

**Lakemoor Hills Homeowners Association (LHHA) Meeting  
Minutes – April 16, 2019**

**The gathering started at 6:45 pm with a celebration honoring Charlie Mulligan. President Kathy Proctor welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.**

**Welcoming** (Cindy Connor Coughlin/Kathy Proctor) – There were no new neighbors at the meeting. Cindy indicated that there are six households to be visited. Rem Edwards (Velmetta Circle) introduced himself as a first-time attendee of the meeting although he stated he has lived in the neighborhood for 21 years.

Kathy extended a further welcome and thanked everyone for attending the reception for Charlie Mulligan who was instrumental in resurrecting the LHHA. She called on Gene Burr to make a few remarks about Charlie. Charlie restarted the neighborhood association in 2010 after recognizing neighborhood issues and a need for the means to address them. In addition, he developed the Resource Council, a 501(c)(3) organization, that has provided a charitable means to enhance our neighborhood including the Alcoa Highway Beautification project. Gene commented that Charlie's management style is very impressive in that he is cool, determined and accomplished and invited him to make comments. Charlie discussed restarting LHHA commenting that Connie Holmes wanted it and Lake Hills Presbyterian Church offered space for use by the community. He added key points:

- Hospitality and trust of the neighborhood to elect him President after living in the neighborhood for only a year
- Solidarity to address issues such as power outages, tree trimming, and Alcoa Highway construction project
- Benefits such as doggy bag stations on the waling track at the church, benches at Maloney Road park, cameras, garbage pickup discount and future enhancements (highway beatification and greenway)
- Communication network connecting us
- Organizational collaboration among community organizations

(Charlie's script for his comments is included after the minutes and provides a good history of LHHA.)

**Appreciation for David Ferguson/Family Meal** (Kathy Proctor) – Kathy introduced and thanked David Ferguson, chef and owner of Family Meal providing catering services for the reception. David indicated that Family Meal provides personal chef and private event services that include corporate catering and cooking classes. Contact information is as follows: 203-509-9954 and [www.familymealdfh.com](http://www.familymealdfh.com).

**Secretary's Report** (Barbara Houchin) – Barbara provided a brief summary of the minutes from the February 19, 2019, meeting which are posted for review on the website. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jim Kincaid) – Jim reported a current balance of \$18,854.09 which includes \$8,200.00 in funds designated Sip 'n Snoop and restricted to Alcoa Highway beautification. A motion to approve the financial report was made, seconded, and approved.

**Emergency Response Team** (Mike Parker) – Mike related that there are two new cameras in use on Montlake as part of beta testing with the sheriff's department with hopes to add similar cameras to Maloney and Ginn Road locations. The camera information connects directly to the sheriff's database. If an event occurs, everyone is encouraged to call 911 and report timing and other known information, such as vehicle description, and to notify [lakemoor.hills.ert@gmail.com](mailto:lakemoor.hills.ert@gmail.com).

**Elections** (Kathy Proctor) – Kathy stated that nominations for open Board positions are as follows: Mike Parker - President, Suzan Bowman - Secretary, Dawn Thomas - Board member, and Wendy Warren - Board member with the President-Elect position open at this time. She asked for any other nominations from the floor. A motion was made and approved for the slate to be elected by acclamation.

**Guest Speakers** (Kathy Proctor) – Kathy introduced two guests, Carson Dailey, Knox County Commissioner for 9<sup>th</sup> District, and Stephanie Welch, City Councilwoman for 1<sup>st</sup> District, and invited them to make comments. Carson Dailey stated that he considers our neighborhood a “jewel” and commented on upcoming events including the first budget for Mayor Jacobs (May 1), Maloney Road Park dedication (May 2), and Alcoa Highway. He responded to questions concerning kudzu eradication, speed control on Alcoa Highway, and support for the grant process by the Alcoa Highway Beautification Council. Stephanie Welch commented on the budget process underway, development of the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park, developing reputation as a town for nature enthusiasts, Science Museum pledge by Jim Clayton (\$150 million), Recode updating zoning ordinances, upcoming Neighborhood Conference on May 18, and Alcoa Highway grants underway.

**Beautification** (Randy Kerns) – Randy commented that the neighborhood looks great and that spring award judging is still underway. There are a number of Dogwood Trail camera site/open gardens in Lakemoor Hills (Thomforde, Gillespie, Stoess/Cartwright, Graf, Gerkin, and Legacy Park).

**Alcoa Highway Update** (Kathy Proctor) – Kathy stated that the Maloney Road bridge is expected to open by Easter weather permitting. Total completion of the project has been extended to late spring/early summer of 2020. A survey seeking information about best use of the business properties will be conducted prior to the workshop planned for July 26.

**Picnic** (Suzan Bowman) – Suzan commented on the picnic planned for May 4, 4-7 pm with food and outside activities. The event will have a Kentucky Derby Day theme.

**Neighborhood Happy Hour** (Kathy Proctor) – Kathy discussed a new neighborhood gathering planned for 5 pm at Legacy Park the third Thursday evening each month until weather doesn't permit. Lemonade will be provided (bring your own beverage if desired) during this opportunity to gather and chat with neighbors.

**GoFundMe Scam** (Kathy Proctor) – Kathy commented on the recent email scam that was emailed out to some of our members. By show of hands, about half the group received the email message. Our webmaster is working on this issue which is thought to be a mix-up related to a Lakemoor Hills group in Oregon.

#### **Other Announcements**

- Dianne DeRopp stated that the tennis league is starting in May on Tuesdays at 8:45 am.
- Kathy Proctor thanked Sharon Gerkin and Barbara Houchin who are rolling off the Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.**

## **Charlie Mulligan Script for Comments**

Restarting LHA began with a group of about 20 people at Lake Hills Church. The group was positive about the project and decided to hold a larger open invitation meeting and hold elections at that point.

Thinking about all the changes that came about because of that night, there is one consistent element in the past ten years – this blessed space of Lake Hills Church where so many neighborhood organizations find space to be community.

I'd like to mention a few qualities of the Lakemoor Hills neighborhood that stand out and if we can nurture them in the future, LHA will continue to be a standout organization.

- 1. Hospitality and trust were our first surprise.** The hospitality and trust that we found in this neighborhood was so encouraging. When we first met John Coleman standing in what is now his sister Helen's home, we told him we would rent it. He handed us the keys – no contract, no payment. I had the same feeling when I was elected president. How could it be? The welcome we give to newcomers leads to active participation in the neighborhood.
- 2. Solidarity was the second** The Solidarity and cooperation that so many of you have displayed in the past years has been amazing. We had great cooperation in our conversations with KUB about power outages and tree trimming. We met with every local and state official around seeking relief from the pressure of fast-moving traffic on Alcoa Highway. Many neighbors joined to oppose and defeat a cell tower in the neighborhood. This persistent solidarity has endured and brought many benefits. We have the doggy bag stations on the walk around the church, benches in Maloney Road Park, a security system for the neighborhood, many fewer electrical outages, and a more than a 50% cut in the price of Garbage collection. Our neighborhood security committee prioritizes the well being of everyone in the neighborhood as well. There will be future benefits as well: safe entry and exit to Alcoa Highway for drivers; pedestrian and biker access to Martha Washington Heights and a greenway connecting our neighborhood to Knox and Blount Counties.
- 3. Communication must be maintained.** We have email, Facebook and twitter. We have our meetings, picnics and celebrations of holidays. We know each other well despite the long driveways and large lots. The Lakemoor Hills Resource Council requires communication about the projects it backs before they are approved.
- 4. Organizational collaboration is the fourth.** We have a church, two garden clubs and LHRC our foundation in addition to LHA. Cooperation among all these groups has resulted in top quality neighborhood. Tennis courts and the legacy garden project were funded, accomplished and are open to enjoyment by all. In our project to beautify the traffic circles and the roadsides of TDOT's Alcoa Highway project, Martha Washington Heights, Sevier Heights Baptist Church and the UT medical Center have teamed with our neighborhood to promote a plan developed by this neighborhood together with the Design Center to all levels of government. Our neighborhood provided the spark that started this effort.

This has been accomplished by all of us. Geri and I have been one of many founders. It has been a joy living here. We all share in this tribute.

Veda Bateman asked what we could do about stink bugs. That will require more effort.