

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:30 pm
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Megan Boehnke, Linda Burchfield, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Barry Darden, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Greg Knox, Jewell Minnich, Amanda Morse, Heather Ream, Grant Seiber, Linda G. Sharp, Vicki Sharp, Becky Wade, Tracy Williams.

Guests attending: Sergeant John Morgan (KPD), Officer Wiggins (KPD), Betsy Pickle (Shopper News), Adam Fritts (Dogwood Elementary), Finbarr Saunders (candidate), Paul Bonovich (candidate), Chris Minnich.

Welcome and approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Kelley DeLuca welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kelley DeLuca asked the group to amend Minutes from 9/16/15 meeting to clarify details adding Heather Ream as Treasurer. Jewell Minnich made such motion. This was seconded by Becky Wade.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Candidates

Candidates Finbarr Saunders and Paul Bonovich spoke for 5 minutes each. The 5 minutes included Q&A from the audience. Dorian DeLuca kept time so that neither candidate exceeded 5 minutes.

KPD update

Both Officer Wiggins and Sergeant Morgan (who is the officer overseeing all Neighborhood Watch programs in Knoxville) were able to attend this meeting. They agreed to patrol LF during Halloween to help facilitate safety for trick-or-treaters and residents.

They stated the KPD had made an arrest last week that might be linked to property crimes in LF. However, the best thing for LFNA to do in order to have Executive Inn investigated and possibly shut down is to continue to report any criminal incidents to Tracee Smith, district attorney. She is responsible for filing any nuisance injunctions against Executive Inn.

The officers also advised that we should be skeptical of any door-to-door solicitation in LF, and to contact the mayor's office and also the management at Kroger on Chapman Hwy. in order to request more manpower in LF and South Knoxville.

Officer Wiggins, prompted by Sergeant Morgan, asked the LFNA if anyone had any questions on how the KPD uses force or any questions about KPD now carrying medication for suspected overdose. No one had questions about either subject.

Sergeant Morgan spoke about the "DNA coding" security programs now available from several companies. They use a microscopic numbering system that identifies one's belongings in case of a burglary. He asked if possibly we could use our neighborhood grant to pay for this for residents if we were interested. Kelley DeLuca said she could check into it.

Kelley DeLuca stated she had called Debbie Sharp from the Office of Neighborhoods for advice on how to create a liaison between LFNA and Taliwa Apts and is awaiting response.

Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts gave details about a volunteer opportunity at the school on November 17: the staff will be distributing the cookie dough from the recent fundraiser, and volunteers are needed to help sort the items.

He also stated that several civic groups, along with Kelley DeLuca of the LFNA, toured the property behind the school. This property includes a privately-owned cemetery that could eventually be the neighborhood trailhead leading into the Urban Wilderness. The LFNA and others will be invited back for a day/s of service to help clear trails and clean this area soon.

Additionally, Mr. Fritts clarified that the neighborhood can use the field and playground attached to the school. The signs discouraging use are only in place to minimize soccer playing where people are illegally charging the players to use the field.

Mr. Fritts also has stencil choices that we may use for Paint the Pavement if we are interested.

Bank Account

Kelley DeLuca and Heather Ream are now named on the LFNA bank account at Tennessee State Bank. The LFNA received the grant from the city and it has been deposited. The grant paid for the snacks tonight and the neighborhood flyers.

SKNBC

Jake Hudson attended the meeting held last night. Adam Fritts from Dogwood was also their guest speaker. Knoxville Soup, a local organization that gives mini-grants at each meeting, will be holding two upcoming events: 11/5/15, 6pm, at Woodlawn Christian Church, and 11/16/15 at 5:30 at Stanley's Greenhouse.

Missing cat

Jake Hudson is missing a black cat.

Halloween

Amanda Morse stated that she and the Halloween committee will pass out a second round of flyers encouraging LF residents to participate in trick-or-treating. Anyone else who is interested in passing them out, please contact her.

Thanksgiving service opportunity

Kelley DeLuca will check with the pastor at Graystone as well as Dogwood Elementary to see if there are any volunteer opportunities for Thanksgiving.

Flyer Team

Kelley DeLuca stated she will bring a map of LF to the next meeting so that we can explore having a designated team of people to hand out flyers as the need arises.

Website and childcare

The website is an ongoing project. Please contact Kelley DeLuca with any suggestions or pictures of LF. Until we have a more permanent solution, children are welcome to play quietly at the LFNA meetings.

Snacks

Becky Wade volunteered to bring snacks next month. Tree nut-free and shellfish-free snacks were requested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary.