

Lake Lawsona/Fern Creek Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting

July 9th, 2019

6:30 PM

Start 6:35 PM

Commissioner Patty Sheehan:

- Commissioner Sheehan updated those in attendance on the current efforts by the Orlando Housing Authority to demolish and rebuild the Reeves Terrace Apartments due to HUD's refusal to fund repairs to the 176 apartments in this complex.
 - How is affordable housing defined by HUD and OHA?
 - What would replace the current affordable housing?
 - How might this impact the current residents?
 - Transportation issues
 - After-school programs for complex children
 - Other concerns
 - Older residents
 - Impact to surrounding neighborhoods.
 - Reduction in total number of affordable housing units in Orlando?
 - Orlando is trying to get them to phase the rebuilding of apartments over time and not level the complex with 100% relocation of residents all at once.
 - Discussed the overall safety statistics for this complex
 - Expected timeline would not be impacting Reeves Terrace for 2-3 years if planning continues along current path. City of Orlando is trying to be proactive.
 - Articles published recently in Orlando Sentinel.
 - Discussion on how our neighborhood could be better connected to Reeves Terrace and the residents there.
- Reported on the death of one of the Black Necked Swans at Lake Eola.
 - Cause of death still undetermined but likely caused by fighting with other swans on the lake
 - Primary cause of death for overall swan population is dog attacks, so keep dogs under leash if there
- Brief discussion on the UCF Creative Village opening this summer/fall in downtown Orlando
 - Eventually there will be 7,000 students living on-campus between Valencia and UCF
- Downtown Destination Center just opening at 201 S. Orange Ave
 - Local vendor displays
- Lime Bikes will eventually be adding motorized scooters to their inventory
 - Impact to sidewalks, streets, urban trails
- Discussion regarding how to slow down traffic on Central Ave.
 - Difference between arterial roads, collector roads
 - Options for removing asphalt and converting back to brick drive surface?
- Lake Olive area needs OPD safety survey needed to assess lighting and other ways to improve safety

7:00 PM

Officer Eddie Rosado:

- **Last month** OPD had 167 calls for service in our neighborhood
 - 22 "suspicious person" calls
 - 13 incidents (formal police reports)
 - 3 vehicle burglaries and 1 residential burglary
- Same time in **June 2018** had 147 calls for service
 - 24 "suspicious person" calls
 - 12 incidents (formal police reports)
 - 2 vehicle burglary, 2 residential burglary
- OPD likes that we had more calls for service as it keeps them more active within the neighborhood "See something. Say something!"
 - Overall number of problems remained consistent as last year for same period

7:15 PM – Other Business

- Neighborhood Social for July/August
 - We are planning a social for the summer at **The Falcon Bar** in Thornton Park
 - August 7 @ 6:00pm
 - Mellissa Schuman (owner) lives in Lawsona/Fern Creek
 - Next Porch Party will probably be in the Fall
- Membership/Financial Update- Dominic
 - 700+ homes in Lawsona/Fern Creek
 - Mailing list (email) is only about 70 residents
 - 2019 paid members of LLFCNA is less than 24 residents (\$25/year)
 - Current bank balance is ok but additional contributions are badly needed to support events and next year's Garden Tour
 - June newsletter was sent out to those on our email list
 - You can register for newsletters on our web site www.lawsonaferncreek.org
 - You can pay your \$25 annual contribution via Pay Pal or VENMO
 - Paypal: treasurer@lawsonaferncreek.org
 - VENMO: @Dominic-Damato
 - Remember this is a voluntary neighborhood association NOT a homeowner's association (no covenants/restrictions to enforce) Renters are welcome to contribute, all funds go to neighborhood improvements or social events sponsored to improve the Lawsona/Fern Creek Neighborhood.
- 2020 Private Gardens of Orlando featuring Lawsona/Fern Creek Neighborhood
 - We sponsor this event every two years
 - Scheduled for March 29, 2020
 - April 4-5 is Spring Fiesta in the Park at Lake Eola
 - April 12 is Easter Sunday
 - We need residents to step-up and volunteer to host visits to your backyard garden for one afternoon.
 - 10 Gardens typically featured
 - Nominate yourself or a neighbor that has a great backyard to showcase
 - Forms will be posted on FB and Nextdoor shortly.
 - Lake Eola Heights sponsors this alternate years and partners with us to share information
 - Business Sponsors are needed
 - Sponsor levels from \$25 to \$500
 - Portions of net profits benefit local non-profit or charity
 - Look for more information on FB Group page and Nextdoor page
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/307980626452906/>
 - [https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood feed/](https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/feed/)
- The Falcon Bar: Business Profile – Mellissa Shuman
 - The Falcon Bar & Gallery, an independent and cutting edge experience in the arts in a gallery and bar setting. Enjoy the finest craft beers and wines in Thornton Park. Art Shows, DJs, Events, Food Trucks, & Fun. Expect the unexpected at The Falcon! Open Monday-Thursday 6pm-12pm, Friday & Saturday 6pm-2am, Sunday 12pm-12am
 - 819 East Washington St. Orlando 407-423-2788 www.TheFalconBar.com
 - Melissa has been a resident of Lawsona/Fern Creek since 2004
 - One of the founders and still active in the Thornton Park Main Street District
- Jeff attended the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association meeting on May 13th
- The Milk District Main Street District
 - Sponsored pub crawl recently and was great event
 - July 31st they have event at Plaza Live to be updated on future plans
 - Free to Lawsona/Fern Creek neighbors, see their FB page

- Election of Officers for 2019 -2020
 - Jeff Smith nominated for President
 - Jeff DiCiero nominated for Vice-President
 - Motion to elect passed
 - Still need an association Secretary

- Blood Drive for neighbor Susan Pawlak
 - Susan currently undergoing cancer treatments in Atlanta
 - Staying with her brother and his wife
 - Likely through the end of this year
 - Neighbors are taking care of her cats and her house
 - We are asking people in the neighborhood to donate blood in Susan's name at One Blood Orlando and let us know when you complete donation so we can recognize your efforts to support her fight.
 - If you would like to send her a card let us know and we will provide address in Atlanta

- Neighborhood Watch Leaders Training July 24th
 - Information posted on FB page
 - Let Jeff Smith or Anne DiCiero know if you want to attend

- National Night Out Event scheduled for October 1st
 - Anne DiCiero is chairing event
 - Will need volunteers to help with event
 - Object is to promote Neighborhood Watch and Neighborhood Safety
 - Will be held again on Rosearden and Washington St park area
 - Look for announcements on FB page and Nexdoor
 - Come and enjoy some time with your neighbors and their children

Meeting completed at 7:45pm