

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6:30 pm  
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees:

Evelyn Barnett, Sarah Curtis, Maggie Davis, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Callie Minnich, Jewell Minnich, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Grant Seiber.

Guests attending:

Adam Fritts (Community School Resource Coordinator, Dogwood Elementary)  
Chris Minnich

Welcome and approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting. Motion made by Kelley DeLuca to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2015 Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association meeting. This was seconded by Callie Minnich.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Community School Initiative

Adam Fritts, Community School Resource Coordinator from Dogwood Elementary, spoke about the committee school initiative at Dogwood. The community school initiative was created with the idea that a school building is not just available for use for its students, but also for its community. Each community school's program is tailored to the specific needs of the surrounding neighborhoods. Lonsdale Elementary was the pilot for this program. At Lonsdale, the school's parents were polled on what programs they wanted the school to offer. They chose to focus on creating tutoring programs and increasing neighborhood safety.

Mr. Fritts asked for volunteers from Lindbergh Forest for the Dogwood Elementary Community School Initiative, as well as ideas on what programs our neighborhood would like to see implemented at Dogwood. He stated that he has a strong interest in utilizing the Urban Wilderness for Dogwood.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities include helping run the Biztown "stores" for an October 1st Dogwood field trip, serving dinner for students during their afternoon program (dinner is served 3 times per week at 5:00 pm), and linking one's Kroger or Food City savings card to Dogwood Elementary to help them receive more donations.

Mr. Fritts requested that a Lindbergh Forest representative join the school Steering Committee so as to stay updated on school events and make sure that Lindbergh Forest has a voice in shaping the Initiative. The Steering Committee's first meeting will be October 6th. Immediately following their meeting, they will join Lindbergh Forest residents in a walk around the neighborhood for National Night Out.

Kelley DeLuca asked for clarification on community use of the fenced playground adjacent to Dogwood Elementary after school hours. Maggie Davis asked if there was any area for pets on the Dogwood grounds since there is a "no pets allowed" sign posted on the property.

Mr. Fritts stated that the community is allowed use of the property, and that perhaps the signs and locks on the fence are an overcorrection in an attempt to keep the grounds safe and clean. He suggested that placing a "open dawn until dusk" sign or removing existing signs on the property might help clarify rules without inhibiting community standards.

Looking ahead, Mr. Fritts and several attendees suggested holding some sort of community event in the Dogwood field next spring. Mr. Fritts also offered to let LFNA distribute Halloween flyers to students at Dogwood encouraging them to trick or treat in our neighborhood.

#### Knoxville Police Department update

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

#### Burglaries

Kelley DeLuca suggested asking Officer Wiggins to come speak to the Neighborhood Association at a special time outside of our regular monthly meeting to discuss the rash of recent and repeated break-ins in Lindbergh Forest. Chris Minnich spoke about his experiences in dealing with various public offices in reporting break-ins in Lindbergh Forest, the probability that most of these break-ins are directly linked to the patrons of the Executive Inn on Chapman Highway, and his frustration that these crimes remain unsolved and rampant.

Grant Seiber stated that he was told by KPD that unless the police actually catch a person in the act of committing a crime who is staying at the Executive Inn, they cannot do much about the Executive Inn. If a neighborhood had a justifiable reason to want a business closed, they would have file a public nuisance suit with the city rather than relying on the police to keep unsavory persons away from the neighborhood.

Motion made by Grant Seiber to pursue a public nuisance suit with the city to try to have Executive Inn shut down. This was seconded by Callie Minnich.

Vote: no vote was taken.

Kelley DeLuca stated she would contact Officer Wiggins, voice our concerns, and ask that he meet with the group so that we can see what should be the next step in this process. She also stated that another option might be to speak to the owner of the Executive Inn to see if he would be willing to help deter crime from our area.

#### Neighborhood Flyers

Kelley DeLuca is designing a flyer to distribute to all Lindbergh Forest neighbors in an attempt to attract more people to meetings and to deter crime. She wrote a grant to the city to pay for the flyers. Grant Seiber, Chris Minnich, Ben Ream, and Heather Ream volunteered to help pass the flyers out.

#### National Night Out

Kelley DeLuca will send out a reminder email to residents to help us remember to participate.

#### Treasurer

Stephanie Greene, current treasurer, can no longer serve due to not being able to have her name associated with the Lindbergh Forest account. Motion made by Callie Minnich to accept Stephanie Greene's resignation as treasurer and to add Heather Ream as LFNA treasurer in addition to LFNA secretary. This was seconded by Jewell Minnich.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

#### SKNBC

There has not been another meeting of the SKNBC as of yet.

### Halloween committee

The committee is meeting this Sunday at 2pm at Ben and Heather Ream's house.

### Paint the Pavement

Due to limited neighborhood participation at this time, Kelley DeLuca suggested that we move PTP to next spring or fall. Callie Minnich suggested that the inclusion of her modern dance troupe would help boost attendance. Adam Fritts said that if we held PTP in the spring, we would be able to get more participation from Dogwood Elementary.

### Childcare

Since LFNA does not yet have a childcare provider, attendees discussed that children may come and play quietly during each meeting until such time that we can offer childcare.

### Snack volunteers

Snack volunteer for October will be Kelley DeLuca. Tree-nut free and shellfish-free snacks were requested due to food allergies of certain attendees.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Heather Ream. This was seconded by Callie Minnich.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.