

LLFCNA Quarterly Meeting

January 11th, 2022 - 7:00 PM

Start 7:17 PM

Realtor Kathryn Stelljes:

- Provided neighborhood overview on sales and opportunity.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan:

- Opens discussion between the Public Works Department and residents regarding the retaining wall along the Fern Creek bank on Rosearden.
- Residents voiced concerns regarding the height and look of the wall. It is very large and straight compared to the old wall. There was discussion about the new wall not blending in with the historic look of the park. There was also discussion about fall hazards and graffiti. Residents questioned if the design firm made consideration to ensure wall blended in with the historic nature of the creek and if drawings were provided to the Historic Preservation Board to approve the material.
- Public Works explained how the old wall washed out a few times and it was made out of broken pieces of concrete and had a lot of holes in it. It was not functioning as a barrier and support to the sewer behind it. The replacement block type chosen was thought to be the closest to match old wall while being strong enough to function as needed. The design firm did make site visits. Parks and the Historic Preservation Board reviewed the material and samples were given to an engineering firm to design the wall. Height is necessary so run off does not cause damage again but it can be adjusted some. They said the wall was mostly straight before with the exception of one curve. They said fall hazards would be abated with landscape walls. They also said they will use stains, tiered landscapes and paths to break up the straight and new look and blend the wall in to the parks historic character.

Jeff Smith Association President:

- Church Property has been demolished. There will be four single family residential structures built. There were some compliance issues with demo and city staff and police came. There were discussions about the lack of historic style with the new construction but the property is not within the historic district.

Officer Eddie Rosado:

- There was a house fire on Forest Avenue with a fatality. A suspect was charged and arrested. This was an isolated domestic violence incident. The nearby residents were impressed with Fire Rescue, Police and residents who helped during this tragedy.
- Stats for December 2021
 - 113 calls for service / December 2020 had 116 calls for service
 - 11 incidents with 2 commercial burglaries / December 2020 had 10 incidents with one residential burglary
 - 8 suspicious person calls / December 2020 had 12 suspicious person calls

- Residents voiced concerns about a tent camp set up in the park and confetti littering. The neighborhood association sent an email to OPD regarding these concerns.
- Officer Rosado says if you see something say something. Call every time for suspicious persons with a description and location.

Financial Update-

- Membership revenue is low. We received \$350 in membership dues with operating expense of about \$500 leaving the current account balance just under \$4,000. The Neighborhood Association is encouraged to promote membership on the neighborhood Facebook page.

Other Neighborhood News:

- The Green up Orlando team is looking for residents to schedule a park cleanup in Dickson Azalea but other areas can be suggested. They suggested some dates and survey will be done to see what works bests for the residents. Dates offered were 2/12, 2/19, 3/5, 4/2, 4/9.
- The playground in Langford Park was just repainted.
- Bridge and tree lighting were successful. Thornton Park joined our neighborhood association for the tree lighting and are interested in partnering for future events.

Other Neighborhood Concerns:

- Post any graffiti seen on the neighborhood Facebook page to alert residents in charge to remove or report to city.

End 8:19 PM