

Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)
Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:30 pm
Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Paul Barnett, James Childress, Dorian DeLuca, Kelley DeLuca, Stephanie Greene, Jake Hudson, Jewell Minnich, Amanda Morse, Ben Ream, Heather Ream, Leanne Smith, Becky Wade.

Guests attending: Officer Wiggins (KPD), Betsy Pickle (Shopper News), Adam Fritts (Dogwood Elementary), Johan Larsen (Selecta DNA).

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 October 21, 2015 meeting. This was seconded by Dorian DeLuca. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

KPD Update

Officer Wiggins reported a burglary on Tipton Avenue that was called in by the victim's neighbors. He urged the group to call in anything that looked suspicious, as they are still looking for the suspect (Nathan Duke) in the Tall Oaks robbery. He stated that in the case of burglaries, the crime lab will only come out to fingerprint with a specific request, because they are understaffed. He also said that South Knoxville is also understaffed in regards to police presence especially at night, and suggested we email the mayor in order to inform her that we want more police presence. KPD was able to patrol the neighborhood on Halloween night.

Officer Wiggins said there was no update about the Executive Inn.

Selecta DNA

Johan Larsen, from CSI Protect, spoke with the LFNA about the CSI Protect Program and the SelectaDNA product. SelectaDNA is a liquid that contains a microscopic numeric code that is unique to the property owner. The liquid is applied to valuable belongings. In the case of a burglary, the police or a pawn shop uses an ultra violet light to see that the item has been marked. Then a microscope is used to see the number and identify the owner. This makes it possible not only to get belongings back to their owners, but also to identify the items as stolen and catch the thief. The marking kits come with signage warning thieves that the property is protected by the CSI Protect Program and SelectaDNA.

Mr. Larsen stated that a North Knoxville neighborhood that had around 70% neighborhood participation with the program reduced property crime by 70% four months after introduction.

The kits are \$199 each, but LFNA can get the kits for less than \$100 each if we can get around 70% neighborhood involvement.

Kelley DeLuca will help think of ways to drum up neighborhood participation and encouraged all present to do the same.

Dogwood Elementary

Adam Fritts announced that there will be a volunteer opportunity at Dogwood on the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. They will be cleaning up the trail behind the school.

Americorp will also be there doing invasive species removal. This opportunity will be the first of three phases creating the trail. There will be more volunteer opportunities in the future. Please let Mr. Fritts or Kelley DeLuca know if you would like to volunteer.

A volunteer is also needed to sit on the school steering committee on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00.

SKNBC

Jake Hudson announced that the Navitat course at Ijams is set to reopen.

He also reported that the last Knoxville SOUP was successful, and that they need volunteers (www.knoxvillesoup.org).

South Knoxville Co-op is doing free grocery delivery through the end of the year.

Flyer Team

Several people volunteered to hand out flyers when necessary, and Kelley DeLuca assigned streets to these volunteers based on their residences.

December meeting

Ben Ream motioned to cancel the December 2015 meeting unless an emergency occurs.

Amanda Morse seconded this motion.

Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Childcare

Children are welcome to play quietly during the LFNA meetings.

House-sitter

Becky Wade stated she has the name of a reliable house-sitter if anyone is interested.

Caroling group

Dorian DeLuca will post information about a caroling group if anyone is interested in joining.

Miscellaneous

Jake Hudson was reimbursed \$25.00 for LFNA's SKNBC fee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ream, Secretary