

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 6:30 pm  
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Ashley Coney, Kourtnei Cook, Sarah Curtis, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Martha Emrey, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Callie Minnich, Jewell Minnich, Joan Monaco, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Vicki Sharpe, Becky Wade.

Guests attending: Officer Wiggins (KPD), Adam Fritts (Dogwood Elementary).

Welcome and approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting. Motion made by Ben Ream to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting. This was seconded by Jewell Minnich. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Dues

The LFNA bylaws state that every January we must vote on whether or not to collect membership dues. Any money the LFNA already has in the bank has been previously earmarked for other projects, such as neighborhood signs. Kelley DeLuca proposed anonymous, non-mandatory dues for 2016. She suggested that we have a dues basket next to the snacks. Heather Ream will also collect anonymous donations if members prefer not to use the basket. Motion made by Jake Hudson to collect anonymous, non-mandatory dues for 2016. Jewell Minnich seconded this motion. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Heather Ream will give an updated treasurer's report at the next meeting.

Selecta DNA

Jewell Minnich stated that she was given a test kit free of charge due to the number of break-ins she has experienced. Selecta DNA is hoping that it will deter property crime in the houses behind the Executive Inn and will encourage other neighborhood associations to buy its product. The company is willing to sell the product to members of the LFNA for \$90 per kit. Please let Kelley DeLuca know if you want to order.

KPD update

Officer Wiggins stressed that if we see something suspicious, several people need to call the police, rather than just a few, so that a car will come and patrol the area. If only a person or two call with a complaint, KPD will not prioritize the call and no officer will come out.

Officer Wiggins stated that 2 burglary suspects have been arrested since December. KPD performed door-to-door checks at the Executive Inn and found heroin, meth, and a person with an outstanding warrant. They are planning to do these checks once per month. According to Officer Wiggins, the management at Executive Inn has been cooperative.

There has been renewed interest in the Gang Task Force since Zaezion Dobson was killed. Officer Wiggins stated that South Knoxville has gang activity in the general area between Montgomery Village and Stonewall Apts. He encouraged residents to avoid walking behind businesses and to walk in well-lit areas when lots of neighbors are home to help stay safe.

Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts updated LFNA on the progress of the Urban Wilderness trail behind the school. There have been 3 work days thus far, and another meeting is planned next week to decide how to proceed. In the last Knoxville SOUP meeting, Dogwood was awarded a \$560 grant to build a bridge across a creek on the trail, as well as to supplement funding for the next trail project. The next SOUP meeting is April 7, 2016 at Dara's Garden, and the admission is \$5.

Mr. Fritts stated the next volunteer opportunity at this time will be the Dogwood Elementary carnival in the spring. The LFNA may sponsor a booth or work booths if desired.

He also commented that there may be some changes with the fencing around the school. However, the neighborhood is still welcome to use the fields and playground.

A possible social event between LFNA and Dogwood, like a potluck, will be discussed at future meetings.

### SKNBC

Jake Hudson said that the SKNBC met last week, and that they are firming up plans for 2016, including possibly throwing a South Knoxville biking party. The SKNBC also discussed finding a replacement for Nick Pavlis' seat, since he will be unable to run again due to term limits.

### Neighborhood grant

Joan Monaco stated that she will be attending a workshop on Saturday on how to apply for a neighborhood grant. If the LFNA receives a grant, residents will have to match it with dues in order for it to be awarded to us.

### Neighborhood achievement award

The Office of Neighborhoods gives an annual neighborhood achievement award to be presented at the Neighborhood Luncheon in March. The Dogwood Outdoor Coalition, with which LFNA has been working on the trails behind Dogwood Elementary School, has nominated the for the award in appreciation of their support. The nomination also brings attention to Dogwood's efforts in its designation as a Community School.

### Business advertising

Only South Knoxville business owners may give a 5 minute talk about their business or products at LFNA meetings. At this time, the LFNA's invitation does not extend to business owners outside of South Knoxville.

### Snow schedule

In case of inclement weather, we will postpone our meeting until the following Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

### Child care

Children may attend and play quietly at LFNA meetings.

### Snack volunteers

Snack volunteers for February will be Ben and Heather Ream.

### Map

A map of Lindbergh Forest will be mounted and displayed every meeting. Please mark your house on the map so that we may see who has attended meetings.

Meeting adjourned 7:43 pm. Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, secretary.