items discussed:

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting made by Annette Liggett and seconded by Steve Fantauzzo. The full Board approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Stim Schwartz reported the January 31<sup>st</sup> checking balance at \$14,177.54.
3. Membership-Annette Liggett began the annual membership drive by sending over 140 letters out in January, backed up by the newsletter distribution in early February to every neighborhood home. We have received over \$1000 in donations so far and expect the bulk of funds to come in February and early March around the annual meeting.
4. CCNA-Ron Kashden reported that the city staff presented a plan for traffic-calming at the last meeting, with much of the same material to be presented at a public hearing next week. There seem to be options available now even if a street's traffic count doesn't meet previous guidelines. The Board agreed to include the topic at the annual meeting. Ron also reported that the Oak Street project has been delayed again until May.
5. Music in the Park has been scheduled for March 29th.
6. LPNA newsletter was printed and has been distributed through the neighborhood and to advertisers. Stim Schwartz will have a final tally by the March meeting, but it looks like we'll make some money from the effort besides getting the membership information out to everyone. Thanks to all for their help with the project.
7. Bayou Committee Update-Matt reported the group is working toward a pilot project of clearing one lot to help determine how involved it will be in terms of manpower and equipment needs. They are tentatively considering clearing the lot behind the pump station due to its easy access. The work date in the next few weeks is still to be determined.
8. Communication Committee-with the newsletter completed, Ron Kashden will arrange a meeting in the next month to determine the next steps for the group.

9. Bylaws review-no discussion held at this meeting so that we could focus on the agenda for the upcoming general meeting. Deferred until our next meeting.

10. The Board discussed ideas for the general meeting agenda on the 24th, and the consensus was the following:

1. City Speaker(s)-Matt will invite Liz Albert or Kathy Kelley Ohlrich to say a few words.

2. Also to be invited will be city staff to give an overview of the current traffic-calming efforts.

3. Updates will be given on:

a. Oak Street project

b. Hudson Bayou efforts

c. Street Lights

d. Pending crosswalk requests (Osprey; Laurel/Orange)

e. Music in the Park March 29<sup>th</sup>

f. Serene Sunday Suggestion

4. Q/A time

Our goal is to start gathering at 5 pm; begin the meeting promptly at 6 pm with a stated goal of finishing around 7 pm.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.