

Lawsona/ Fern Creek Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2016

Location: General Meeting Langford Park Neighborhood Center

Meeting Called to Order: 6:39 pm

Board Officers Present: Nancy Lewis, President; Bruce Thomson, VP; Leslie A. Miller, Secretary

Attendees: Approximately 11, plus Board

Guest Speaker: District 4 Commissioner Patty Sheehan

- *Commissioner Sheehan Updates (Patty.Sheehan@cityoforlando.net)*
 - Pulse financial distribution from 1 Fund has started (\$29 M), but ½ is likely to go to probate (\$350,000 for a deceased family member; \$65,000-\$300,000 for hospitalization; \$35,000 for outpatients; and \$25,000 for being in the club).
- Orlando Health and Florida Hospital did forgive the hospital bills for those hospitalized
- The funds are a gift, but got the IRS to forgive the taxes
- Are trying to purchase the Pulse property, but have not yet come to an agreement with the owners
- Some famous artists have offered to do artwork
- WDW painted the Bandshell the Pulse colors
 - October 13, 6-630 will be the ribbon cutting for the Constitution Green Dog Park
 - Everyone should take the Greenwood Cemetery tour.

- We now have a new milk district –must raise \$10,000 first year to get a city match of \$50,000. The amount they raise goes up each year and the city contribution goes down
- If you have concerns about hurricane clean up, please contact Commissioner Sheehan
- If the city repairs brick streets with asphalt, contact Commissioner Sheehan with the nearest address

- *Officer Rosado Updates (Edward.rosado@cityoforlando.net OR 407.246.2489)*
 - Calls for service and reported crimes update
 - 182 calls for service in 2015 compared to this year 227
 - 27 suspicious persons in 2015 compared to 24
 - 2 residential burglaries in 2015 compared to 1
 - Remember to call 911 if there are any suspicious persons and/or if you see individuals sleeping/hanging out in the park.
 - Feel free to contact Officer Rosado if you need anything.

Association Updates

- *Membership*
 - Working on creating a better Facebook page and making a way that people can pay online.
 - We have over 1052 individuals in our neighborhood. Please encourage your neighbors to attend our meetings.

- *Treasury*

- Current balance of \$15,891.72
 - Since the last meeting, we have deposited a \$5000 grant check for our sign, \$130 in additional ticket sales from the Garden tour, and \$350 Garden tour sponsor donation from OUC.
 - The only expense since the last meeting was \$70 for our Sunbiz renewal.
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- *Social (Bruce)*
 - **Porch Party**—We will be having our porch prowl on Friday the 28th at 6 p.m. Darla Smith’s home on South Brown.
 - **Bridge Lighting –**
 - December 3: We will be meeting at the bridge and decorating on the 3rd beginning at 9 a.m.
 - December 4: We will be meeting at the bridge to set out the luminaries out on the 4th at 4 p.m.
 - December 4: We will be doing the bridge and tree lighting on December 4th (the Sunday after Thanksgiving).
 - For more information about social events, contact Bruce Thomson (thomsonbrucej@aol.com OR 407-775-0000).
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- *Sign Matching Grant (Rick)*
 - In December, we received the full grant amount from the city for our sign.
 - We received the \$5000 match from the city for our sign. We have \$8500 total to spend on the sign, with \$3500 from the neighborhood association.
 - We have people who have volunteered to help (e.g., Orange county schools has volunteered to have students cut the letters).
 - We need to get FDOT to say yes, and then go through the city of Orlando permitting.
 - The owner of 1201 East Jackson has offered his land to place the sign on.

- Rick needs to go back and see if the old bids are still appropriate
- Is anyone willing to help with the sign? We need people who is good at woodwork or masonry.

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- *Neighborhood questions/concerns (Attendees)*
 - *Poles around Lake Lawsona*
 - Some of the poles with the flags need replacing
 - Nancy will reach out to our liaison to see if we can get the poles replaced

- *Land on Central near Lake Lawsona*
 - The hill is very steep for mowing.
 - Is there a way we can get the city to plant something that does not need mowing?

- *Communications*
 - We need help letting people know about our meetings and events
 - Darla and Bob Smith will help with communications

Elections

- *No nominations...we will have the same Board*

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