

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Organization

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Megan Boehnke, Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Lynn Miller, Callie Minnich, Jewell Minnich, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Madeline Rogero, Grant Seiber, Linda G. Sharp, Vicki Sharp, Judy Sheffield, Becky Wade

Guests: Sergeant Bush (KPD), Debbie Sharp (City of Knoxville Office of Neighborhoods), Officer Wiggins (KPD)

Welcome, Gratitude and Introductions

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone who had a hand in making arrangements for the meeting.

She stated that Amanda Morse regrets that she can't attend the meeting due to obligations at work.

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association Meeting.

By: Jewell Minnich

Seconded by: Callie Minnich

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

KPD Update

Officer Wiggins provided an updated on crime activity in the Lindbergh Forest area, stating that he, himself, hasn't received any calls for our area.

He stated that neighbors should continue to keep an eye on the Executive Inn and encouraged neighbors to call the non-emergency line any time they see anything out of place. He explained that, when officers check up on calls, they sometimes end up finding perpetrators of other crimes.

He asked that neighbors not hesitate to call the non-emergency lines, which are 865-215-4010 or 865-215-7000

He stated that some reported thefts have been linked to a homeless camp behind the Kenjo on Chapman Hwy. He asked that we call to report homeless people in the neighborhood or if we site homeless camps.

Officer Wiggins answered questions from meeting attendees.

He reported that the noises coming from the suspected meth house were actually due to renovations and were totally legitimate. The new owners are repairing the formerly condemned house.

Officer Wiggins encouraged neighbors to report all stolen items, no matter how insignificant it might seem, because the reports can be linked to solve other crimes. He also encouraged us to keep a file of serial numbers of expensive items.

Prompted by a question from an attendee, Sergeant Bush spoke about the SCAN program. He explained that this is a program of the Knox County Sheriff's department through which neighbors can arrange for officers to make periodic check-ins of elderly residents. More information and a number to call can be found at http://www.knoxsheriff.org/departments/special_services.php.

He also encouraged us to register neighbors we know of who suffer from Alzheimer's.

Prompted by a question from an attendee, Sergeant Bush spoke about the Citizen's Police Academy and asked that anyone interested call 215-7000 for more information.

Bylaws update

Kelley thanked Amanda Morse and Stephanie Greene for their work on the By-Laws Committee and asked that neighbors review the draft that has been posted on the Google Group site and send recommendations for changes to her at kellydeluca@gmail.com.

Once the suggested changes are incorporated, a draft will be presented for vote at the next meeting.

Nomination of officers

Kelley reported that officer voting will be held at the July meeting. As it is currently written, the By-Laws call for the Lindbergh Forest NA to have a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please send nominations to Kelley (kellydeluca@gmail.com). Feel free to nominate yourself for any role you might be interested in filling.

South Knox Neighborhoods and Business Coalition

Kelley reported that Lindbergh Forest has been asked to join the SKNBC. The Coalition recently threw a pool party in order to bring South Knoxville neighborhoods together for some fun and to generate interest in involvement.

Debbie Sharp spoke to the group about SKNBC, their work and the benefits of being involved.

Kelley shared information from Sarah Curtis, who attended the most recent meeting of the SKNBC and reported back some important facts about membership. One concern was with the time commitment involved. Lindbergh Forest would need two representatives to attend the SKNBC meetings, which are monthly, and sometimes occur the day before the Lindbergh Forest meetings. Sarah suggested that Lindbergh Forest could consider switching to bi-monthly meetings to accommodate for the time commitment or could wait and join SKNBC in the future when the Lindbergh Forest group has grown.

The SKNBC membership fee is \$25 annually per group and the deadline to join is July 1st.

Meeting attendees agreed that it was a good idea and would be beneficial to join. Some were concerned that involvement in SKNBC might dilute our own efforts.

Lindbergh Forest neighbors had the following questions regarding membership:

Can the deadline be extended to August 1st to give us more time to consider joining and to determine who our representatives will be?

What is their attendance policy-what happens if we can't get 2 ppl at every meeting-are we still considered present if we only get 1 rep at a meeting?

Can we send an alternate in someone's place?

Can visitors attend SKNBC meetings?

A motion was made that Kelley would pass on these questions to SKNBC and ask for an extension of the deadline to August first, but Jake Hudson and Jewell Minnich volunteered to be the representatives before a vote was taken, so the motion was amended to the following:

Motion: That Lindbergh Forest will join the SKNBC.

By: Jake Hudson

Second by: Jewell Minnich

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Bank account

Kelley reported that Lynn Miller has provided all the necessary information to access a bank account held by the previous group of Lindbergh Forest neighbors.

Lynn explained that the money currently held in the account was raised when neighbors opened their homes for Christmas tours and was intended to be put toward the purchase of signage at the entrance to the neighborhood.

Given the level of enthusiasm about the installation of a neighborhood sign, Kelley suggested that, at the next meeting, a committee be formed to take on this task.

Determination of location of new signs

Kelley passed around maps of the neighborhood and asked neighbors to mark the places where they think a Neighborhood Watch sign should be placed.

The small grant that the NA received from the city covers four signs and Lindbergh Forest already has two, for a total of six.

There was some confusion regarding where signs are already located. Kelley stated she would talk to Amanda Morse for clarification.

Paint the pavement status

Kelley stated that the Paint the Pavement event will likely still be held, but will happen later in the summer than originally anticipated. This is due to the fact that receiving the small grant from the city has made the formation of By-Laws and the election of officers a priority.

Halloween event ideas

Kelley suggested that the neighbors consider organizing some event for Halloween so that neighborhood children can stay in Lindbergh Forest to Trick or Treat. There was a great deal of enthusiasm for this and neighbors agreed to form a committee for this purpose at the next meeting.

Snack volunteers

Kelley asked that, at each meeting, two attendees volunteer to provide snacks and drinks for the following meeting.

Ben and Heather Ream generously volunteered to provide the snacks and drinks for the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.