

Autumn Ridge Annual Meeting Minutes  
6/22/17

Call to order at 6:15

84 neighbors were present at Eastside Public Library

Patrick welcomed everyone and introduced the current board members, Eric Howard, Terri Carpenter, Mike Adkins, Jason Adkins, our Management Group, Christine Andres was not available. Terri Carpenter introduced Officer Bige Towery, with LFUCG Police Department. He spoke about safety, crime, the website "Nextdoor" and Neighborhood Watch. We have a safe neighborhood so keep up the good work. He said do not give money to panhandlers since this encourages them to not look for work. He also said that anytime you need to talk to the police about something then use the non-emergency number, which is 859-258-3600. They prefer to keep the 911 lines for emergencies only. But if you have to think about which number to call, then just call 911.

Steve Robertson, an Edward Jones representative, offered financial services and the opportunity to meet with a lawyer for an hour to review a will or create one. He is a sponsor of our Homeowners Directory, our new online directory, and he donated a \$50 gift card to Malone's for a giveaway.

Deborah Slone, a representative with Angela Evans' office, our 6<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember, spoke on behalf of her. She shared highlights from the Mayor's Proposed Budget that has passed for 2018.

- The city has hired 30 additional police officers to address staffing needs due to a rise in opioid abuse and crime.
- Created a new position within the Mayor's Office called One Lexington. That individual works directly with neighborhoods, council, and police to create stronger communications between those parties, and will address the rise of violent crime and work to prevent this
- Ethics Act Review, sponsored by CM Evans, is in committee next month and will make several changes to the makeup of the Ethics Commission and this includes new requirements for elected officials.
- Discussed a new system of road selection and data collection that has been used for paving. Paving for the 6<sup>th</sup> district is currently being done, including Autumn Ridge. She offered some explanation of the new best practices that are being used in road selection for paving. The city looks at roads that are in the worse conditions first or on the verge of repair
- Update on the Brighton Rail Trail expansion coming this summer and the pedestrian bridge over Man O' War set to begin next year, which will connect the existing trail to the extension and will connect to Liberty Park Trail
- New amenities at Pleasant Ridge Park. There are extra funds for the dog park, the field is grated for sports, music has been suggested at the park, their office will connect with Parks and Recreation for this opportunity
- Curfew is still midnight for anyone under the age of 18 Monday-Sunday. Call the police if you see anyone suspicious and you suspect they are under 18.
- A Pedestrian Safety ordinance has been passed to prevent panhandler's from approaching drivers in the median
- End Panhandling Now has a van to pick up for Now jobs two days a week
- The city secured funds for a Citizens Youth Academy in conjunction with our High Schools. Frederick Douglas HS will provide transportation from the other HS's to Frederick Douglas HS. This is to provide a better understanding of local government to our students

We gave away two prizes, a \$30 Jalapenos gift certificate, and Susan Campbell won the homeowners dues for \$125.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting were approved.

Patrick gave a Presidents Report:

- Great board members for the past six years
- Under budget for this past year
- Looking at vendor contracts closely to assure compliance with work products, insurance, etc.
- Grants for street signs were secured and the new signs have been ordered
- Joined Fayette County Neighborhood Council
- Attended Association Essentials for board members best practices, 2<sup>nd</sup> series June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Implemented an Ethics Policy for board members and provided notebooks for all board members
- Park is closing, as promised
- A committee was formed for the new front entrance design, possible future work planned for smaller islands throughout the neighborhood

Mike Adkins reviewed the Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget for 2017-2018, both of these were approved

We introduced Charles and Ashley, with Authentic Stone Creations, for our front entrance design. The work has started on each side, waiting on a right-of-way encroachment for the center median. Completion should take six to eight weeks. We received \$72,000 for our front entrance and we spent \$73,000, we used a \$1,000 from the street sign budget since we received a grant for the signs.

Mike showed an example of the new street signs. We received about half to cover the cost of \$10,000, and we recognized Bettina Rice for helping with the grant! Everyone attending was happy with the new larger and reflective signs that are easy to see

Mike will call the city about trimming the trees before the signs are installed, which should be end of July or early August.

The park on Crimson Creek is almost disabled; Habitat for Humanity is taking the swing set down. We have turned off the lights, which were costing \$140 per month. Waiting on a price to break up the asphalt, add fill dirt, and seed. Because it is zoned as a flood plane, there is nothing that can be built on this property, so we can entertain other ideas, possibly a natural garden

We have a new online directory and everyone was given the password. Currently, send Mike Adkins any changes that you need.

Two giveaways, one for \$25 for Wild Eggs, and one for a homeowner's dues to Joe Checa for \$125.

Questions and Answers from the Homeowners:

Is it possible to have a pool in the neighborhood?

Noise barriers by the interstate? Is there anything that can be done about the noise?

Any plans for the pond? ...dredging, or a fountain?

Dog barking seems to be a problem! There is an ordinance for dog barking after 10pm. Check with the city.

Cats are also a problem!

Can I have a solar panel on my roof?

These questions will be up for discussion at future board meetings

The homeowner dues are higher for those that live on the pond. This is to cover some of the cost. There is no fishing on the pond unless you live on the pond or have permission from a homeowner on the pond., Currently, signs are posted on the pond that it is for Lakeowner use only

A "Deed Restricted Neighborhood" sign will not be posted on the new front entrance sign. Therefore, the Lexington Board of Realtors will need to be contacted so new neighbors purchasing homes in Autumn Ridge are aware of the deed restrictions when buying a home in Autumn Ridge!

Some concerns about renters in the neighborhood; Mike will check into this. When they send a letter this goes to the owner of the home and the renters

Nominations for new board positions:

Patrick Johnson, Joanna Lankford and Jennifer Shuttters for new Director positions! Patrick was elected by vote as President, and Joanna Lankford as a Director. Jennifer will be voted-in at the next board meeting

We would like to start a Welcome Committee for new neighbors. This would include a letter from the board, a letter from Mike and Jason, our management group, Neighborhood Watch and the website "Nextdoor" information. We need someone to volunteer to organize this committee and there were a few maybes!

Last drawing, Malone's \$50 gift card and homeowner dues to Carolyn Carden for \$125

Meeting adjourned at 8pm