



Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association
333 Larch Lane, Lexington, KY 40511

March 14, 2017
General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by VP Bill Congleton.

Agenda changes: Secretary Traci Letcher asked to delete 2 items from the agenda which were incorrectly remained from the February agenda template.

Approval of past minutes: William Andrews made the motion to accept the February 2017 minutes and this was seconded by Maria Kenney. Motion passed.

Guest Speakers

Police: Officer Towery spoke to the group about the needs of a neighborhood watch group. These groups fail because residents do not want to volunteer and the groups only have energy after there are neighborhood crime problems. Also, the neighborhood watch of 10 years ago does not exist any longer. Residents will not patrol the streets. Neighborhood watch groups now use phone/text/e-mail trees to notify residents of concerns. There will be 10-15 neighborhood block captains who will begin the 'tree' for their block. The national neighborhood watch 3rd party will receive notice from the block captains through messages and use this info to establish a report for Lexington PD. Neighborhood watch groups are not to patrol or approach any uncertain situation. Block captains are only used to forward info.

2nd District Councilmember: Sasha Love-Higgins shared information about electronic district newsletter available by print. Environmental Commission is looking for Lexington residents to join a group which will meet 1x a month to map out environmental strategic plans. Residents were encouraged to use the 'stop panhandlers' note cards to give out and not to give money to those asking in the street.

Meadowthorpe Assisted Living Center- Outreach Director, Hannah Beaven: The new business would like to introduce themselves to neighbors and would like to partner with the neighborhood association and their residents on events, activities.

Reports

Treasurer Report (Linda Melton, Treasurer) Several rentals in the past month. Contracts are being created for the two clubs which use the center on a regular basis.

Ending cash balance for Jan. 31, 2017: \$10,100.92 (budgeted for the year)

President Jim Capillo
VP Bill Congleton

Treasurer Linda Melton
Secretary Traci Letcher



VP Report (Bill Congleton, VP) Resident Dr. Lou Sievers will be the new street rep. for Townley Drive. One more volunteer is needed to deliver newsletters to the 300+ Boiling Springs. Also, the next Board (standing committee chairs, street reps) meeting will be Monday, May 1 at 7pm.

Neighborhood Watch Committee (Karen Stivers, resident) A committee of 3 residents is currently working with Lexington PD to apply for Kentucky and National Neighborhood Watch programs. This will result in new signage of the group at entrances to the neighborhood, household inventory sheets, stickers for resident windows and more from these other associations.

West End Alliance (Maria Kenney, resident & WEA president) The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 7pm at the Meadowthorpe Community Center. This brainstorming session will be open to all businesses and residents in West Lexington. At the last meeting, representatives from Georgetown Street, Masterson Station, McConnells Trace also attended. Officers have been elected. Come to the next meeting for a brainstorming session.

Old Business

Brick plaza paver sales (Tom Blues, resident) Pre-construction sale. The on-going sale of engraved pavers for the memorial plaza in the Boiling Springs median will be discontinued Saturday April 15, 9 a. m.-12 noon. Post-construction price increase. The plan is to re-open sales after the plaza is constructed at \$35 per paver for residential purchasers.

New Business

Meadowthorpe Park Walking Trail (Russ DiBella, resident) LFUCG has notified the association of a potential to fund a walking trail which will be on the perimeter of the park. Russ would like to present the motion of the neighborhood association applying for the full funding. Seconded by Liz Chilton. Motion passed. Russ DiBella also presented a motion for \$1,500 from community center rental funds to be used for purchase of park benches and enhancements. Seconded by Richard Fritz. Motion passed.

Wifi-- Volunteers were asked to work with LFUCG Parks and Rec. on purchasing, installing and verifying policies regarding wifi connection to be established at the Community Center. This would be helpful for neighborhood association meetings and to those renting the center to have online access. Residents Jason Sloane and Michael Stuart volunteered to serve as chairs.

Announcements:

Emerald Ash Tree Borer Treatment (Al Cinson, resident) will begin in May.

Next general membership meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 7pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm made by William Andrews. Seconded by Jim Stone.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Letcher

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VP Bill Congleton

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Secretary Traci Letcher

