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Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2025

Held at Tamiami Tap

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

The meeting started at 5 pm.

Items discussed:

1. The minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

A. Current checking account balance at the end of March was \$17,169.

B. Treasurer Stim Schwartz reported that we have received about \$1500 in expenses from the Music in the Park event since then, but most will be covered by the city grant for the event.

3. Membership:

A. Steve Fantauzzo made a motion to allocate up to \$500 for the new member event to be held in May; Ron Watts seconded. The Board approved.

B. After discussion, the event's date was shifted to May 17th (6:30-8:30 pm) to avoid the Memorial Day weekend holiday. Stim Schantz will be hosting it at his home, and Laura Charron is helping to coordinate and invite new association members as part of the communications committee efforts.

C. Ron Kashden and Annette Liggett have the project to clean up the membership list.

D. The Music in the Park event was well attended at the end of March-thanks again to Jolie McGinnis for her efforts with that.

4. CCNA-Ron Kashden reported the main topic discussed recently concerned storm water plans. Amongst several discussions on the topic, it was mentioned that the County has proposed sending management of storm water within city limits to the city staff (without any resources switching from the county) so the County can focus on expanded requirements elsewhere.

5. Bayou Committee

A. Matt Arcari and Ron Kashden have continued the work on the Hudson Bayou cleanup efforts. They reported that there is now roughly \$2 million available for the cleanup effort between Oak and Mound.

B. Coordination with other neighborhoods that touch on the Hudson Bayou has resulted in the possibility of obtaining some funding for dredging for the section from Mound to the bay. The County Commissioners are scheduled at their next meeting to vote on allocating some funds available after last year's storms. With the efforts of Ron and Matt, Laurel Park submitted the most comments in support of the effort.

C. With Jody Kashden moving, we'll need to find a new neighborhood leader for this committee. Matt will continue to coordinate with Ron for now.

6. Communications Committee

A. Ron Watts reported that the group is now planning to put two printed newsletters out per year. One will come out in late September/early October and will be roughly 4 to 6 pages, and the second larger issue will come out in time to promote the annual meeting in late January/early February.

B. Stim Schantz will invite advertisers in our first issue to the May new members' event as a 'thanks' for working with the Association.

7. Association By-Laws-a review of this was delayed until the next meeting.

8. Board meeting schedule-it was decided that we will hold our next meeting on May 19th at Tamiami Tap at 5 pm and then plan to take the summer off before a meeting in September. If a topic comes up in the summer that requires discussion, Matt will call a special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.