



Date: Thursday, October 20, 2005
Time: 07:30 pm
Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church

Welcome

President, Sheila Segal, welcomed the LVPCA membership to the quarterly meeting.

Security Patrol

Sergeant Dan Brignone and Detective Shane Stanfield gave a report on the status of crime and crime prevention efforts in La Vista Park. Sergeant Brignone advised the membership that La Vista Park has not experienced much crime since the last quarterly meeting. However, several residents have had tools and other items stolen from locked and unlocked sheds. The Patrol has identified a potential suspect. Detective Stanfield showed pictures of the suspect, gave additional details regarding the suspect, and asked the residents to be extra vigilant now. Sergeant Brignone reminded the residents that they should report anything suspicious by calling 911 and then advising their block captain. Sergeant Brignone promised to update the residents on any developments in the shed break-in matters at the next quarterly meeting. Sergeant Brignone fielded several questions from the floor related to security issues and concluded the Patrol report by reiterating the need for all residents to be active participants in the crime prevention programs in place at La Vista Park.

Secretary

Melinda Marbes gave the Secretary’s report. Melinda read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting to the membership. Melinda opened the floor to suggested changes but no members suggested changes to the minutes. Thereafter, a motion was made to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and the membership voted to approve the minutes. Melinda also advised the membership that she would chair a committee that will review and propose changes to the Association’s Constitution and By-Laws. Melinda suggested that the committee would address a number of important issues. Melinda asked that members who want to volunteer to serve on the committee sign up on the sheet provided and she agreed to contact volunteers for a meeting to be held early in December.

Registrar

Ray Louis reported to the Association that as of the end of September, 236 homes in La Vista Park subscribed to the Security Patrol and 295 residents are Association members. Ray encouraged folks to urge their neighbors to join the Patrol and Association.

Elections

Sheila Segal announced the slate of persons running for Officers of the Association, which included:

Office	Incumbent	Challenger
President	Sheila Segal	
Executive Vice President	Shad Funkhouser	
Secretary	Melinda Marbes	

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Treasurer	Bonnie Jackson	Mike Snider
Registrar	Ray Louis	
Vice President Section I	Jesse Perkins	
Vice President Section II	Charles Hankinson	
Vice President Section III	Art Auerbach	
Vice President Section IV	Olivia Harris	
Vice President Section V	Hampton Warren	

Sheila read a brief statement from Bonnie Jackson, the current Treasurer, detailing her relevant experience and history of supporting the Association. Next, the challenger Mike Snider spoke to the membership and gave a brief biography and explained why he wants to serve as Treasurer of LVPCA.

Then, Shelia asked for nominations for the offices from the floor. There being none, a motion was made to close the nominations for the election of officer. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote with no opposition. Shelia advised that polling would continue until 8:30 pm this evening and then the election results would be announced.

LaVista Park Improvements

Dawn Raymond updated residents on the status of the efforts of the LVPCA Park Committee. Dawn advised that the Park Committee members have met and worked with DeKalb County representatives, including our Commissioners to secure \$150,000 for Park improvements. Of that sum, approximately \$10,000 has been spent for water and drainage studies. LVPCA Park Committee members and DeKalb County officials have worked to develop a concept for the Park. The initial concept is reflected in the artists rendering and concept plans Dawn shared at the meeting. The concept involves relocating the park amenities to the top portion of the park, including an observation deck, a sidewalk along the perimeter on the street side of the park, and adding a rubberized trail with areas of interest. Dawn opened the floor to questions and discussion and several residents spoke. Residents asked questions about how the project costs will be estimated and bid, the efforts to save native plants located within the Park, and concerns regarding the impact of the plans on green space and a buffer for residents with lots adjacent to the Park. Dawn urged all residents with an interest to provide input tonight and to sign up to meet with Dawn and other LVPCA Park Committee members so their voices can be heard before the plans are finalized.

Fall Festival

Art Auerbach gave a report on the smashing success of the Fall Festival. Art detailed the income and expenses for the event and reported that over \$2,800 was raised to help fund Park maintenance and other Park projects. Art introduced a slide show of the fall Festival, which included lots of great photos of the event set to music. Art noted that the slide show was prepared by Gregg & Debbie Beauchamp, who worked very hard on many aspects of the Fall Festival. Art, along with Sheila Segal presented certificates of appreciation to each of the members of the Fall Festival Planning Committee: Art Auerbach, Debbie Beauchamp, Gregg Beauchamp, Marcus Caltagirone, Bill Golden, Brian Guffey, Melinda Marbes, Greg Mills, Henriette Ostrzega, and Hallie Segal. The membership gave a spirited round of applause for the committee members.

Neighborhood Watch

Henry Batten, the Watch Coordinator, reported that he and the Section Vice Presidents would host a Block Captains meeting on November 10, 2005, beginning at 7:00 pm. Henry advised that the

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meeting would focus on updating the Watch and Patrol subscriber database and serve as an initial planning meeting for the next year. Henry promised to send an email with more details to all Block Captains and urged anybody interested in volunteering to contact their Section Vice President.

Zoning

Gene Schmidt reported there are no new zoning issues affecting the La Vista Park community. However, there are new developments regarding matters already reported. Gene advised that the Atlanta Realty Partners offer to buy about 26 houses on the South side of La Vista Road has been revised and the plan now divides the area into 3 distinct development projects. Gene reported that the first section includes the area between the DeKalb County line to the electrical power lines. This first section, which is next to the Cranbrook Apartments, will be developed into town homes. Currently, the plan does not include any development for the second section, which encompasses the houses from the power lines to Brook Forest Road. The third section from Woodland Hills Road to Brook Forest Drive will be developed with higher density homes of not more than 5 units per acre. Gene advised this development will require zoning changes but that the plans will not be heard at the November zoning board meeting. Gene agreed to report any further developments at the next quarterly meeting.

DeKalb Bond Referendums

Gene Schmidt also encouraged members to vote on the Bond Referendums for transportation, parks, and libraries. The election will be November 8, 2005. Gene noted that the transportation funding will be spent, in part, on improving the intersection of North Druid Hills and Briarcliff Roads. Gene also advised that additional information regarding the bond issues are set forth in the sample ballots and literature made available at the meeting, as well as on the DeKalb County website.

Sheila Segal then recognized a special guest from Pat Gardener's office who spoke to the membership to encourage each citizen to get informed and vote on the Bond Referendum.

LVPCA Election Results

Melinda Marbes announced the results of the elections for La Vista Park Association Officers. Melinda advised that the ballots were tabulated and the Registrar, Ray Louis, confirmed the count. Based upon the ballots cast, the following persons were elected to serve in the positions noted:

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Executive Vice President	Shad Funkhouser
Secretary	Melinda Marbes
Treasurer	Mike Snider
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Melinda congratulated each officer who was elected and thanked each member for coming out to vote.

Sheila Segal also congratulated the newly elected officers and encouraged other members to volunteer to serve LVPCA and otherwise get involved in their community.

Other New Business

Sheila Segal called for additional new business. There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda A. Marbes
Secretary