

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

Board Members Present: Executive Committee: Hans Schmidt, *President*; Elizabeth Smith, *Vice President*; Steven Swarts, *Treasurer*; Kris Mumford, *Secretary*. Board of Directors: Todd Cantrell, Laura Hutchinson, Annie Neal, Shannon Kearney, Kevin Wisniewski, Jenny Warren, Jim Polk, Elizabeth Bush, and Don Bailey. Blair Metcalf joined us as a guest and expressed interest in becoming a board member.

Board Members Not Present: Lyn Bingham and Mike Loyco

6:30 PM. Hans Schmidt called the meeting to order.

Treasurers Report: \$18,979 in total assets.

Grant Committee: The Grants have been awarded! Many thanks to Chair Annie Neal who oversaw the process. The board unanimously approved the following four applicants:

- *Shelby Park Community Center* was awarded \$2,400 for child-friendly basketball goals sized for youth ages 4-6 and 7-8 that will be used for safe play and after-school leagues.
- *Give Me 10* was awarded \$1,000 for a program which provides economically disadvantaged youth with meals.
- *East Nashville Hope Exchange* was awarded \$1,000 in support of their summer reading and literacy outreach program for at-risk youth.
- *Divine Art Café* was awarded \$1,000 for the purchase of a commercial refrigerator. The non-profit breakfast and lunch restaurant located at 604 Gallatin Avenue provides culinary training for individuals recovering from addiction as well as students with developmental disabilities.

Bass Park: The Bass Park Fund stands at \$892.46. The board approved approximately \$100 for supplies to spruce up Bass Park including mulch and drought tolerant perennials and/or milkweed to attract butterflies. The board is working to recruit a new chairperson to oversee Bass Park maintenance. Past LSNA President Mary Vavra will continue to assist the new chair.

Membership Committee: Chair Todd Cantrell sent out membership letters earlier this year. There are currently 53 current members. Please encourage interested neighbors to visit our website and join. Non-resident members are also welcome.

<http://lockelandsprings.org/membership-2/>

Membership Levels

Individual: \$15

Household: \$20

Business: \$25

We had tremendous neighborhood participation for the April 23rd cleanup day. The discussion continues regarding the best way LSNA can work with the city, businesses, and other neighborhood groups to acquire and maintain additional public trash cans, especially in the Five Points area.

Newsletter: Chair Jenny Warren and Tony Gonzalez are working on the next issue which will include information about the grant winners and the survey evaluation which sought input from neighbors about their priorities for the association.

Crime and Safety Committee: No report

Zoning & Codes Committee: Discussed letters from the postal service requesting mailboxes be moved from historic homes to the street. This is not required. New construction, however, is required to move mailboxes to the street. Concerns about a clothing drop box near the Shelby Park Community Center were raised. It's not clear if the collection box needs or received approval. The main issue is whether it might become a dumping ground and not be used for its intended purpose.

Commercial Facebook posts: The board decided that the LSNA Facebook page should remain relatively advertisement free. Exceptions would include, for example, Todd Cantrell listing his locally sourced honey along with the occasional yard sale or school fundraiser. We are simply looking to avoid overt commercialism and business ads from detracting from our mission which is to serve Lockeland Springs.

General Meeting 19 May 6:30 p.m. at Shelby Park Community Center: Our next general meeting on May 19th will be held at the Shelby Park Community Center. This meeting is open to the public. We encourage all to attend. Guest speakers will include representatives from the Fuller Center for Housing (Middle TN) and Metro Election Commission.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.