

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, August 19, 2015, 6:30 pm
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees:

Evelyn Barnett, Paul Barnett, Kelley DeLuca, Dorian DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Amanda Morse, Jewell Minnich, Chris Minnich, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Grant Seiber, Judy Sheffield, Ann Viera, Becky Wade.

Guests attending:

Adam Fritts (Community School Resource Coordinator, Dogwood Elementary)
Ben Epperson (Healthy Kids, Healthy Community)
Louise Gorenflo (Knoxville Scores)
Betsy Pickle (Shopper News)

Welcome

Kelley Deluca welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Motion made by Becky Wade to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2015 Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association meeting. This was seconded by Amanda Morse.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

KPD update

There was no KPD update at this meeting. No officer was able to attend.

Knoxville Scores

Louise Gorenflo from Knoxville Scores addressed the attendees, announcing a 2-year contest that aims to reduce civic and residential energy use, called Knoxville Scores. Knoxville is one of 50 cities nationwide competing in this contest, and currently we are ranked 13th out of 50. The prize is \$5 million dollars and would likely be used for winterizing inner city homes in Knoxville.

The city has already started competing. So far, TVA has given a \$15 million grant to winterize additional inner city homes, and KUB has started the "Round Up" program to help low-income residents with utility costs as well. In addition, the city has completed 3/4 of the 1000 home energy audits that have been set as a contest goal for 2015.

Homeowners can compete by purchasing a TVA home energy audit from a list of approved contractors. The cost for the audit is \$75, but there are multiple rebates available for investing in specific energy-saving measures to help offset the cost of the audit. If a homeowner uses the approved contractors as required, KUB will ensure that any audits or work will be completed in a timely fashion.

Ms. Gorenflo suggested we visit the website www.knoxvillescores.org for more information. She asked how the association could distribute this information, and Kelley DeLuca offered to post this info on the association's Google group page.

Paint the Pavement

Ben Epperson from Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities addressed the group about a potential neighborhood project called "Paint the Pavement" (PTP). PTP was created by Mr. Epperson's office for the Inskip community, which was considered an isolated neighborhood with an abundance of traffic. The city could not afford to build sidewalks there, so they implemented a plan to paint creative, highly visible pictures and letters on the streets. Approximately 20 volunteers did the actual painting in the Inskip community. The end result was less traffic because of the eye-catching nature of the paint as well as an increased sense of community.

Prompted by attendees' questions, Mr. Epperson detailed the requirements of a potential PTP project in Lindbergh Forest. Our association needs to submit a rough drawing and a plan to the city engineering department. We do not have to have every detail decided, but we need to be able to give a list of desired paint colors and general locations and sizes of where we want the paint to be. The same kind of paint that is used for street signs will be used for PTP, and the colors available are red, yellow, white, and blue (however, paint can be mixed to make other colors). There probably are no size regulations, but we are not allowed to paint anything on the pavement that might be mistaken for a traffic sign or signal of any kind. The paint generally lasts 3-4 years.

Mr. Epperson said he has paint supplies he would be happy to let us use, and that his office would be happy to pay for the costs of PTP.

Any plan submitted to the engineering department would have to be approved by at least 75% of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association.

Kelley DeLuca offered to post PTP information on our Google group and suggested we form a committee for PTP. Stephanie Greene, Amanda Morse, Sarah Curtis, Grant Seiber, Evelyn Barnett, and Kelley DeLuca volunteered to be on the committee. Kelley said she will reach out to Lindbergh Forest neighbor Jared, who is an artist, to see if he would like to be on the committee as well. If anyone else is interested in being on the committee, please let Kelley know.

Adam Fritts from Dogwood Elementary stated that he would like Dogwood to help with PTP as well as with other projects. He encouraged all Lindbergh Forest residents to attend Open House or PTA meetings in order to meet more of the Dogwood staff and students.

Neighborhood Watch signs

Amanda Morse announced the winning locations of the neighborhood watch signs. In addition to the 2 signs already hanging, 4 new ones will be hung at Woodlawn and Chapman, Moody and Taliwa, Moody and Tipton, and Woodlawn and Southwood. She hopes to have them hung by the end of the week.

Halloween committee

Amanda Morse stated that the Halloween committee has decided on a low-key event this year since our neighborhood association is still fledgling. There will be a committee meeting next month in order to solidify plans. So far ideas include encouraging neighbors to turn on their porch lights or hang balloons on their mailboxes to signal that they want trick-or-treaters. Flyers may be handed out to each house, as well.

SKNBC

Jewell Minnich gave the report for Jake Hudson, who was not in attendance tonight. She reported that SKNBC is sponsoring a meet and greet with council candidates from District 5 on August 27th at 7pm at the Woodlawn Christian Center. No campaign info or shirts will be allowed in the room. Jewell will post a reminder on Facebook. She encouraged us to attend and stated that she thinks that our association's presence will be good because of the networking we can do with other neighborhood associations.

National Night Out

This year's event will be on October 6. Ben Ream gave a brief history of the event, which was started by local police to garner community goodwill. Each year, each neighborhood plans a small event where neighbors and law enforcement can interact and get to know each other. Ben Ream said that we need to register with KPD in order to have law enforcement attend on October 6. Kelley DeLuca suggested all of Lindbergh Forest neighbors take walks independently of each other that evening. Grant Seiber suggested wearing nametags, or having flyers to handout about the neighborhood. Evelyn Barnett suggested a parade-like event, where a larger group meets and walks together. Ann Viera suggested sitting on one's porch or turning on one's porch light if a more low-key activity was preferred. Adam Fritts stated that he has glow sticks to loan out for the event, if needed.

Neighbors who would like to walk together will meet at Graystone Presbyterian on October 6 at 6:30.

Kelley DeLuca also stated that she is in the process of putting together a Lindbergh Forest website and that if anyone has pictures of Lindbergh Forest they would like to share, please email those to her.

Childcare for Association meetings

Kelley DeLuca reported that there are student teachers at the Montessori school that we could hire to watch children during neighborhood meetings. The cost for this program is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child. Other ideas suggested by attendees were asking Graystone's pastor for recommendations, having a rotating list of neighborhood parents who would provide childcare at the meetings, or having a kids' table in one corner of the room where kids could sit during the meeting. An attendee also suggested that once we are able to provide childcare, we should include this information on our meeting signage.

Political candidates at meeting

Kelley DeLuca stated that she received an email from a county candidate asking if he/she could attend one of our neighborhood meetings in order to give a brief statement.

Motion made by Ben Ream to allow interested candidates to make no more than a 5-minute statement at future association meetings. This motion was amended by Ann Viera to include in each candidate's time a firm limit of 5 minutes. Kelley DeLuca volunteered to time each candidate's statement so that none will exceed 5 minutes. This was seconded by Becky Wade.

Vote: 9 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Bank Account

Kelley DeLuca stated that a motion was required to add Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, and Amanda Morse to the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association's bank account at Tennessee State Bank, as well as to remove past Association officers from the bank account.

Motion made by Ann Viera to add Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, and Amanda Morse to bank account, as well as to remove past Association officers from the bank account. This was seconded by Grant Seiber.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Bylaws

Kelley DeLuca stated that approved changes to the bylaws have been made, and that they are available on the Google group page.

Snack Volunteers

Ben Ream volunteered to bring snacks for the September meeting. Tree nut-free and shellfish-free snacks were requested due to food allergies of attendees. Kelley DeLuca volunteered to bring snacks for the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.