

Lynnfield Community Association

LCA General Meeting

May 17, 2016

LCA Board Attendees: Kathryn McCrea, Cathy Curry, Karen Eckert, Alice Collins, Linda Mirante, Diane Poole

Special Guest: Corporal Hester

Problems reported in Lynnfield Community:

- No major crimes that she knew of at the time (later found out about burglary)
- Mostly community services calls and services. In regards to quality of life issues, concerns, and problems
- Burglary of property on Ridgeland Rd. - break-in and theft - recently reported not on her report as of that date
- Tags and juvenile suspicious called in
- 1 month ago had 2 occupants smoking weed
- Suspicious vehicle need to try and get a tag #
- Several incidents of heroin packets found in community please call police. Reported a neighbor saw bags thrown from car in January and reported
- Call about a suspicious vehicle

Solutions:

- Lights are a deterrent, alarm and signs is another deterrent. Nothing is 100%.
- Other communities have installed street lights and have seen a decrease in crime activity after street lights were installed including Northwood located nearby
- Turning on your lights around your home
- We were reminded to lock car doors
- Remove valuable from vehicles
- Do not leave your windows open at night to(easy to climb in)
- Reminded that there is a heroin epidemic (not just here)
- Trim shrubs so no one can hide in back of them
- Try not to have packages shipped to your home during the day when you will not be there. Have them delivered to work (if possible) or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick them up - Do not leave sitting on doorstep - package thieves.
- If you find drug paraphernalia take pictures and call police (if safe)

Questions for Corporal Hester:

Cathy Curry brought up that her alarm tripped and 2 hours later police came. Corporal Hester said that false alarms are the highest complaint. We are covered by County Police

- New Castle but they have several other crimes that take higher priority (example - domestic in progress)

When did the drug problem start?

We do not know when problem started. Lynnfield is an easy in and easy out community.

Residents concerned about cars coming into community from Wilson to Homewood and traffic enforcement. Solution: to contact DelDot to get signs and work with John Cartier.

On Dec. 26th on Homewood Rd- car accident hit car - dui where a woman trapped in car 45 min waiting on police.

(302) 573-2800 non emergency line can be called for these problems plus you can also use the mobile app -new castle police. Residents can put in anonymous tips with no repercussions.

It was also brought up that there was a (burglary) that had occurred in the early morning on Ridgeland someone came into the home broke in and stole property.

Question was asked what is the difference between a robbery and a burglary?

Robbery - involves theft of money or property through the threat or use of violence against a person. In the crime of robbery, the victim must be present.

Burglary -breaks in and enters in order to commit another offense, such as theft

Lighting In Community: Special Speaker: Denny Hartman - Delmarva Power

- No cost to install (\$70,000 paid by Delmarva) and maintenance included
- Style of lights: Cobra style LED lights on wooden telephone poles
- Lights will be run by aerial lines running from pole to pole down the street back to the front and then run align the poles between sidewalk and curb avoiding driveways and creeks
- Majority rules 51% of community
- Vote: per property and within parcel votes by owner 1/2 vote (Ex. husband/wife) both have a vote and have to vote (Ex. Yes/No in same household)
- Locations are pre-determined by Delmarva
- 28 lights (approximately 3-4 lights per street)
- Map of where lights will be placed was distributed- NO deviation/NO choice
- At the end of the meeting each resident was given an opportunity to find out how much taxes (based off 1983 appraisal) approximately between \$30-\$60 per year (or \$3-\$5 per month) and given an opportunity to vote
- LCA Board will hold several opportunities for all residents to sign the petition

Several comments from homeowners - some moved to the neighborhood because they liked the darkness and not well lit. Another person mentioned that most of the master

bedrooms are in the front of the home and they are concerned about the light coming through windows.

Voting of LCA Board:

Introductions -

Elected Officials:

President, Kathryn McCrea

Vice-President, Cathy Curry

Secretary, Karen Eckert

Treasurer, Mary Jo Lobosco (not present)

Street/District Representatives:

Lower Homewood, Kerry Smith - was voted in at meeting

Upper Homewood, Linda Thomas

Lower Ridgeland, Steve Lafferty - was voted in at meeting

Upper Ridgeland, Diane Poole

Carlie Road, Alice Collins

Bette Road, Linda Mirante

Gianine (Former President) was given the floor regarding Bylaws. Wanted to know why there was no progress and why the Bylaws that she had written were not being used. Cathy responded that a Committee was formed and that we were working on the light issue first. The goal is to have Bylaws completed by the Fall. Cathy went on to respond that the Bylaws that Gianine had written were not approved or voted on by the Board (during her tenure). Gianine responded that they were the Bylaws of the community. After some back and forth between the two the meeting was then adjourned by Kathy.

All residents were encouraged to visit the website and participate:

<http://www.lynnfieldcivicassociation.com/>

and all questions can be sent to:

board@lynnfieldcivicassociation.com