

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)
Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 6:30 pm
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Evelyn Barnett, Sarah Curtis, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Martha Emrey, Jake Hudson, Baron Hyatt, Joan Monaco, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Becky Wade.

Guests attending: Betsy Pickle (Shopper News), Officer Marshall (KPD), Officer Wiggins (KPD).

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 February 17, 2016 meeting. This was seconded by Dorian DeLuca. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Neighborhood Achievement Award

During the recent Neighborhood Conference, the LFNA was awarded a Neighborhood Achievement Award for establishing the Neighborhood Association and for its work with the Dogwood Outdoor Coalition on the hiking trails and outdoor classroom at Dogwood Elementary School. Winners of the Achievement Award were also granted a \$75 gift from the Office of Neighborhoods.

Dogwood Elementary

Kelley DeLuca spoke on behalf of Adam Fritts, who did not attend this meeting due to Spring Break. There was a trailhead cleanup day with Keep Knoxville Beautiful and Americorp Sunday before last.

New fences and gates have been installed around the playground and walking trail. Eventually, they will be locked. Following the Sandy Hook school shootings, Knox County Schools enacted certain security measures for outdoor school play places, and they are now being implemented. At this time, the only way to access the Urban Wilderness trailhead is from Gerson, in the upper left side of the soccer field.

Mr. Fritts asked LFNA to write a letter to Knox County expressing LFNA's displeasure with the fences and asking officials to find some compromise that would allow the neighborhood to access the playground, soccer field and walking trail. The LFNA decided that Kelley DeLuca will write this letter and sign it on LFNA's behalf.

Tonight's meeting is LFNA's quarterly school supplies donation drive.

Treasurer's Report

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

SKNBC

Jake Hudson stated Jewell Minnich attended this month's meeting, but was unable to attend tonight's LFNA meeting due to illness. He said there will be a party celebrating the Urban Wilderness on April 19 at Ijams. The Meet and Greet will begin at 6pm, and the panel will begin at 6:30pm.

The next Knoxville Soup will be April 7th at Dara's Garden. Vestival will be held on May 7 from 11-7 at Candoro Marble.

Flyer Distribution

Kelley DeLuca wants to create and hand out a flyer about LF. The flyers will cost \$30.

Ben Ream suggested LFNA purchase more real estate-style signs like the ones already in use for announcing upcoming monthly meetings. He volunteered to be responsible for putting one up and taking it down before each meeting, if funds were approved for more. Becky Wade also volunteered to put up and take down a sign.

Kelley DeLuca stated that she will look into creating a LFNA website prior to the creation of the flyers and signs so the information about the website can be included on both.

Motion made by Jake Hudson to designate \$200 for additional neighborhood meeting signs. This was seconded by Ben Ream. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Kelley DeLuca will work on moving forward with both flyer and sign projects.

Neighborhood Watch Signs

Kelley DeLuca stated that Amanda Morse is still working on having the signs made and installed. Allen Sign Company is working on the first 2 right now.

KPD update

Members of the LFNA reported speeding, especially by a Mustang and the “Nike” emblem car, down Tipton Avenue. Officer Wiggins said he would investigate, and if necessary, will go to the owners’ houses in person and ask them to slow down.

Officer Wiggins stated that KPD will be stepping up DUI traffic stops along Chapman Hwy. in the coming weeks. He also said that a woman was arrested today at the Executive inn for drug possession.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.