

## **LFIA Spring Community Meeting**

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

Time: 3:00 pm

Virtual via Zoom

**Present:** Erin Kandamar, Michael Lorant, Ron Parkinson, Nancy Finn, Ted Chapman, Jeffrey Hughes, Suzanne Pond, Ron Parkinson, Randy Block, Josh Krintzman, Kathy Kasabula, Becky Shelton, Barbara Gruenthal, Kathleen Snyder, Hilary Bialek, Kay Khan, Liz Mirabile, Shelah Feiss, Amy Fleming, Lina Ross, Barbara Love

**Call to Order:** President Erin Kandamar called the meeting to order at 3:13 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the Fall 2019 meeting were approved.

**Kathleen Snyder's Resignation:** Erin announced Kathleen's resignation from the Board. Kathleen will stay on as Past President and offered to remain available to support the Board.

**Treasurers Report:** Ted Chapman gave a review of the budget. There is more income at the moment (compared to the past) mainly due to donations for Martha Collins' bench which will be installed at the corner of Cornell and Cornell (delayed due to factory slow down). Bottom line is that accounts are healthy. Membership dues are not as robust, possibly due to online format. Some suggested we find additional way to collect dues to make it easier for all.

**Alternatives to our outdoor events in the COVID-19 era:** Falls Ball and Porch Fest are canceled in their usual form though Porch Fest organizers are looking at a virtual alternative. There was discussion about creating an alternative for Falls Ball or whether to cancel Falls Ball all together. It was also suggested that this is not a good year to do any type of fundraising especially given the healthy budget. Board will discuss options at next meeting.

**Fundraising Updates:** Holding this for another time given current Covid-19 crisis.

**Communication Updates:** Michael Lorant has helped neighbors to be to pay their membership via online. Seems to be working but need feedback from the community regarding directions on website, emails from site, any feedback help with this is appreciated. Looking for input on vendor list. Some members of the community prefer paper over the online system. Added information about the Trails and hope that it helps educate people. Board is not taking a position on the trails but neighbors can educate themselves and organize if they wish. Michael would like help from anyone with web or design experience.

**Beautification Committee Updates:** Becky Shelton gave update on the beautification of the park. Nine families have signed up to help with placing mulch around the trees in the park.

Everyone can do this on their own schedule. Once the mulch is delivered, Becky will send an email to volunteers with more information. Ted Chapman has been cleaning up the garden and rebuilding the compost pile bin. Newton Serves was canceled. There is an Eagle Scout project coming up to rebuild the entrance to the recreation center (hopefully won't be delayed/canceled). Ted let everyone know that when we adopt a planting bed, the city gives supplies (mulch, etc.) and gave history of how the Beautification Committee came to be and the work done in the 80's to spruce up the park.

**Membership Report:** Nancy Finn gave update – last year at this time we had 110 members, this year 125 members (83 families, 2 friends, 5 individual, 21 senior families, 14 seniors). Many need to renew.

**Riverside Update:** Barbara Gruenthal gave an update. In March 2019, Mark Development got a zoning amendment, filed a special permit application at the same time. LFIA filed competing zone amendment. All led to negotiation between Riverside Committee and Mark development and a compromise was adopted by city council in November. Barbara shared a rendering from Mark Development. There have been six hearings to date and the Riverside Committee has actively participated at all – speaking and presenting at each. Hearings continuing via zoom, next is 4/28 on construction management plan. 5-year construction project beginning in late 2021. Ted shared pedestrian circulation plans.

**Walk on Items:** Suzanne Pond described 12-20 cars at the golf course, people partying, leaving trash (gloves, wipes, beer cans), more trash in Charles. She contacted Newton and Weston police and the DRC. Weston police put up barricades to the parking lot. Josh Krintzman had been notified of this prior and reached out to the Mayor, the Chief of Police, and the City's Operations Manager--- they are all aware of the situation and have promised to send cars regularly. Josh will continue to follow up as needed.

Kay Khan's office is open still (virtually) and helping people with unemployment issues, etc. Very concerned about food insecurity, child abuse, and domestic violence – will be sending out information about supports – they are available to help.

**Meeting adjourned** at 4:41 pm