

## Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 6:30 pm

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Kortni Cook, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Baron Hyatt, Jewell Minnich, Amanda Morse, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Wes Standifer.

Guests attending: Danny Gray (Neighborhood Advisory Council), Adam Fritts (Dogwood Elementary), 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 April 20, 2016 meeting. This was seconded by Jewell Minnich. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

### June LFNA meeting

Next month's meeting will be a potluck in order to hopefully increase membership. As discussed at the April meeting, Kelley DeLuca will create a flyer to hand out to the neighborhood and send a poll to our Google group asking us what to bring. Adam Fritts said he wanted to provide the main dish for the potluck as a thank you to LFNA.

### SKNBC

The meeting was cancelled this month.

### Neighborhood Watch Signs Update

Amanda Morse reported that 2 of the 5 signs have been hung. One has been hung on the actual street marker post, which looks good but may not be allowed by the city. Amanda is checking to see if this is allowed. If so, we may choose to have more of these signs hung on the street marker posts. If needed, Allen Sign Company will give us the next 2 ground posts at no additional charge, because they gave LFNA an incorrect estimate for the first 2 signs.

The first 2 signs were mostly paid for by the \$300 neighborhood grant given to LFNA in 2015. The next 2 signs will be paid for by a LF neighbor's donation.

### Neighborhood Grant

We have been awarded a neighborhood grant to pay for larger entrance and marker signs around Lindbergh Forest. Joan Monaco applied for and wrote the grant for LF. We should know more details by next month.

### Treasurer's report

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

### Website Update

Last month, a motion for Kelley DeLuca to be allowed to spend \$20 annually on the LFNA website was passed, with the understanding that this amount might need to be amended in order to allow for more research into the topic. Her research this past month has shown that the most economical and user-friendly web host is Squarespace.

Motion made by Jewell Minnich to approve amended amount of \$12/mo for web hosting plus \$20 annually for our domain name for a total of \$164 per year. Ben Ream seconded this motion. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

### KPD update

Officer Wiggins reported that 2 drug houses have been busted in the past month – one on Feathers Street and one on Martin Mill Pike. He urged LFNA to call in suspicious activity, because typically it's people in the neighborhood who spot illegal activity, and unfortunately, KPD cannot be everywhere at once. At this time, there is probably no way to invite KPD into Facebook crime groups in order to make them more aware of potential crime in our neighborhoods.

Officer Wiggins stated that the new pawn shop opening in the old Emery's location will have to follow KPD procedures in reporting serial numbers, and that the Inspection Unit will try to insure compliance from the owner. Kelley DeLuca or others from LFNA will meet with the pawn shop owner when the business opens in order to form a relationship and ask about helping us utilize Selecta DNA in their shop.

We were also advised that we only really need to call in what are considered "violent" gunshots to KPD – that is, single or rapid gunfire, followed by a pause, followed by more gunshot/s. We are welcome to call in anything that concerns us, but KPD is more likely to respond to the "violent" kind.

Since the Executive Inn nuisance case has stalled, Kelley will contact Tracee Smith, DA, to reopen the investigation and push for management compliance or closure of the Inn. Officer Wiggins said that the reason the Executive Inn has not been closed yet is because most of the crime that occurs there is considered non-violent. The city is careful about shutting down businesses.

### Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts thanked the LFNA for donating money for Teachers Appreciation Week.

He said that beginning tomorrow, the playground gates will be unlocked for the summer. Drug paraphernalia was found on the playground recently. Adam and Kelley are planning to go door-to-door to immediate Dogwood neighbors in a couple of weeks to give them the KPD non-emergency number and ask them to keep a watch on the playground this summer. He asked the LFNA to utilize the grounds and trail behind the school this summer in order to keep crime away from our area.

In addition, Dogwood will be adding 2 more neighborhood watch signs around the school to help increase awareness and decrease crime.

A bridge connecting the schools' walking loop will be built in 2 weeks. Dogwood is in need of volunteers for this project. Please contact Adam if you can volunteer. No experience is needed.

#### Neighborhood Advisory Council

Danny Gray, one of South Knoxville's 2 representatives of the city's Neighborhood Advisory Council, is asking for input on what general neighborhood improvement ideas LFNA has to present to the Council. Kelley will forward his email to LFNA and we may add suggestions. Also, the city's new neighborhood traffic calming system will launch this summer.

Meeting adjourned, 7:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.