

# Lake Forest Estates Improvement Association, Inc.

## MINUTES

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church Monsignor Gautreaux Center

Saturday, November 21, 2009

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. with President Steven Knott presiding.

### II. AGENDA ADOPTION

Roland Doucette moved and Austin Badon, Sr. seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

### III. MINUTES

Alvin Cooley moved and Brenda Badon seconded to adopted the minutes for the September 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

### IV. GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance.

### V. REPORTS

- A. Beautification Committee. Vice President Lorraine Dinvaut reported that the Association received the \$2,500 grant but it has stipulations. It must be used for the sign, and a licensed landscaper must provide the services. The committee will choose landscaping that does not require much maintenance. It is uncertain when the work will be complete. She reported that Entergy could not identify where the bill for the meter was going or where the meter is. The Association will order a new meter. Members discussed issues concerning the lack of edging and absence of blowing grass on neutral grounds on Lake Forest Boulevard.
- B. Block Captains. No one was present from the committee to report.
- C. Board of Directors. President Knott reported that the Board had not met and had nothing to report.
- D. Security. Mr. Doucette reported that he has not received any complaints of any security or crime problems. The group discussed the times of the security patrols and the streets that are not part of the Lake Forest Estates security district, such as Hardy. Mr. Doucette advised that if someone will be out of town for several days, he or she should notify the Seventh District Police District. The police department will send a courtesy patrol car to the unoccupied house on each watch.
- E. Community News: Christmas Party and Decorating Contest. Ms. Badon reported that the Christmas Party is being moved to December 18, 2009 because of the Saints games scheduled for December 19. The committee proposed having a Kris Kringle Christmas swap of family house-type gifts valued at a minimum of \$25, with optional participation. The committee will give three prizes to encourage participation in the Christmas house decorating contest: \$100, \$75, \$50

American Express gift cards, and the committee will make 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place signs to place on the winners' lawns. The Christmas decorations judging will occur in the evening of December 16. The members suggested adding a community service component to the party, such as food donations for the food bank. Members discussed community projects suggestions. Mr. Doucette moved that members make donations to ENONAC, and Mr. Cooley seconded. Mrs. Badon added an amendment that members be encouraged to bring can goods for Second Harvest Food Bank as well. The motion passed. Mrs. Badon requested that Ms. Legier create a flyer to advertise the Christmas party, the decorating contest, and the ENONAC donation project.

F. Treasurer's Report. There was no report.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

Taxing District Resolution. President Knott reported that there have been no new developments. He will call Councilperson Cynthia Willard-Lewis's office to check on the status of the taxing district.

Act of Restrictions. The group discussed the restriction on having political signs on a lawn. The consensus was that the only restriction should be on commercial signs; all others should be allowed. Mr. Doucette moved and Ms. Dinvaute seconded to revise the provision restricting all signs. President Knott will have the Board investigate how to change the Act of Restriction provision regarding signs.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

The MRGO Class Action Suit. President Knott announced that New Orleans East was excluded from the class action. The group discussed the reasons given for the exclusion. ENONAC is trying to get one of the lead attorneys to attend as a guest at its next meeting, which is scheduled for December 8, 2009.

Dog Attacks. Dogs on Waterford and Kensington have attacked a neighbor's dog and a person. One Rottweiler has been put to sleep. The other dog is still alive, barking constantly, and causing a nuisance.

## VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Renaissance Market is scheduled for November 28, 2009.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2010.

Barry Dinvaute moved and Mr. Doucette seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:13 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**ACCEPTED BY:**

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KELLY MCNEIL LEGIER

Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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STEVEN KNOTT

President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_