

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)

Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 6:30 pm

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Kourtnei Cook, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Martha Emrey, Cindy Gilkey, Steve Gilkey, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Baron Hyatt, Amanda Morse, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Mike Thomas, Becky Wade.

Guests attending: Finbarr Saunders, Betsy Pickle (Shopper News), Molly Gilbert (Candoro Arts & Heritage Center), Officer Marshall (KPD), 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 Dorian DeLuca to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2016 meeting. This was seconded by Amanda Morse. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Tennessee Pink Marble

Molly Gilbert with the Candoro Arts & Heritage Center spoke about increasing awareness in LFNA and South Knoxville of homes containing TN pink marble. Ms. Gilbert and the Center are creating a database of pink marble in the area as well as hoping to create eventual bus tours and pink marble open house tours. There is already a pink marble driving tour in place that includes LF, as LF has the most concentrated amount of pink marble already in Knoxville homes.

Ms. Gilbert mentioned that the Center may open again for tourists, and they are looking for staff volunteers for Sunday afternoons beginning in April. She encouraged the LFNA to take pictures of any pink marble in our homes and upload it to Facebook, tagging it to "TN pink marble trail" to participate in the project.

Ms. Gilbert is also interested in speaking with members of the LFNA if their yards contain old trees, open gardens, or dogwood trees. Contact her at mollygilbert@yahoo.com.

Selecta DNA

The product is now available for LFNA members at a discounted rate of \$90 per kit. Kelley DeLuca will post the discount code on our Facebook page and Google group page.

Dogwood Elementary

Mr. Fritts stated that there was a partner coalition meeting last week, trying to determine the needs of Dogwood as a community school. Dogwood is in major need of year-round school supplies, and he handed out a list detailing these needs. Mr. Fritts said the next work day for clearing the trail behind the school is on March 6, and that it will be a trash pick-up day. The partner that day will be Keep Knoxville Beautiful.

The school art show will be on March 8, and the school carnival will be on May 6 beginning at 4:30. He requested volunteers for the carnival.

Motion made by Ben Ream asking LFNA members to voluntarily bring school supplies for Dogwood in lieu of our non-mandatory dues the 3rd month of each quarter. Jake Hudson seconded this motion. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Members may bring school supplies to the March 2016 meeting if desired.

KPD update

Officer Wiggins introduced Officer Marshall, who will be working the South Knoxville beat that includes LF beginning in March. Officer Wiggins handed out a worksheet for keeping track of one's belongings in case of a burglary. He stated that an arrest was made this month of a suspect in several burglary cases. The suspect is possibly linked to the Walgreens robbery last month, as well. Officer Wiggins also stated that the Executive Inn manager continues to cooperate with KPD by pointing out customers whom he thinks might be committing crimes on the property.

Treasurer report

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

Neighborhood Watch sign voting

Amanda Morse presented four Neighborhood Watch sign designs to the LFNA members present. After preliminary voting to narrow down the choices, motion made by Amanda Morse for the winning design to be the "eye design" on a red background with wording to the effect of, 'We watch out for each other.' Ben Ream seconded this motion. Vote: 12 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

SKNBC

Jake Hudson said that it was discussed at the last SKNBC meeting that the Urban Wilderness is estimated to have a 150 million dollar positive impact for South Knoxville.

There will be a party sponsored by SKNBC at Ijams Nature Center on April 19, 2016 beginning at 6pm. It is open to the public, and an email blast will be sent out with further details.

Traffic calming

The traffic on Tipton Avenue can be heavy with many speeders. We are looking for suggestions on how to calm traffic in this area.

Snow schedule

If a LFNA meeting falls on a day when Knox County Schools are closed due to inclement weather, then we will postpone our meeting for one week and will meet the following Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Snack volunteers

Amanda Morse volunteered to bring snacks for next month's meeting.

Neighborhood luncheon

The Neighborhood Awards and Networking Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 5. Online registration is required, but the event is free and open to the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm. Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.