

Laurelhurst Community Club
Minutes
Nov 9, 2020
Zoom virtual meeting

Trustees, Staff, Committee Member Attendees: Colleen McAleer, Brian McMullen, Don Torrie, Jan Sutter, Stan Sorscher, Kay Kelly, Emily Dexter, Katherine Burk, Jim Rupp, Leslie Wright (Newsletter and Webmaster),

Excused: Connie Sidles

Guests: Pat Chaney (potential new trustee), Sarah Tyson (Graphic Designer of LCC logo)

CALL TO ORDER: McAleer called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes: Burk presented the minutes for October. Rupp moved that the minutes be approved; Torrie seconded the motion. Motion approved by all with no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Dexter noted that there is a new category for Children's Phase 3 expenses. Professional and filing fees are significant and the LCC supplemented nearby neighbors fundraising effort as well published notice in the Newsletter which also generated funds. Expenses higher due to Children's and Talaris but otherwise normal. Wright collected an additional \$4400 in ad revenue. Legal expense category will need additional funds to be allocated.

Security Patrol: mailing went out on Sat (Nov 7th). There is now a new process for LCC mail processing. Torrie picks up and totals checks from Post Office box. Dexter records on Google spreadsheet. Torrie then reconciles with monthly bank statement.

Sarah Tyson (Graphic Designer) joined at 6:45pm.

New Board Member: McAleer presented Pat Chaney as a potential new board member. Dexter motioned to nominate Chaney to fill open board seat, vacated by Liz Hemer, McMullen seconded. Unanimously approved. Welcome Pat Chaney!

Announcements: Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) for Children's is approaching (Wednesday the 18th). The City's Department of Neighborhoods appoints SAC members in affected areas. The Major Institutions staff liaison stated that they cannot accommodate live public comments at their meetings. In order to be considered by the SAC, written comments need to be submitted 24 hours in advance, and the public can attend virtually.

Don Torrie has a daffodil surprise on the NE 41st Street median strips. He, with wife, Myrna's gardening expertise, donated and planted 50 bulbs in October, with the hope they come up in March!

Website/Newsletter/Logo: Wright and Burk are working with website team on design. Wright met with Michael Seewer about Newsletter; February will be the first newsletter issue written/produced by Michael. He is gathering display advertising ideas currently.

Sarah Tyson presented 5 different LCC logo designs; Board was thrilled and picked the one with the inner yellow circle and mountain design. Tyson to make a second "altered" version of the logo to use for some print applications such as the newsletter. Tyson also presented ideas for using the logo on housewares for fundraising efforts (using Custom Inc. etc to produce). McMullen moves to approve option #3 of the logo. Burk seconds the motion. All approved.

Crime Prevention: McMullen presented a multiple year map to discuss crime trends. Car Prowls and thefts are up. Car prowls are particularly high. Burglaries about the same. Reminder to keep valuables out of cars (and remind neighbors to do so as well). Kelly also said open garages can provide casing opportunities for later thefts. Also, please report streetlights when they are out (Find It Fix It app). Kelly explained that the new North Precinct captain, Brian Stampfl, is producing letter of who to call for each issue. Will publish will the December newsletter. Kelly explained that overall, city crime is down 4%.

Sock Drive: Kelly explained that there are no SPD personnel to help with the event. However, she is pushing on ahead posting flyers around the neighborhood with former trustee, Linda Luiten. Flooring America will advertise as well display on their Reader Board. The sock drive collection date is on Dec 13th from 1:30-3:30 at LH Playfield driveway loop, or people can send donations to the LCC mailbox.

By-Laws: Rupp presented changes to the by-laws that would address the situations such as Covid-19, when trustees can not meet in person, but are not in an emergency situation. The changes for the by-laws need to be filed with the Secretary of State. Dexter and Rupp will work together to submit. Dexter moves to approve the changes to the by-laws. Kay seconded. All approved the by-law changes as presented.

Welcome Letter: Burk presented her draft of Welcome Letter to new neighbors. Purpose is to introduce the LCC and its mission, as well as describe some assets in the neighborhood. A few changes/additions were suggested such as changing "playground" to "playfield", adding the 55th street water access, and the Sun Park. A suggestion that all the Trustee names would be included. Rupp offered to make these suggested changes. Wright will proofread. Burk will reach out to former trustee and real estate broker, Maggie Weissman to see about getting quarterly reports of real estate sales/contacts of new neighbors so Welcome Letter could be sent to new residents.

Seattle Childrens: Main issue is the Request for interpretation, which was filed by LCC's Counsel of whether changes of SCH proposed Phase 3, should be a minor or major amendment. Sidles also wrote a letter to SDCI regarding the planned loss of trees. Over 100 pages of public comment letters were sent in SDCI from 40 neighbors requesting the need for a supplemental EIS. McAleer will send out virtual information.

McAleer moved that \$5k transferred into legal fund for legal services. Kelly seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Talaris: Landmarks Board meeting was held on November 4th, and McAleer noted the owners received an extension for 6 months for their development plans. Due to technical issues, she could not add live public comment about the double chain link fence which is still there, despite the request from the Landmark Board that it be removed at their September meeting. McAleer also noted to the Landmark Board staff in LCC's written comments, that the owner included an 80 lot alternative in the EIS which would require the removal of all of the landmarked buildings, and would decimate the site. McAleer requested that the Landmark Board be informed of this as well.

Meeting adjured at 8:10pm.