

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)
Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 6:30 pm
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Chris Caldwell, Rachel Caldwell, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Martha Emrey, Kathy Hayden, Jake Hudson, Baron Hyatt, Greg Knox, Dan Podsobinski, Tracey Podsobinski, Heather Ream, Melanie Rose, Lee Ann Smith, Ann Viera, Becky Wade, David Wilson.

Guests attending: Sara Carman (Keep Knoxville Beautiful), Betsy Pickle (Shopper News).

Welcome and approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks to Dorian DeLuca for providing snacks. Motion made by Dorian DeLuca to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting. This was seconded by Stephanie Greene. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

KPD update

Officer Wiggins was unable to attend due to a death in the family. He will email Kelley crime updates for our area soon.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful

Sara Carman from Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) spoke to the LFNA about an upcoming litter pickup project in South Knoxville, which will be held on March 25, 2017 from 9:30am-12pm. After the cleanup, all participants will be invited to attend a free lunch at Sam Duff Park. South Knoxville is KKB's community of the year, and many beautification projects and other cleanups have already been planned. Anyone wishing to participate in the cleanup will receive free supplies on the 25th from our team captain (who is TBD). We will have more details available on our Google group and Facebook pages as we get closer to the event.

Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Kelley did have a few updates from him to share. Dogwood has been awarded a grant that will help establish a safe biking and walking initiative for students. Adam is looking for ideas. Please contact him with any feedback you might have.

Since we were not able to send reminders about the voluntary first quarter school supply donation, we will probably just wait until the second quarter to begin our 2017 donations to Dogwood.

The traffic calming initiative is still being investigated. Kelley continues to keep in contact with the Office of Neighborhoods to learn about available programs.

At November's meeting, a motion refraining the LFNA from sending a letter to Dogwood expressing concern for their new electronic sign was tabled. The vote was held tonight.

Motion: to not send a letter to Dogwood about their new electronic sign. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

SKNBC meeting update

Jake Hudson reported that at the last meeting of 2016 (November), they discussed reviving the idea of neighborhood welcome bags. These bags contain local business discounts and info about a specific neighborhood. They are typically financed with help from grants and are usually given to new homebuyers in the area. LFNA is planning on participating in this program in the future, if it is re-established. If you do not think LFNA should participate, contact Jake Hudson.

Treasurer's report

A copy of the monthly Treasurer's Report is also available to LFNA members. Contact Kelley or Heather for a digital copy.

Entrance Signs Update

Kelley reported that she continues to obtain permission from local businesses whose property abuts city property. Permission is required before we further pursue this project. She stated that part of the reason for the delay is that the city policy about signage is changing.

Dues

The LFNA bylaws require that we hold a vote on this topic every January. Right now, dues are voluntary, are collected at each meeting (if applicable), and may be given anonymously if desired. Once per quarter, any interested members may bring school supply donations for Dogwood in lieu of dues. Motion made by Jake Hudson to keep our dues system the same as last year. This was seconded by Dorian DeLuca. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a social media site where neighbors can plot their locations on a map in order to meet new people and businesses in their area. There is a way for LFNA to post general neighborhood info, or if we wanted to be more involved, put monthly LFNA meeting reminders and info on the site. Motion made by Jake Hudson to have Kelley post only general neighborhood information on the site. This was seconded by Stephanie Greene. Vote: 1 opposed. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Conference

It will be held Saturday, March 11th from 7:30am-2:30pm. Breakfast and lunch is provided, but you have to register in order to receive it. Please take a flyer from the table for more info.

Burning

The burn ban implemented in 2016 has been lifted. However, a permit is still required if you are burning something outdoors.

Paint the Pavement

This project continues to move forward. Ben Epperson, Kelley, and the city are working on sketches of the templates that will be used.

South High/Dover Development

Becky Wade reports that the rezoning process on the property will begin in February. There was a break-in attempt at the property recently, but it was re-secured.

Future Speaker

Becky Wade has spoken with developer John Shepherd, and he will be addressing the LFNA once his plans to build an apartment building behind the new Bojangles are solidified. He is hoping to speak at the February LFNA meeting.

Snacks

Ben and Heather Ream volunteered to bring snacks for the February meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.