

## **East Lake Neighborhood Association**

### Meeting Minutes

*9/5/2019, Eastside Library, Lexington KY*

*Present:* From the Board: President Thomas D'Andrea, Secretary Addison Hosea, Board members Bob Kennedy, and Teresa Sutherland. 21 neighbors.

*Next meeting:* TBD

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Thomas D'Andrea.

#### **I. Treasurer's Report.**

Betty submitted her report by email. Addison read her report, noting that the balance is \$2,388.84 as of 8/31/19. This report was approved as read.

#### **II. Minutes from previous meetings.**

Addison read minutes from 8/26/2018. The minutes were approved as read.

Addison read minutes from 7/31/2019. The minutes were approved as read.

#### **III. Elections**

Thomas opened the floor for nominations or self-nominations for president and treasurer. There being no nominations forthcoming, it was moved, seconded and approved to postpone elections.

#### **IV. Fall Picnic**

Neighbors voted to approve a picnic at Jacobson Park. Addison suggested planning tentatively on 2-6 PM on a Sunday afternoon, and neighbors agreed. An exact date is TBD.

#### **V. Councilman Preston Worley**

Preston spoke to us primarily about traffic concerns. The question was asked about controlling or slowing down traffic on Squires. Preston recommended that we circulate a petition for stop signs, or any improvement. This is the appropriate way to start any action by the city. Until we tell them, LFUCG may not know what our concerns are. Preston went on to say that city traffic engineers may not agree with us.

Teresa Sutherland asked a question re: traffic congestion on Squires from the Ball Homes Apartments construction, with examples cited about attempts to turn left out of Hunters Point between 7:30-8:00 AM being especially frustrating. Other neighbors specifically mentioned turning left out of Dale Hollow onto Squires being dangerous due to the blind curve on Squires coming from Alumni Drive.

Any changes that might be made at Squires Road and Richmond Road require the city engineers to talk with state engineers, which slows the change process down even further. Preston suspected that the suggestion to widen Squires would actually add traffic. Bob Kennedy, formerly with the city's traffic engineers, agreed.

In general, traffic safety improvement is a slow process, but is continuously monitored by city traffic engineers.

Preston talked about several sidewalk projects that are ongoing or soon to happen, especially on Squires near the "fishing pond" close to Richmond Road, and on Mt. Tabor Road. He is proud of what is occurring, which will make it safer for pedestrians. These projects are funded by a federal grant.

Preston noted that paper recycling is still stopped. He is on the subcommittee for recycling. Currently paper goes to the landfill in Georgetown, which actually produces energy for Toyota.

## **VI. Neighborhood Resource Officer Andy Cain**

Officer Andy Cain spoke to us about his role as an NRO. He provided his email and cell number for our use, requesting that we call only during weekday hours, while emails and texts can be sent anytime.

Cell number: 859-292-9491

Email: [acain@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov](mailto:acain@lexingtonpolice.ky.gov)

Anonymous crime tips: [bluegrasscrimestoppers.com](http://bluegrasscrimestoppers.com), or text LEXPD + tip to CRIMES (274637)

Common questions and issues:

- Stop signs not obeyed
  - o Neighbors mentioned the 3 way stop at East Hills and Squires Road, at the Ball Homes Apartments. Officer Cain said he would request that traffic police monitor this intersection. He also warned us that, in his experience, those drivers who report problems are sometimes ticketed due to the strictness of what constitutes a full stop. Be careful.
- Neighborhood Watch. Whether N.W. exists in our neighborhood or not, he advised that if we see something, we need to say something. A formal presentation by an LFUCG representative can be arranged if we express enough interest.
- If we do report something, we can do it anonymously.
- Extra patrols and speed gun trailers can be brought into an area when needed.
- Make the neighborhood and residence uninviting to thieves or troublemakers. Turn lights on, keep shrubs trimmed, keep the area clean of trash.
- Do NOT leave valuable items in vehicles.
- Especially, do NOT confront suspicious people.

There are 2 phone numbers for reporting issues:

- Emergency is (as always) 911
- Non-emergency is 258-3600 (call goes to the same office)

#### **VII. Metronet**

Thomas reminded people that Metronet has right of way into back and side yards. Metronet will consult with utility companies, such as electric, water, Windstream, and Spectrum.

**Neighbors who have invisible fences or water sprinkler systems need to contact Metronet.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.