

# Lake Forest Estates Improvement Association, Inc.

## MINUTES

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church Monsignor Gautreaux Center

Saturday, September 12, 2009

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Secretary Kelly Legier. President Steven Knott took over when he arrived.

### II. AGENDA ADOPTION

George Baker moved and Mr. E.L. Mayo seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

### III. MINUTES

Mrs. Badon moved and Larry Miller seconded to adopted the minutes for the May and July meetings. The motion passed.

### IV. GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance.

### V. REPORTS

- A. Beautification Committee. Joan Heisser reported for the committee. She read a letter from Vice President Lorraine Dinvaute regarding her support for the increase in the taxes for the district because of the need to properly landscape and maintain the sign to the subdivision. She also read a report from Sylvia Scioneaux regarding the status of the grant from Sen. Ann Duplessis. The members discussed issues regarding maintaining the sign. Carla Baker moved that the committee refer the matter to the Board. Mr. Mayo seconded the motion. Pete Rizzo added an amendment that the committee will get RFPs from various organizations and individuals for the Board to consider. Alvin Cooley further added that Vice President Dinvaute call a committee meeting to get the RFPs together so that the Board considers the same information. Ms. Baker accepted the amendments. The motion with amendments passed without objection.
- B. Block Captains. Chair Person Trina McCormick reported on the meeting of the block captains. The committee made several recommendations. The committee will meet the first Tuesday of the month to discuss concerns so that members do not have to vet concerns in detail during the meeting. Specific statistics and concerns regarding each street were summarized.
- C. Board of Directors. President Knott reported on the Board meeting during which the Board passed a resolution to increase the tax on the subdivision homes from \$385 to \$485. Treasurer Wayne McCormick explained that the amount collected generates \$66,000 a year, out of which the security for the subdivision is paid. The current costs are \$72,000. Members will vote on the taxes during the general election in February 6, 2010. If the members reject the tax in February, there will be no tax and no money collected for any security detail. The tax resolution lasts seven

(7) years. The group discussed suggestions raised, such as Neighborhood Watch, cameras, lighting, and proactive neighbors.

D. Community News. Brenda Badon reported that the development was defeated. The Six Flags project is moving forward. The development at the Lake Forest Plaza also is moving forward.

E. Treasurer's Report. The treasurer's report was submitted in writing.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Christmas Party and Decoration. Mrs. Badon reported that the Association needs to decide whether to have a Christmas party because the rooms are being booked now. She also discussed the need for members to decorate their homes for Christmas. Members volunteered to serve on a Christmas decoration subcommittee to judge the homes decorated during Christmas. President Knott noted the two proposed dates for the party: December 18 or 19. Elorial Monet moved and Carolyn Debose seconded to have the party on December 19 in the evening. The motion passed. Members discussed the format. The committee will investigate the place for the party.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Taxing District Resolution. President Knott reiterated the need for supporting the tax proposal.

Renaissance Festival. Mr. Doucette announced the next few dates of the Festival.

Introduction of Members. Ms. Blackwell suggested allowing introduction of members attending the meeting so that we begin to know each other. Ms. Legier said that she will have name badges at future meetings. Ms. Monet suggested that we color code the name badges so that we recognize the streets that people live on.

Dogs loose in the neighborhood. Mr. Cooley said he was advised to call the SPCA in addition to contacting the quality of life officer. Members discussed the SPCA responses to dog concerns.

Code Enforcement. People interested in serving on the Code Enforcement Committee were encouraged to sign up with Kelly Legier after the meeting.

Voter Registration Concern. Mr. Miller asked that the Board investigate the issue of how the people who own property in the subdivision but are registered to vote elsewhere. The Board will investigate the issue.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**ACCEPTED BY:**

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KELLY MCNEIL LEGIER  
Secretary  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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STEVEN KNOTT  
President  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_