

# Minutes of the Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (LFNA)

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:30 pm

Graystone Presbyterian Church

Attendees: Karen Adams, Kelley, Dorian, and Stella DeLuca, Sarah and Samuel Emmons, Stephanie Greene, Renee Hoyos, Baron Hyatt, Heather and Ben Ream, LeeAnne and Doug Smith, Ann Viera, and Becky Wade

Guests: Rebekah Jane Montgomery, Betsy Pickle, Kara Strouse, Stephanie Welch, and Officer Wiggins

## Motions:

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the March 2019 meeting.

Made: Ben Ream

Seconded: Baron Hyatt

Vote: All in favor, motion passes.

Motion: To allow Kelley to write a letter to the Knox County Commission on the behalf of Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association being in favor of the Chapman Highway Improvements.

Made: Ben Ream

Seconded: LeeAnne Smith

Vote: All in favor, Motion passes.

Motion: To change the language in the By-Laws to remove the limit on the number of consecutive terms for officers and to include, in the By-Laws, a section regarding LFNA policies surrounding dues, which are that they are voluntary and can be handled anonymously if necessary.

Made: Ben Ream

Seconded: Baron Hyatt

Vote: 10 in favor, 1 opposed, motion passes.

## KPD/Neighborhood Watch Update: Officer Wiggins

Officer Wiggins gave a quick update on the Executive Inn. Officer Wiggins has been talking to the homeowner at 101 Chamberlain, he is trying to do repairs on the home, but it continues to be vandalized. He has asked if anyone sees someone on the property that is not a contractor that we should call the nonemergency number and report it.

## Dogwood Elementary School Update: Kara Strouse

- 1) Kelley composed a letter to be given to other neighborhood associations to encourage them to use the playgrounds, trails, and green spaces at Dogwood Elementary.
- 2) The school carnival is May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7pm. All are welcome.
- 3) Field Day will be May 9<sup>th</sup> for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and May 10<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 4) Kara will take down the sign on the gate to the soccer field that says dogs are not allowed.
- 5) Teacher Appreciation week is May 6-10<sup>th</sup>.

## Discussion of the status of the Gateway to the Urban Wilderness Park, Improvements to Chapman Highway, and James White Parkway rumors: Rebekah Jane Montgomery, City of Knoxville and Stephanie Welch, City Councilwoman District 1

Rebekah Jane- The Gateway Park has three phases. Phase 1 is infrastructure, and this phase is out for bid. This will be the hardscapes such as Greenways, trails, and parking. Phase 2 is all the pretty things such as landscaping trees plants and some soft trails. Phase 3 will include restrooms, play features for all ages, and eventually a bike park where people can learn bike skills and build on skills. They are also working on putting in a Greenway along Cottrell Street. The hope is to be breaking ground on the park this summer.

A slightly longer project is in the works for TDOT to give back to the city the land between the South Terminus Bridge to the South Knox Bridge so the area can be developed to give a feel of "you are no longer in an urban area"

Stephanie Welch- Chapman Highway is a State and Federal road. So any and all improvements have to be approved by TDOT. Right now there are two sets of improvements going on with Chapman Highways. Ones by the city and the \$45 Million IMPROVE Act which is through TDOT.

The city improvements involve a grant that will put bike lanes and sidewalks between Stone Road and Woodlawn.

The IMPROVE Act is still trying to determine what improvements can be made to make the road safer. There is currently a survey to help figure out which of many ideas should be prioritized.

Kerns Update: The property has changed owners recently. The new owners gave a presentation to the Old Sevier Neighborhood Group. There he said there will be three phases. Phase 1 will be building multi family housing at the back of the property. The second phase will be having commercial retailers going into the old Kerns building. The third phase will be a new building along the Chapman Highway portion of the property.

SKNBC Membership Report: LeeAnne Smith

- 1) SKNBC asked Carson Daily for a letter of perspective on the BMX project
- 2) The next Knoxville Soup is April 30<sup>th</sup> at Dara's Garden

Treasurer's Report: Heather Ream, Treasurer

If anyone would like a copy of the treasurer's report they can email either Kelley DeLuca or Heather Ream.

President's Report: Kelley DeLuca, President

Task List: Link to PayPal is now on the lindberghforest.com website.

-South Knoxville Cleanup Follow Up: Cleanup went well. Had several neighbors participate and collect several bags of trash.

-Neighborhood Sign Project: The signs are carved and now stored in the neighborhood. Kelley has found the graffiti resistant paint and will paint the signs next.

-Are we interested in another neighborhood yard sale? – Ben is going to ask on the FaceBook group site to see if they are interested.

-BMX – Ben and Heather attended a meeting about the BMX project and it seems that because the mayor took the money out of his budget, the project is dead at least until the next budget cycle if the mayor can be convinced to add it back in.

Snack Volunteers for next meeting: Kelley DeLuca

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Greene, Secretary