

Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association
March 2016 Board Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Smith, Lyn Bingham, Elizabeth Bush, Kris Mumford, Todd Cantrell, Laura Hutchinson, Annie Neal, Shannon Kearney, and Hans Schmidt

Board Members Not Present: Kevin Wisniewski, Jenny Warren, Steven Swarts, Jim Polk, Don Bailey, and Mike Loyco

6:30 PM. Hans Schmidt called the meeting to order. Minutes from January work session approved. Additionally, Hans' email elaborating our approach for giving grants and donations has been added to the file.

Treasurers Report: \$19,689 in total assets. \$300 donation made to Nashville Little League. LSNA is now Square enabled for collecting membership dues, charging for home tour tickets, etc. Thanks Steven Swarts! We know it wasn't easy and due to the difficulty, the company is sending us a second at no charge.

Clean-up Day on April 23: We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at East Branch Library to pick up supplies. The hope is that as we draw closer to the event, we will have more confirmed volunteers. Lockeland Baptist Church members have agreed to cover several blocks of Fatherland Street. Also, Comcast will be providing volunteers across the city. Flyers: Tony Gonzalez is finalizing flyers to be handed out. Still working on some logistics including whether to borrow a flatbed truck and take garbage directly to the dump. Or pick several collection sites--don't want to leave all the bags at the library. The city won't pick it up until Monday. Will also discuss with District Beautification Director Jim Gregory.

Membership Committee: Todd Cantrell has sent out membership letters. We continue to brainstorm regarding Tomato Fest booth--hopefully to include free tomatoes and tomato juggling by Tony G. Annie Neal is looking into t-shirt designs and cost. Todd said the neighborhood map was a big draw last year.

Grant Committee: Annie Neal has received one grant application for basketball equipment for the Shelby Park Community Center. The idea was well received by the board. Discussion to continue. The deadline for submissions is April 30th.

Newsletter: FYI, from the January 2016 board meeting: Jenny Warren suggested, and the board agreed, that we separate November and December issues for home tour advertisers and sponsors.

This will avoid conflict of interest. Tony Gonzalez reported two new advertisers, Eastside Smiles and Edleys. The next edition should be hitting mailboxes soon.

Survey: The survey seeking input from neighbors about their priorities for the association is live on the website and will be promoted online and in the newsletter. The survey will be available for one month. If you haven't already taken the survey, please do.

Crime and Safety Committee: Just after our meeting, a husband and wife, both 29, who live in Lockeland on Lindsley Park Dr. were robbed in a parking lot on Scott Avenue near Eastland Avenue as they were walking to dinner. They were reportedly approached by two young black men, one armed with a handgun. They took the woman's purse and possibly fled in a maroon PT Cruiser with a temporary tag. No other recent similar robberies reported. Also, we discussed Park Smart, a reminder to lock your doors and not leave anything unattended in your vehicle.

Zoning & Codes Committee: Elizabeth Bush shared a disturbing story where a person was reportedly approached about selling their house and after they refused, a Codes inspector appeared and wrote them up for several violations. The obvious concern is that this may have been an attempt to target someone who may not have the resources to maintain their property and force a sale. Hans is arranging reps from Fuller Center for Housing of Middle Tennessee to talk to the board at an upcoming meeting. They are a "nonprofit that builds and renovates houses in partnership with families in need." Also, Jim Gregory continues to visit properties and work to enforce tree canopy codes.

Neighborhood Agreement: The board decided that this would be more trouble than it is worth. Good developers already adhere to the guidelines. An "agreement" posted online would probably not make a difference. Better Codes enforcement needed. Mayor Barry has made some new appointments to zoning commissions which are being well received by neighborhood leaders.

Location change for general meetings: The board agreed to host the next two general meetings at the Shelby Park Community Center and to hold the final year-end meeting at Mad Donnas for a more festive atmosphere. Shannon Kearney volunteered to set up chairs at the community center prior to the meeting.

By-law revisions: Discussed term limits and how to avoid future, potential conflicts of interest. Discussion to continue.

Creation of formal vetting process for new board members: Discussed best way to attract persons interested in becoming board members. We currently have 15 board members, by-laws allow 20. As we work to increase the size of the board, along with natural attrition (folks rolling

off the board), we agreed it would be a good idea to formalize an application process. Perhaps posting on our website a short questionnaire. Discussion to continue.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.