

**Lakemoor Hills Homeowners Association (LHHA) Annual Meeting
Minutes – September 19, 2017**

President Kathy Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Welcome (Cindy Connor Coughlin) – Cindy welcomed all to the meeting and commented that there are five new members who are not in attendance at the meeting. Two neighbors were recognized as first time attendees: Debbie Al-Aseer (Maloney Road) and Mark Sparkman (Maloney Road).

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

Treasurer's Report (Tom Ingram) – Tom summarized the current financial status of LHHA reporting a beginning balance of \$4,285.04 with revenue of \$4,720.00 and expenditures of \$1,854.09 resulting in an ending balance of \$7,150.95. Expenditures were related to KUB, website, church, picnic, mailings, bank fees, and miscellaneous expenses. Available funds will be approximately \$6,200 once fees to the East Tennessee Community Design Center are paid.

Guest Speakers

• **Doug Bataille – Knox County Parks and Recreation/Greenway Update**

Doug provided a summary of the current status of the greenway which depends on completion of the Alcoa Highway improvements. The greenway will run along Alcoa Highway to the Sevier Heights North Campus/CVS shopping center to connect with McCarrell Lane. There will be a shared pathway along the road on McCarrell Lane to connect to the Maloney Road Park. From there, it will run on UT property to run south and connect to IC King Park via the railroad tracks/bridge area. The greenway is 12 feet wide to accommodate 2-way bicycle traffic along with walkers/runners. In answer to a question, Doug commented that the presence of a greenway has not shown to change the crime rate in an area. Safety depends on users with expected operating times of sunrise to sunset if no lights are installed. Doug went on to summarize the proposed development of IC King Park following the acquisition of 70 additional acres last year. The plans include adding 3 miles of trails, a dog park, parking area, and restroom. There will be a new entrance off of Maryville Pike and planned closing of the entrances off of Alcoa Highway including the addition of guardrails at the location of current entrances along the highway. Public Works plans to do this project this year.

• **Leslie Fawaz – East Tennessee Community Design Center (ETCDC)/Alcoa Highway Landscape**

Leslie introduced Elisa Tuller, project volunteer also present at the meeting. She then summarized the proposed Alcoa Highway landscape plans developed by ETCDC which includes 14.45 acres of land divided into three design zones: Montlake Drive, Bridge at Martha Washington Heights and Maloney Road. Commenting that the project has not yet been funded, she showed pictures of each area indicating areas of lawn seed (only option offered by TDOT), flowering/deciduous trees, meadow seed, ground cover, and reforestation (areas where current plants should return). Mowing will occur 5 times a year in the TDOT grass areas. The meadow seed mix areas are low maintenance and will be bush-hogged twice a year. Two options were presented for the roundabouts (approximately 60 feet across) that included options such as turf grass, wildflower/ground cover, tall grasses/shrubs, and boulders. Community support will be needed to help maintain and fund some of the proposed landscaped areas. It will be important to get involvement of Sevier Heights Church. Grants may be available for funding

assistance with possible sources through Trees Knoxville (could supply seedlings), Keep Knoxville Beautiful (planting program), and TDOT (beautification grant program). A landscape permit would be required for the project. Lighting is being evaluated by TDOT. There was some concern expressed over the use of LED lighting which will be conveyed to TDOT. The target completion date for the Woodson to Maloney phase of the Alcoa Highway project is November 2019 when proposed landscaping could begin. At the completion of the presentation by Leslie, Gene Burr commented that LHHA's efforts to work with Knoxville's Public Service Department over the last two years could result in funding of \$5,000 toward the project. Meeting with them to discuss the proposed landscaping plans is scheduled in October.

Committee Reports

- **Beautification/Christmas Events – Randy Kerns**

Randy summarized the efforts of the Beautification Committee as “ensuring and enhancing the natural beauty and spirit of Lakemoor Hills.” He briefly commented on committee events/functions and indicated that a new subcommittee is being formed called the Holiday Celebration Committee which needs volunteers. Contact Randy if interested.

Events

- **Sip ‘N Snoop – Linda Haynes**

Linda described Sip ‘N Snoop as a fundraiser that will benefit beautification of the Alcoa Highway project. The event is planned for October 12 (5:00-8:30 pm) to visit 6 neighborhood houses where hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Tickets are still available (\$40 for members and \$50 for non-members). In addition, volunteers are needed to work the event.

Projects

- **Circle Lake Garden Project**

Linda Haynes, Kristin Bianconi and Suzan Bowman presented an update on the Circle Lake Rain Garden plans. The Circle Lake property is owned by Knox County and has been maintained by nearby homeowners. Through a Knox County Storm Water Grant, plans are to develop a garden area that will include native plants, pathways and an area for educational programs. The time line is to remove invasive plants and grade the land this fall, plant trees in the winter, and plant native plants in the spring.

Other Business/Announcements

- **Pecans – Lakemoor Hills Garden Club**

Pecans sales this fall will help fund the Circle Lake Garden project. Sales for pecan delivery in November are now underway at a table at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.