

**Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association  
February 6, 2016 Board Annual Work Session  
Eastwood Christian Church**

**Board Members Present:** Hans Schmidt, Jenny Warren, Elizabeth Bush, Kris Mumford, Todd Cantrell, Mike Loyco, Kevin Wisniewski, Don Bailey, and Shannon Kearney. Tony Gonzalez also present.

**Board Members Not Present:** Elizabeth Smith, Emelyne Bingham, Laura Hutchinson, Jim Polk, Steven Swarts, and Annie Neal.

9 a.m. Hans Schmidt called the meeting to order.

**Financial Review:** \$21,300 in total assets (\$19,800 cash + \$1,500 accounts receivable).

**Grants & Donations:** Discussed best practices when selecting grant recipients and making donations. Tony Gonzalez is taking information from the bylaws and working to clarify/condense our mission statement in order to help facilitate a better understanding of our primary goals---for the board as well as for the community. He is also developing a response form for the newsletter which will ask neighbors to share their opinions about priorities going forward.

- East Nashville Little League: After discussion, Kevin Wisniewski motioned and Mike Loyco seconded LSNA donate \$300 to East Nashville Little League which includes a LSNA sponsorship sign that will be placed on the fence during games. Board approved. Kevin is contacting ENLL to finalize.

**Quarterly Meetings & Membership:** The recurrent discussion of how to best engage the community and encourage participation continued. Regarding quarterly meetings, we will strive to book guests with topics of interest and advertise in advance through social media and potentially new signage. Don Bailey is bringing sign-in sheets for our next quarterly meeting that we can use to gather contact information. Wearing name tags also suggested. May hold future quarterly meetings at Shelby Park Community Center for ease of parking and seating.

- Neighborhood Cleanup Day: Set a date of April 23, rain date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, for cleanup day focused on Five Points area and streets, not alleyways. Kevin contacted D6 Beautification rep Jim Gregory who will be speaking at our quarterly meeting. It was suggested a Public Works representative would be a great future guest at one of our quarterly meetings. Tony is contacting 12South folks to see how their corridor grant worked in acquiring their trash cans. Also, there will outreach to adjacent neighborhoods and area organizations, businesses, and schools to encourage their participation. While we discussed meeting at the library, meet up location TBD.

- Lockeland Springs events in addition to home tour: Suggested events include an ice cream social at Bass Park, a picnic/backyard Olympics at Lockeland Design School, and garden tour. Mike Loyco encouraged holding events that did not require street closures as they are very involved.
- Tomato Festival booth: Will continue to make sure the booth is fully utilized as a membership drive tool with information and activities.

**Lockeland Springs Park**: Tony Gonzalez suggested we nominate one of our projects, like Lockeland Springs Park, for the next Neighborhood Celebration competition which highlights outstanding neighborhood projects, events, and activities. Jim Hawk from the Neighborhood Resource Center spoke to us about this event last year. The Nations Neighborhood Association won the \$500 first prize in 2015 for their Green Alley Rain Garden Project.

**Bass Park**: Todd Cantrell suggested we talk to Parks about plantings and placing a pergola in Bass Park. However, the NFD has apparently expressed concerns in the past about adding features to the park which could potentially create noise near the fire hall (sleeping 24/7 shifts).

**Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

Next Quarterly Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. @ Mad Donnas

Topics: East Precinct crime report, CM Withers will talk sidewalks, and D6 Beautification Rep. Jim Gregory will discuss the neighborhood cleanup.