

LaVista Park Civic Association Quarterly Meeting – July 14, 2011

Meeting held at: Westminster Presbyterian Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Rock Nelson. Rock introduced the Board.

New Neighbor: Joe Dew from 2284 Briarcliff.

Friends of LaVista Park: Heather Cathill from the Athletic Club of Atlanta, giving away 2 week passes for LVPCA members.

Special Guests: Representative Jeff Rader visited and briefly addressed our group.

Minutes: Matt Koch moved that the minutes from the April 21, 2011 be accepted; Linda Long seconded; the motion carried.

Neighborhood Patrol: David Allred, Watch Coordinator, attended the meeting with Sgt. Dan Brignone and our newest patrol team member Paul Braun. David proposed a new initiative, Ride Along with LVPCA Patrol for one of our neighbors who is interested in how the Patrol program works. David will work on the details of the program.

Paul Braun, our newest Patrol member, is Sgt. Brignone's supervisor in the office. Mr. Braun has over 20 years of experience and various training certificates.

Sgt. Brignone reported no serious bodily crimes in the area, but we did have 2 house burglaries and 2 cars that were broken within our immediate vicinity. A cat burglar is in the area near Lakeside High School who is breaking into houses at night and stealing laptops and other items. The cat burglar is suspected of going through unlocked doors and windows. Please set your house alarms, lock your doors and windows, and talk with your neighbors to find out who does not belong in the area.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Richards reported on the months January-June 2011. Our income was \$25,246; our expenses were \$25,569. Our cash balance is \$85,162 of which \$41,770 is in 'reserves.' Weekly patrol hours is 34.8 hours. We are looking to increase our reserve by \$3,700 with our Friends of LaVista Park program.

Membership Committee Report: Adam Abramson reported that we had 281 members at the beginning of this week, and thanks to a few more renewals at the meeting, we now have 285 members. Our budget was based on 291 members with a goal of 335.

Friends of LaVista Park program's aim is to have the money raised through the program go to increase our reserve fund. Most of our Friends have renewed, and we have a few new ones as well. We have raised \$3,700 with our Friends program this year.

LLCC: Yuki Takahara and Courtney Harkness were on hand to promote Taste and Tour of Cheshire Bridge. Yuki, the owner manager of Nakato, started the Taste and Tour 3 years ago to promote all the family friendly businesses on Cheshire Bridge. The goal is to create a Community Improvement District for Cheshire Bridge area and to create a dialog among businesses, city government, and neighbors.

Taste and Tour 2011 will have 24 vendors, offering free taste of food or raffles for gift certificates. Yuki and Courtney are selling tickets to the event at the meeting for a \$5 discount. There will be a free trolley for the event. Parking is available at 1893 Piedmont and 1853 Cheshire Bridge.

The Taste and Tour of Cheshire Bridge Road will be in the evenings of July 20 & 21. The website is: www.tasteandtourofcheshirebridge.com.

Technology Committee: Rock reported that our LaVista Park website is cleaned up and streamlined. Bonnie requests that anyone who would like to receive emails to please send an email to technology@LaVistaPark.org.

Look for information about heavy rail on Leaf Talk.

Fall Festival Committee: Dave Lushbaugh reported that the Fall Festival will be October 15, 2011, from 12pm to 3pm. He is looking for members for various committees. Georgia Pacific will lend us their PA system. Dave and his wife Linda Long are donating their honey for the Festival's silent auction. They will need more items for silent auction, from both neighbors of LaVista Park and our retail partners.

Park Beautification Committee: Wendy Yang reported that the Citadel Garden Club is in the process of putting a schedule together for park clean up. For now, if you walk through the park, please weed the ivy off the walkway and pickup any sticks or trash.

Friends of Kittredge Park: Gene Schmidt announced August 13th will be the clean-up day at the 34-acre Kittredge Park. Everyone is encouraged to come and help clean up the park. They also need people to help to coordinate Hands On Atlanta volunteers for the September 10, 2011 park cleanup.

Announcements: The Citadel Garden Club Social is July 19, 2011 at 1229 Citadel, home of Erik and Angie Gordon.

DeKalb County has opened a permanent electronic recycling center behind the County Jail. Gene Schmidt will post the information on Leaf Talk.

The next LVPCA quarterly meeting is scheduled for October 21.

Gene Schmidt moved to adjourn; seconded by Adam Abramson; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Wendy Yang, VP1, standing in for L. Rhodes