

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:30 pm

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Evelyn Barnette, Paul Barnette, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Martha Emrey, Jake Hudson, Baron Hyatt, Rachel Loope, Amanda Morse, Benjamin Prijatel, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Doug Smith, LeeAnn Smith, Ann Viera.

Guests attending: Ben Epperson (Great Schools Partnership), David Massey (Office of Neighborhoods) Betsy Pickle (Shopper News), Officers Wiggins & Marshall (KPD).

Welcome and approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting. Motion made by Ben Ream to approve the amended Minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting. The Minutes were amended to clarify that Kelley DeLuca will not be adding monthly updated data to Nextdoor.com. However, residents are encouraged to use this website if they wish. The amended Minutes were seconded by Amanda Morse. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

KPD update

Officer Wiggins stated that crime-wise things have been quiet since his last visit. He did reiterate that a group of juveniles were arrested for a string of 17 burglaries. They were habitual offenders who plead guilty. A felony drug arrest was also made in LF, but the suspect was not committing crimes in our neighborhood. He was only arrested in this area. There has been less criminal activity at the Executive Inn, possibly because it is under new management. Prompted by a LFNA member's question, if mail is found on the street and one wishes to return it, one may contact the post office or visit the FBI website. Recovered driver's licenses may be put directly into the mail box and it will be returned to the rightful owner.

Paint the Pavement

Ben Epperson from Great Schools Partnership spoke about the next step in this project. The reason for a PTP project might be to calm traffic in the area or to make residents aware of nearby neighborhood assets ("way finding"). Ben, Kelley, and members of the MPC have designed a preliminary rendering which features a rainbow design that will cross the intersection and spill onto the sidewalk. Where the painting spills onto the sidewalk, smaller paintings will point in the direction of neighborhood assets, like Dogwood Elementary. If the preliminary rendering is approved by the LFNA, Ben will draw it to scale as required and create the needed petition so that LFNA neighbors can go door-to-door to solicit approval from affected residents. The most probable locations for the first round of painting are Southwood & Woodlawn and Tipton & Moody SE.

While the rainbow design is only meant to be colorful and is not meant to represent any particular message, some LFNA members shared concern that the rainbow design could potentially be controversial and may not be the best idea.

Motion made by Ben Ream to let Ben Epperson go ahead and design the rainbow rendering to scale, but if we get negative feedback from our door-to-door petition, we will reconsider the paint colors. This was seconded by Jake Hudson. Vote: 7 for, 5 against, 3 abstaining. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Conference

David Massey from the Office of Neighborhoods invited each resident to the 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. Registration closes at noon on March 7. To register, go to www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods or call 215-2113. Kelley will be part of a panel on encouraging neighbors to join neighborhood associations. Stephanie Greene has

also designed a LF t-shirt for the Conference t-shirt contest. Dorian will scan her drawing so that it will be visible on our FB page. Please contact Stephanie with any comments or suggestions.

Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts was unable to attend the meeting tonight. 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. Kelley has thought of an idea that might allow residents to volunteer parts of their yards for a safe walking path. There would be small signage along the paths. Her name for the potential project is "HAPPY (Homeowner-Approved Pedestrian Path)."

If anyone is willing to help maintain the school garden during the summer and would like to share in its crop, please contact Kelley.

SKNBC meeting update

Jake Hudson reported that the February meeting will be next week. The neighborhood welcome bags program will probably be reestablished, and if it is, LFNA is planning on participating in the program.

Treasurer's report

For a copy of the Treasurer's report contact Kelley Deluca or Heather Ream.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Litter Pickup

Amanda Morse has volunteered to be team leader for the event. It 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. Amanda will contact those who are interested with more details as the event draws near.

Paypal account

Kelley has looked into establishing an LFNA account for online donations, but Paypal charges businesses to use this service. She will look into a free Paypal account, but at this time, Paypal is not an option unless we want to pay.

Wiffle Ball Tournament

There will be a city-wide wiffle ball tournament on June 10. Contact Kelley if you would like to participate, and we will see if we have enough for a team.

LFNA "Official Colors"

Kelley has been playing around with some ideas for colors to represent LF in various platforms (ex: website, PTP, t-shirts). She has suggested green, pink, and brown. Other suggestions included green, pink, and gray. Please contact Kelley with any ideas.

Entrance Signs Update

Kelley reported that she has obtained permission from Berry's Funeral Home to put one of our signs on their property.

Future Speaker

Developer John Shepherd will be addressing the LFNA once his plans to build an apartment building behind the new Bojangles are solidified. Please contact him directly if you have questions beforehand.

Blighted property

Kelley noticed broken windows on the Tipton Avenue blighted property. She called 311 and some of them have been repaired.

Spring Event

If you have any ideas for Kelley about a spring event, please contact her. She has some ideas about a possible weekend event in May that would take place on the Dogwood soccer fields.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.