

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Organization

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Jewell Minnich, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Grant Seiber, Linda G. Sharp, Vicki Sharp, Judy Sheffield, Becky Wade

Guests: Officer Wiggins (KPD)

Welcome and Introductions

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that anyone new to the meeting introduce themselves.

Jim Lunde

Jim Lunde, the pastor of Graystone Presbyterian Church, introduced himself and offered the hospitality of the church to Lindbergh Forest NA.

He handed out information regarding their upcoming Vacation Bible School.

David Williams, candidate for Councilman At-Large

David Williams, who is running to fill the seat of Councilman At-Large on the Knoxville City Council, introduced himself and asked for the NA's support.

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

Kelley stated that she will amend the Minutes of the last meeting to show that snacks will be brought to each meeting by volunteers, but attendees should bring their own drinks.

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2015 Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association Meeting with the recommended amendment.

By: Amanda Morse

Seconded by: Jewell Minnich

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

KPD Update

Officer Wiggins reminded the group of the importance of keeping a file of the serial numbers of expensive household items. Having a record of the serial numbers makes it possible for officers and pawn shop owners to identify the items that belong to you.

Officer Wiggins stated that there is a 95% chance that your stolen items will be returned if you have a record of serial numbers, but only a 10% chance if you don't.

He reported that there have been complaints of aggressive panhandlers in our area and asked that neighbors always call to report panhandlers, regardless of the level of aggression. He explained that a panhandler who seems normal with one person might get very aggressive with the next person, so it's best to call.

Amanda Morse described an incident she had with a homeless person in Sam Duff Park. Officer Wiggins asked that she email him the details so that he can keep an eye on the situation.

Heather Ream thanked the KPD for the new police tower in the Chapman Kroger parking lot. Officer Wiggins stated that the KPD had never been informed of suspicious activities there, though most neighbors had observed strange goings-on. He stressed that it's important to phone the KPD any time you notice anything suspicious.

Bylaws update

Kelley stated that she had received only two recommendations regarding the By-Laws. One was regarding the inclusion of a statement about dues and the other was a concern about whether the group has enough participants to fill all the officers roles defined in the current version of the By-Laws.

The group discussed the issue of whether or not dues should be required and agreed that the question needs to be considered in the future and should, in fact, be revisited each year. Kelley will add a section to the By-Laws that states that the question of dues, whether they will be collected, who will owe them and how they will be spent will be revisited by the association in January of each year.

Motion: To approve the By-Laws with the agreed upon inclusion regarding the discussion of dues.

By: Amanda Morse

Seconded by: Jake Hudson

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

The group agreed that the option of defining fewer officers in the By-Laws will be considered if, when nominations are discussed and elections are held, there aren't enough participants to fill the existing roles.

Nomination of officers

Kelley listed nominations that she had received and asked if anyone would nominate themselves or someone else for the open positions.

Nominations were as follows:

President-Kelley DeLuca (nominated by Amanda Morse and herself)

Vice President- Amanda Morse (nominated by Kelley DeLuca)

Secretary- Heather Ream (nominated by herself)

Treasurer-Stephanie Greene (nominated by Kelley DeLuca)

Jewell Minnich was elected at an earlier meeting to act as the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Watch Liaison.

Motion: To approve the proposed slate of officers and listed above.

By: Jake Hudson

Seconded by: Grant Seiber

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Jewell Minnich stated that the association needs to approve a resolution to grant the newly elected officers the authority to access the Neighborhood Association bank account and sign checks.

Motion: To approve a resolution that the following individuals have check signing rights at Tennessee State Bank: Kelley DeLuca, Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association President; Amanda Morse, LFNA Vice President; Stephanie Greene, LFNA Treasurer

By: Jewell Minnich

Seconded by: Amanda Morse

Vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Determination of location of new Neighborhood Watch signs-UPDATE

Kelley announced that she has been working to compile the suggestions that were handed in at the last meeting and is handing the information over to Amanda Morse. Amanda and Kelley will work together to learn what needs to be done next to have the signs installed.

Neighborhood Entrance Sign Committee

Kelley explained that the funds left in the bank account by the previous neighborhood association were earmarked for the installation of a neighborhood entrance sign. She reminded that group that, at the last meeting, it was decided that a committee should be formed to take on this task.

Grant Seiber and Jewell Minnich volunteered to sit on the committee and asked that Lynn Miller be asked to join them.

Halloween Event Committee

Sarah Curtis, Stephanie Greene, Amanda Morse, Tracy Podsobinski, Ben and Heather Ream and Becky Wade volunteered to form a committee to plan and hold a Halloween event this year.

Paint the Pavement Project update

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.

She stated that Ben Epperson, who runs the Paint the Pavement project, will be invited to speak at the meeting in August and a committee will be formed at that meeting.

South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition update

Jake Hudson explained that the SKNBC hasn't met yet this month, therefore there is no update to give.

Snack volunteers

Amanda Morse is the August meeting snack volunteer! Thank you Amanda!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.