

# July 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Lake Lawsona Fern Creek Neighborhood Meeting

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Location: General Meeting Langford Park Neighborhood Center

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35 pm

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

Attendees: Approximately 22, plus Board Officers present

Guests: District 4 Commissioner Patty Sheehan and Officer Rosado

- Commissioner Sheehan Updates (Patty.Sheehan@cityoforlando.net)
  - o OUC folks have joined us today, because some residents are interested in underground utilities. Need to have 100% agreement to do underground utilities because residents may have a financial responsibility for connecting to the home – and other utilities are involved as well (e.g., Bright House). The OUC folks will help us understand the complete undergrounding process
  - o Billy H., a resident of our neighborhood, is the new transportation director for the city. The city is looking at possibility of a 4-way stop at Washington and Summerlin due to accidents and near misses.
  - o Officer Rosado will go over the crime stats for the month and address our issues. There has been a problem with glass back doors. Officer Rosado will come to your

house and due a free OPD home security survey. You can contact him at Edward.rosado@cityoforlando.net OR 407.246.2489.

- o City Council voted on the panhandling ordinance. Most of it is at intersections. Rule now is that you cannot walk up and down car lanes. Also, if you ask someone to stop harassing you and they don't you can call the police.

- Officer Rosado Updates (Edward.rosado@cityoforlando.net OR 407.246.2489)

- o Our neighborhood experiences opportunity crimes (e.g., leaving doors unlocked)

- o Calls for service and reported crimes update

191 calls for service in 2016 compared to this year 140

38 suspicious persons in 2016 compared to 23 this year

1 residential burglaries in 2016 compared to 3 this year

1 vehicle burglaries in 2016 compared to 4 this year

- o Remember to call 911 if there are any suspicious persons and/or if you see individuals sleeping/hanging out in the park.

- o Feel free to contact Officer Rosado if you need anything.

Guest Speakers: OUC (LeMoyne Adams and Roasanne)

- Our guests are here to discuss the possibility putting overhead infrastructure underground

- We are 60% underground now; it is the older neighborhoods without underground

- The benefits:

- o Aesthetically underground is more pleasing

- o More reliable, with less flickering (though outages take longer to repair)
- It can be done, but is a difficult process, particularly due to the cost. It is less expensive with a new development, vs a developed neighborhood. Some of the reasons for the high expense:
  - o Large trees have large roots with implications for digging trenches and trying not to destroy the trees
  - o Brick pavers are expensive to work with in the roadway/there are conflicts in the roadways
  - o Need to add transformer pads on the ground in someone's yard (1 per 6 homes typically)
  - o Easements need to be acquired, which involves working with homeowners.
  - o Converting meter base at homes
  - o Some ground is difficult to dig/high water table, which increases labor costs
  - o Landscaping has to be replaced
- The funding needs to be identified
- The cost from where the meter is now to the connection to the house is the responsibility of a third party; it is not funded by OUC. Could be up to \$7,000 – \$10, 000 or even \$20,000 per home, paid by the neighbors. A new panel may cost \$1500 to \$2000. They are engaging with a consultant to figure out what the pricing would be for sure (anticipated time 4-5 months).
- There is an upcoming meeting where they will talk about the possibilities.
- 100% agreement of neighbors is needed (whatever group of neighbors wants to put utilities underground)

- If you ever have problems with your OUC utilities, please feel free to call him.  
(407.434.4137)

## 2018 Garden Tour Planning

- Leslie led a discussion of the garden tour purpose and objectives
- The group worked together to identify criteria or standards that we might use to identify potential homes for inclusion in the garden tour and to seek nominations.

### Criteria          Nominations

Curb/street appeal; inviting Steve and Emilia (next to Vivian)

Unique features (e.g., herb gardens, focal points, pathways, native and unusual flowers)

The modern home on Hampton and Central (next to the church)

Effective use of backyard for entertaining          1819 East Central (Jeanette Emory's home; she and her husband will be doing a complete renovation to be done in the Fall)

Cool kid spaces

Surprising backyards

Good flow through; easy to get in and out of

Caring homeowners who will make their yards "shine" for the event

Neighborhood sign (Billy)

- Neighborhood sign approved, we are just waiting on signatures
- Will begin construction as soon as signatures received
- Will be near Mills and South

Beautification Committee

- 104 volunteer hours so far for cleanup
- The fall park cleanup will be at Lake Lawsona
- o Proposed dates are October 14, 21 or November 11 (Veteran's Day)
- o We voted on November 11
- The flags around Lake Lawsona are paid for privately. You can adopt them for \$42 a year or donate \$ for the flags. There are approximately 28 flag poles.
- There is a new bench at Rosearden and Central that is the new prototype. You can donate a bench with a plaque for \$950. Vivian has an application if you are interested.
- Considering adding aeration at Lake Lawsona
- New tot lot equipment is coming!

#### Association Updates

- Membership
  - o No update
- Treasury (Leslie for Christa)
  - o Current balance of \$17,085.34
  - o Recent expenses
    - Sunbiz annual report \$61.25
    - Bluehost website renewal fee \$15.99
    - Porch prowl reimbursement \$100
    - Neighborhood meeting signs \$213

Park cleanup refreshments (pending) \$58.77

- Social (Bruce)
  - o Robin Bishop will be starting up a welcoming committee. Each new neighbor will get a welcome bag, beginning August 1st
  - o Robin Bishop will be working on organizing the next porch prowl
  - o For more information about social events, contact Robin Bishop

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m