

Lawsona/ Fern Creek Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

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Location: General Meeting Langford Park Neighborhood Center

Meeting Called to Order: 6:33 pm

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

Attendees: Approximately 18, plus Board

Guest Speakers: Directors of Main Streets (Lisa Cuatt/Thornton Park and Robert Soviero/Milk District)

- Our speakers shared a little about the Main Street Program and shared some initiatives underway in Thornton Park and the Milk District.
- The Main Street Program is a national non-profit entity that gets some funds from the city and takes responsibility for the design, promotion, and clean up of neighborhoods.
- A few of the current initiatives:
 - o They are working on trying to get 7 Eleven to do something with the building next to them (e.g., paint with artwork or pop up art studio)

- o The owners of the old Graffiti Junction are still exploring options for the building (e.g., putting in a laid back BBQ place).
- The Milk District team is focusing primarily on South Street to Robinson.
- Festival Park will have some more community-centered events.
- They are working on raising money for Phase II of the skate park.

Association Updates

- Membership
 - o Continuing to work on Facebook, Website, and NextDoor presence.
 - o We have over 1052 individuals in our neighborhood. Please encourage your neighbors to attend our meetings.
- Treasury
 - o Current balance of \$17,500+
 - o Since the last meeting, we have 9 new members.
 - o The only expense since the last meeting was expenses for Christmas lights and cords.
- Social (Bruce)
 - o Greenwood Cemetery Tour—Will be trying to register on January 27th at 9 AM for 15 people for the Greenwood tour February 10 at 8 pm.
 - o Porch Prowl—We will be having our next porch prowl on Friday the 17th at 6 p.m. at three houses near the bridge (Robyn)

- o For more information about social events, contact Bruce Thomson (thomsonbrucej@aol.com OR 407-775-0000).
- Sign Matching Grant (Rick) Update
 - o We received a matching grant amount from the city for our sign of \$5000. We committed \$3500 from our neighborhood funds. We need a motion to add an additional \$1500, for a total contribution for \$5000. Bruce made a motion to up the budget by \$1500 and Leslie made a second motion. Another motion was made to increase the total contribution by the neighborhood association to \$7500. Nancy made a second motion. The motion passed.
 - o We are going to have the sign put on DOT land; the corner of South and Brown.
 - o Within the next month we should be able to start working on the sign.
- Visioning
 - o The Board met prior to the meeting and came up with four areas that we might focus on within our neighborhood.
 - o At the meeting, we broke into groups to brainstorm ideas on what to focus on in each of the four areas:
 - Social/community
 - Capital improvements
 - Beatification
 - Branding
 - o Groups documented ideas in each of the four areas.

- o We decided to merge social/community and branding

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.