

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:30 pm

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Martha Emrey, Jake Hudson, Baron Hyatt, Amanda Morse, Benjamin Prijatel, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Doug Smith, Lee Ann Smith, Ann Viera, Becky Wade.

Guests attending: Adam Fritts (Dogwood Elementary), Officer Wiggins (KPD), Rick Dover (Dover Development).

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 September 21, 2016 meeting. This was seconded by Amanda Morse. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

KPD update

Officer Wiggins reported that it has been a slow month in LF for crime. He asked if anyone had any property crimes or other crimes to report just in case he hadn't heard about any in our neighborhood, but no one had anything to report. He reminded us that the man who was going door-to-door soliciting last month was found by KPD based on our calls, so please call KPD if we witness any suspicious activity. Officer Wiggins had the opportunity to drive around LF a few times during National Night Out. He suggested that maybe next year, we partner with other NOs to have a larger, combined event. He also stressed that the privacy of LF neighbors is important to KPD, so personal details of calls made to KPD will not be shared publicly.

South High/Dover Development

Rick Dover from Dover Development spoke with LFNA about plans to purchase the old South High building in order to turn it into a 60-unit senior living facility, similar to his company's project of the former Oakwood Elementary School. The building's façade and interior will be restored but previous exterior design elements will remain unchanged. An entrance and parking lot will have to be added on the north side of the property. If the city accepts his proposal, he will ask for historic preservation and other tax credits, so the new design will have to meet local and federal historic preservation standards. Mr. Dover estimates that his company will invest \$8.8 million into renovations. He has asked to return to a later meeting to show us plans if his proposal is accepted. A press conference and tour will be held at South High this Friday at 1:00. We may also show our support by attending the upcoming city council meeting next Tuesday evening at 6:00.

Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts announced there will be another work day on the trail behind the school this Saturday from 9-12. Additionally, an "outdoor internet café" will be built in order to provide free wi-fi to students and neighbors.

The side gate leading to the playground and fields should be open after hours for neighborhood use.

Dogwood Night Out will be rescheduled for spring since there were several other events going on in South Knoxville the night the event was to take place.

Thank a Teacher week is Nov 14-18 if LFNA wants to participate.

SKNBC meeting update

The October meeting was cancelled so that representatives could attend the meeting at the old Sevier Heights property about the new project proposed called Baker Creek Bottoms. Jake Hudson reported that plans for Baker Creek Bottoms include a brewery, theatre space, restaurant, hostel, apartments, and a bike rental/repair shop. More details will be announced as the project gets underway.

Treasurer's report

A copy of the monthly Treasurer's Report is available to LFNA members. Contact Kelley or Heather for a digital copy.

Tracee Smith

Kelley was contacted by Tracee Smith in regards to the local Facebook crime pages. Tracee stated that her office does monitor them, but that they can be exaggerated, so she always checks possible Executive Inn crime against police reports for veracity. Ms. Smith also stressed that KPD is communicating with her any time there is a crime reported at EI. A new crime concern is the Kenjo at the corner of Chapman and Woodlawn, which is probably due to the EI's customers.

Halloween

Thank you to Ann Viera and Kelley for designing and printing the flyers. The flyer team will now distribute.

Speed Humps

LFNA began discussion on possible ways to reduce speed on Tipton. Adam Fritts suggested that although the city may have a small budget for traffic calming features, Paint the Pavement might be a quicker and less expensive way to begin to address this issue.

Paint the Pavement

Ben Epperson took Kelley's sketches to the Metropolitan Planning Commission and to Engineering to get their input. We are looking to paint in spring 2017.

Entrance Signs Update

Kelley spoke with a representative at the Tennessee State Bank, who said that we have the bank's blessing to place signage around their property if necessary.

Future Speaker

Kelley has spoken with developer John Shepherd, and he will be addressing the LFNA once his plans to build an apartment building behind the new Bojangles are solidified.

Beaumont Magnet

Please vote for Stella DeLuca's school to help get a grant for a new playground. Go to www.votebma.com to vote.

Snacks

The November meeting will be a potluck. Please do not prepare anything with nuts in it due to a member's food allergy.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.