

Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM
333 Larch Lane

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
- II. Adoption of the agenda: Jim Stone motioned to adopt the agenda and Bryan Throckmorton seconded. All were in favor.
- III. Approval of past meeting minutes: Jim Stone motioned to approve the January meeting minutes and Bryan Throckmorton seconded. All were in favor.
- IV. Secretary nominee: Jim Capillo announced that no one was nominated for the Secretary position as of the January meeting. At this time, Jim Capillo nominated Carrie Asalon and all were in favor.
- V. Recognition of guests and presentations
 - a. Officers of the Sexual Offender Compliance Unit (SOCU) from Fayette County Sheriff's Office spoke at the meeting. They explained that all registered sex offenders are required to register their address with state parole. The SOCU receives that registration and ensure that the offender is abiding by the law. SOCU also notifies nearby neighbors that a registered sex offender has moved into the neighborhood. The officers announced that the Fayette County has 380 registered sex offenders at this time, and there are no registered sex offenders in the Meadowthorpe neighborhood at this time. They explained the criteria for registered sex offenders to live, i.e. cannot live within 1,000 feet of a school, certified daycare, or park with a structure.
 - b. Second district councilmember Shevawn Akers made the following announcements:
 - i. Kindergarten enrollment is now open. Some schools have started online registration, but Meadowthorpe Elementary requires students to be registered in person at the school.
 - ii. Lexington is currently offering summer youth job opportunities for 14-17 year olds.
 - iii. Spring break is coming up next month. Lyric Theatre is offering The Artist's Eye, a free camp which provides diverse artistic techniques to students in grades 8-12.
 - iv. Kentucky American Water has filed a proposed rate increase with the Kentucky Public Service Commission of 17%. This equates to an approximately \$5 per month increase per household. The public hearing has not been set yet, but Ms. Akers expects it to take place later this summer. She encouraged members to contact the Kentucky Public Service Commission regarding their opinion on the matter:
2111 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601
Email: psc.info@ky.gov
Fax: 502-564-3460
 - v. Ms. Akers requested that the Meadowthorpe walking trail be funded for fiscal year 2017, and she will receive the results of this request in April.

- vi. The city's sustainability grant application is now available. Eligible projects include tree plantings, rain gardens, litter cleanup, and more. The application is available at www.lexingtonky.gov and is due by March 18.
- vii. Republic Services is proposing to put a transfer station for private trash collection on Lisle Industrial Avenue (zoned I-2). The company invites people to attend and informational lunch on Thursday, February 11 at 203 Lisle Industrial Avenue on Thursday, February 11. Jim Capillo has been asked to formally invite Republic Services to speak at MNA's March meeting about the matter.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Neighborhood Watch Committee, police activity report: The police officer present announced that in the last four to five weeks, there was been only one reported incident of crime in the neighborhood (stolen vehicle in early January). He encouraged victims of crime to report it, so the police department is made aware. Residents can view incidents at www.raidsonline.com. The officer commended the fire department's efforts in putting out the stockyards fire, and the sheriff's department for their hard work in establishing the traffic perimeter. He announced that a portion of Forbes Road is still closed, and may be closed until the spring when the asphalt plant opens. He introduced Commander Michelle, who will be MNA's point of contact moving forward.
- b. Community Center Committee: Jim Capillo reported that the board of directors have met. The executive committee and board recommended a community center rental rate increase for clubs, effective this year, to \$50 per month (with two months free if the club pays in advance).
- c. Communications Committee: Beth Workman announced that anyone interested in submitting an article to the newsletter can email the article to meadowthorpemessenger@gmail.com.
- d. Report from Board of Directors: Jim Capillo introduced the financial report and proposed budget. He discussed the proposed changes to this budget. All were in favor in adopting the budget as proposed by the board of directors.

VII. Old Business

- a. Marker project: Tom Blues mentioned potentially applying for the sustainable environment grant; however, the association would be in a time crunch to submit the application, which is due by March 18.

VIII. New Business

- a. Jim Capillo discussed the stockyards fire and its effect in the community. The MNA executive committee donated \$100 and \$325 worth of Kroger gift cards to the Lexington Fire Department's Engine 13, located on Leestown Road just outside Meadowthorpe. The gifts were given on Firefighter Appreciation Day (Friday, February 5), along with cards crafted by Meadowthorpe Elementary students and lunch from the local plumbing shop. Mr. Capillo explained that the community doesn't yet know what will happen with the stockyards, as they are a private business. The stockyards is exploring all options and they hope to have a decision within the next 30 days.
- b. Tom Blues addressed the proposed transfer station. He explained that the neighborhood should consider how the presence of the facility (less than a mile from the neighborhood) may affect the business decisions of business owners considering moving in the area. He suggested that MNA may want to have a

presence at the board of adjustment meeting (March 25). He motioned to invite Lexington Fayette Urban County Government senior planners to attend the April MNA meeting for the purpose of responding to residents' questions and concerns regarding the future of Meadowthorpe and its vicinity, and advise us on ways to address future involvements within Meadowthorpe and surrounding neighborhoods. Beth Workman seconded and all were in favor.

- c. Don Bertaldo requested an updated status on the assisted living facility development.
- d. Jim Capillo requested that the Meadowthorpe Development Review Committee review the neighborhood's motto.

IX. Motion to adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Carrie Asalon, MNA Secretary