

## **LaVista Park Civic Association Quarterly Meeting – October 21, 2010**

Meeting held at: Westminster Presbyterian Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Rock Nelson. He thanked Claire Janas for the wonderful refreshments. He recognized the Board and government officials Jeff Rader and Kathie Gannon.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes from the last quarterly meeting on July 15 was made by Travis Vaughn and seconded by Dupree Saunders; the motion passed.

**Security Patrol:** Sgt. Dan Brignone said our crime statistics were still low. Several cars were broken into and a UPS package was stolen from someone's porch. There were no crimes against persons. On Sat. night/Sun. morning, there was a suspicious van & people involving public intoxication. Sgt. Brignone was grateful for the alert neighbor who reported it. He reiterated to always call 911 first. The residents are the eyes and ears for the police. He said if something doesn't look right, call 911. We currently have 5 officers working our security patrol. They were presented with \$50 gift certificates for gas.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Richards reported on the first 9 months of the year (through Sept. 30).

Actual Revenue vs. Budget: \$56,722 vs. \$57,061

Actual Expenses vs. Budget: \$40,080 vs. \$42,999

Net Income: \$16,642 vs. \$14,062

Net Assets: \$86,952

We are 13 members short of the number of members budgeted.

Number of members budgeted: 315

Number of paid members: 302

Number of members in past years: 2009: 317; 2008: 301; 2007: 251; and 2006: 266.

There was a discussion about the list of neighbors. Some people miss the hard copy of the directory. We can put the list online. If members want a hard copy, they should let us know.

**Friends of LaVista Park:** Members were encouraged to use the Friends program. Friendship works both ways.

**One DeKalb Presentation:** Representatives from One DeKalb gave a short presentation. One DeKalb's mission is to get government in touch with organized neighborhoods such as ours. There are different incentives for each neighborhood. Richard Hooper and Garrett Bell were there as reps for Nate Chisholm from Roads and Drainage. For maintenance/repair of roads, drainage, sidewalks, curbs, and infrastructure: call 404-297-3840 to request service. You will be given what they call an SR which is a tracking number—be sure to keep it. Someone will come out and check out the problem. Paige Singer from Parks and Recreation encouraged us to put in native plants and fight invasive ones. LaShondra Trice, a county Education Specialist, encouraged neighbors to check out the One DeKalb website for information on dog parks, the upcoming neighborhood summit, and the Hike & Bike.

**Kathie Gannon** spoke as well about the upcoming Hike & Bike on Saturday. She mentioned the Green Commission which is working on sustainability issues and working toward DeKalb becoming a greener county. She lists 50 ways to conserve water and save money on her website ([www.kathiegannon.com](http://www.kathiegannon.com)). She announced the upcoming One DeKalb Neighborhood Summit on Nov. 13. She also discussed Kittredge Park and what a unique property this is in our community.

**Voting for Annual Board:** This is our annual quarterly meeting when we vote for the new board. Rock said we need to get a mix of people on the board. There are all ages living in our neighborhood, with more young families with children moving in. There's a great spirit of community service and it is a pleasure to serve on the board. Bonnie added that serving on the board is fun and you get to meet great folks—like Rock!

The slate was presented:

President: Rock Nelson

Executive Vice-President: Adam Abramson

Treasurer: Steve Richards

Secretary: Lisa Rhodes

Registrar: Bonnie Jackson

VP, Section 1: Wendy Yang

VP, Section 2: Joy Blount

We had no individuals come forward before the meeting to fill VP, Section 3 or 4. It is unfortunate because the neighborhood can't get the full benefit of the board if it is not filled. Nicola Printer then kindly offered to be the VP of Section 3. Bonnie moved to close the nominations. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ seconded; the motion passes that the slate is closed for further nominations. Bonnie moved that we accept the slate of officers; Angie Gordon seconded; the motion passed. Welcome to the new officers for 2011!

**Zoning:** David Sibley said that he has enjoyed working with the board. Gene Schmidt's shoes have been filled by two people: David Sibley and Sue Hartman. David talked about the property at 1489 LaVista Rd. – the parcel at the S.E. corner of LaVista and Shepard's Lane. It has been zoned O & I for a long time as the previous tenant had a beauty shop inside her home. Dr. Jacobson acquired the site to build an office building for her practice and a second building for other doctors. The property is in Woodland Hills so their civic association has been working on this. Access is the most important issue to be dealt with. There are also setback variances that need to be reviewed.

**Fall Festival:** Dave Lusbaugh reported on the very successful Fall Festival. It had the biggest turn out yet—approx. 350 people attended. There was income of \$2,590 and expenses of \$1,700. There were 38 merchants represented and 57 auction items with a retail value of \$6,000. Certificates of appreciation were given to the committee for all of their hard work. (Thanks to Wendy Yang for making the certificates.) We then had a raffle for several leftover loaves of bread from Great Harvest Bread Company.

Rock handed out certificates of appreciation to those present who served the association in the past year: Claire Janus; Ken Duke; Donna Newman; Dave Lusbaugh; Wendy Yang; Erik Gordon; Adam Abramson; Lisa Rhodes; Steve Richards; Bonnie Jackson; and David Sibley.

**General Announcements:**

--Ken Duke announced the Citadel Garden Club has had two workdays at the park. The next 4 Saturdays are work days as well from 9am to noon. There are ribbons on a lot of the trees and plants: green ribbons mean "good" and red ribbons mean "bad." Please do not remove any of the good plants! Ken is still waiting to get bids on the tree initiative.

--On Sunday, the Kid's Club will hold a Halloween event.

--The next quarterly meeting is Thursday, January 20, 2011.

Erik Gordon moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Neil Heronime; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Submitted by Lisa Rhodes, Secretary.