

Lake Forest Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.

MINUTES

St. Maria Goretti Gautreaux Center
Saturday, May 16, 2009 * 10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Steven Knott.

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Alorial moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alvin Cooley and passed without objection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Knott reported that a draft copy of the minutes was disseminated electronically before the meeting. Alvin Cooley moved and Alorial seconded the motion. No revisions were proposed. The motion passed without opposition.

IV. REPORTS

A. Beautification Committee. Vice President Lorraine Dinvaut reported that she cleaned all the weeds by the Lake Forest Estates sign. She also described the condition of the landscaping around the sign and issues concerning the electricity. Ms. Dinvaut discussed the committee's temporary plans concerning the sign's landscaping until the grant arrives from the State. She also shared the committee's ideas to provide more elaborate landscaping with the grant money and noted that the committee will detail specifics plans after its meeting. President Knott reported that the Association has been assured that the \$2,000 will come; however, they had to resubmit the paperwork to satisfy the State's requirements. The money should come within the next two to four weeks. Additionally, Sen. Ann Duplessis has provided President Knott information about the company that installed the landscaping around the signs on the Avenues for which she arranged. We will speak with them and negotiate an arrangement in which that company will maintain the landscaping around the Lake Forest sign at least quarterly.

B. Block Captains. Verbal reports were provided by the block captains. Most properties are being maintained. One FEMA trailer remains on Foxcroft. Officers noted that Winston Reid (Director of Code Enforcement) and Wesley Taylor (of Environmental Health) are doing a sweep of the Lake Forest area for code violations. Members also discussed specific houses causing concerns on Wright and Winchester. They also discussed problems with pitt bulls (corner of Kensington and Waterford) getting loose and causing problems for neighbors.

C. Bylaws and Code Enforcement. Ms. Legier reported that the committee is securing copies of the bylaws of other homeowner associations so that a draft can be prepared for the members' review at the next meeting. Some members proposed items to be considered for inclusion in the draft.

D. Board of Directors. President Knott reported that he will call a meeting of the Board soon.

E. Communications and Website: President Knott reported for this subcommittee because Carla Baker was out of town. He said that Ms. Baker has been keeping the website up to date.

F. Community News. Nothing was reported.

G. Financial. Treasurer Wayne McCormick was unable to attend. President Knott said that two checks were written from the account, and the Association received a bill for \$5.00 from the Secretary of State to renew the Association. The members discussed issues concerning the need for written treasurer reports at every meeting, the appropriateness of disclosing certain information in the Association's audits, and possible need for private audit reports.

H. Security. Roland Doucette reported that he attended the Seventh District police department's meeting. The Commander is unhappy about the decrease in police manpower. Mr. Doucette was surprised to learn during the meeting about the increase in auto burglaries in the subdivision. He spoke with the police department about the cost of installing cameras in certain locations within the subdivision to help police identify who's coming into the subdivision. Mr. Cooley volunteered to attend the Seventh District's meeting (every third Wednesday of each month). Mr. Cooley urged other people to attend. Eddie Dema (658-6070) is the quality of life officer for the Seventh District. 7:30 -3:00 are his hours.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

President Knott reported that there is no old business to discuss.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Security. President Knott reported that the Association must submit the paperwork to renew the subdivision's tax that pays the security for the area. He noted that the \$385.00 that we currently pay is not enough to continue providing the level of security we currently receive. The members discussed issues and costs of extending the security patrols. They also discussed the needs for neighbors to be more vigilant in monitoring the neighborhood and ideas to be more active in the security effort (*i.e.*, calling neighbors when suspicious cars or people are near their homes, following or reporting unfamiliar cars, taking pictures of license plates).

B. Sun Energy. President Knott reported that Sun Energy wants to build a gasification plant under the high rise structure of the interstate. He said that neighbors should investigate it to see if they are in favor of the plant. He recommended that members "google" the company and its plans. Ms. Scioneaux reported that Sun Energy will make a presentation at the July ENONAC meeting, and that the hospital issue will be addressed in the June meeting. Members engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding past businesses that have made presentations to establish businesses in the New Orleans East area as well as issues have arisen with some of the businesses. Mr. Heisser volunteered to attend the July meeting.

C. Street Scape. President Knott reported on the landscaping.

D. Corp Date. President Knott reported on the United States Corp of Engineers information, which explains how safe the area will be someday.

E. Wal-Mart Petition. President Knott asked homeowners to sign a petition requesting that Wal-Mart explain its intentions (*i.e.*, where it is going and what it is planning).

F. Grass on neutral ground. President Knott learned that the City will not cut the grass because the City's Parks and Parkways' budget has been cut in half. He urged members who do not like this policy to contact Ms. McDonald (Director of Parks and Parkways) at 658-3200. Members discussed how some areas in the City have responded to the City's infrequent grass maintenance.

G. ENONAC. Ms. Scioneaux reported on the meeting scheduled to discuss the housing project proposed by a developer for the Lake Carmel subdivision. The builder wants to build single family homes that he wants to rent for 15 years to doctors and nurses. A hearing is scheduled May 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the N.O. City Council Chambers. Officers urged members to attend. Ms. Scioneaux also reported on the status of the *Levy v. Gardner* case. An appeal was filed, and the hearing is June 23. Members engaged in a discussion regarding the need for members to pay attention to and get involved in issues impacting nearby subdivisions.

H. Future Meeting Dates. President Knott announced the next meeting dates (July 18, September 12, and November 14), which will occur after the monthly ENONAC meeting.

I. Christmas Party Proposed Dates. President Knott alerted homeowners that the proposed dates will be posted on the website for discussion at the next meeting. They are December 11, 12, 18, and 19.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Doucette announced that the Renaissance Market is our market. Each Association is asked to donate \$100. The market will occur at every fourth Saturday. Ms. Dinvaut moved that we collect \$1 from each home for the donation. Mr. Badon seconded. There was no opposition. President Knott offered forms for homeowners to have a booth or to be an individual sponsor at the market.

Ray Heisser moved and Ms. Dinvaut seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

ACCEPTED BY:

KELLY MCNEIL LEGIER

Secretary

Date: _____

STEVEN KNOTT

President

Date: _____