WWRA Board Meeting

3/24/2022

Meeting started at 6:04

Board members present: Brandon, Emily, John, Will, and Kristen - Clark was unable to attend

Reasons for meeting: Recent criminal activity in neighborhood

Recent legislation in Kentucky

LGE project

Criminal Activity:

- Safety is crucial and we need a communication system in the neighborhood, but at the same time we need to be very careful to respect people's privacy. In future events we need to reach out to the homeowner directly and ask if they are comfortable with the information being shared to other residents. We need to avoid rumors and misinformation. Facebook posts are an option, but many people do not use social media. We also have our website on Wild Apricot and the newsletter which will be mailed to residents. A suggestion was made to form a neighborhood watch committee be considered. This may be pursued at a later date.
- Police officer patrols and the need for more street lights: LMPD does not provide an officer to
 patrol our neighborhood but we can hire a security cop at \$200 for an 8 hour shift (overnight).
 Brandon suggested we hold an open forum for all interested neighbors in which they are able to
 ask questions. However, it was decided not to hold a forum, due to concerns about heightened
 emotions, which could escalate fears at this time.
- The Board will put information in our newsletter with specific tips on "Home Safety". Kristen will contact the police officer who recently moved in for guidance on this. The newsletter will include specific information on how to contact LMPD with a phone number for residents to use. It is not the board's responsibility to serve as a neighborhood crime watchers or as a call center for safety issues. However, we are aware that everyone needs to stay vigilant and be careful about only sharing the facts of events.
- In the future we will discuss contacting the police to ask for more patrolling of the area.

Recent Legislation in Kentucky:

• Brandon wanted us to be aware that a recent law passed in Frankfort allows neighborhoods to annex into cities. Two years there was a push by some WW residents to annex our neighborhood into Middletown, but the board declined to do it. We are currently part of Lousville Metro. Now these individuals want to annex WWRA, Foxgate and Owl Creek together into one city with our own police force. It does not appear to be in our best interests to annex at this time. This would require 6,000 people with 75% of the residents voting in favor or if. This would also involve abolishing our deed restrictions. No further discussion was held on this matter.

LGE Project:

- LGE is in the process of removing trees near power lines in the common areas. They presented a preliminary "Replanting Plan" that the board will need to decide upon. Impacted homeowners can choose their own plantings from specific choices, but within the HOA areas (80ft easement) they will only plant a max height of 15 feet. No residents will be allowed to approve any plantings in the common area.
- A landscaping architect is providing suggestions for allowable plantings. The WWRA board will need to decide what to plant in the visible areas:
 - Cool Wood Road and along the creek
 - Along Willow Stone Way where common area crosses Shelbyville Road
 - o In common area on Brook Stone Court.
- LGE will fill in the sinkhole in the common area near Club Oak Court and Willow Stone Way.
- LGE has offered to put a crushed stone walkway in the common areas at no due to the significant aesthetic impact of the project. The exact location of this would need to be defined. Some board members felt this might invite more criminal activity, but it may result in more social activity among residents. Would LGE be able to install lights along a walking path? If they put in a walking path do we have to get approval from residents who live in these areas? We may need to consult with those impacted by this to authorize lights. They have also suggested a playground, or they can give the HOA the money directly. LGE has allocated \$1500 per parcel.
- Additional concerns:
 - Some of the planting suggestions will require mulch and they will require watering.
 Although Will requested ideas that will require low maintenance these factors need to be considered. LGE has made a deal with specific homeowners regarding watering the plants near their homes.
 - Can we negotiate some additional street lights throughout the neighborhood?
 - In the end the WWRA Board will make the final decisions regarding the common areas based on feedback from residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm