

Minutes

Linwood Heights Home Owners Association Annual Meeting, July 20, 2019 Lower Playground Area, Jesse Gregg Park

Attendees

- Cecelia Lodico (board secretary)
- McDonald (Mac) Rominger (board treasurer)
- Odin Christensen (board member at large)
- Sara Gibson (board member at large)
- Janeen Quigley (board member at large)
- Bryan (board member at large) and Thuy Randall
- Larry (board member at large) and Nancy Richardson
- Wayne (board member at large) and Joan Stoltz
- Lisa and Dave Actor
- Camille Bibles and Dave Chapman
- Ami and Brenda Berman
- Teresa Bertsch
- John and Maryellen Dunn
- Bill and Gisela Kluwin
- Lillian Ostrach and Jack Toborek
- Alan and Pat Purchase
- Randy Schaal
- Susan Slasor
- Roselle Wissler and Michael Saks
- Janice and Mike Woodburne

Call to Order

Board Secretary Cecelia Lodico called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. (Board President Adam Graff and Board Vice President Andy Rusk were unable to attend). Cecelia welcomed all attendees and recognized Janeen Quigley for providing the delicious refreshments (assorted fresh fruits, Danish, juice and coffee).

Firewise and Ready-Set-Go Presentations

Cecelia introduced Jerolyn Byrne, Flagstaff Fire Dept., and Sam Beckett, Coconino County Emergency.

Jerolyn discussed the Firewise program, touching on the following points:

- Congrats to Linwood Heights on becoming a US Firewise site

- Linwood Heights has done a great job in becoming “fire wise”
- After a snowy winter and wet spring, wildfires have been less frequent and well controlled
- However, current fire danger is high
- Authorities no longer think in terms of a *fire season*, but rather a *fire year*
- Please pay attention to fire zones around dwellings (refer to provided pamphlets, brochures, and other info)
- Reminder to residents that she is happy to provide free Firewise assessments

Sam introduced the Ready-Set-Go program. He discussed details of the program that are summarized by the booklet provided at the meeting, and as well at WildLandFireRSG.org.

Ready, Set, Go is a nationwide program adopted by the 15 Arizona Sheriffs that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened.

The program encourages Arizonans to get READY by preparing now for what threatens their community, be SET by maintaining awareness of significant danger and to GO, evacuate immediately when the danger is current and life-threatening.

READY – Prepare Now and be aware of the hazards that can threaten your community.

- Register with your county emergency notification system.
- Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.
- Make a family evacuation and communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts and family meeting locations.
- Build an emergency go kit with enough food, water and necessary supplies for at least 72 hours. Start with the five P’s; people and pet supplies, prescriptions, papers, personal needs and priceless items.
- Check with your neighbors, family, friends, and elders to ensure they are READY.

SET – Be Alert - there is significant danger in your area.

- Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area.
- Grab your emergency go kit.
- Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.
- Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety officials.

This might be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Be SET to GO.

GO! – Evacuate - danger in your area is imminent and life threatening.

- Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area.

- If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.
- Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes and avoid closed areas.

Board member Odie Christensen pointed out that we will be applying for our annual Firewise recertification later this year. Look for a survey monkey this fall where residents can report Firewise activities for certification credit.

Minutes of July 2018 Annual Meeting

Cecelia touched on major points in the minutes of last year's annual meeting. Questions were solicited; none were raised. A motion to approve by Mac and seconded by Larry was approved with no dissents.

Board Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2019

Cecelia introduced all Board members present and recognized Board members not present (Adam and Andy).

- Firewise signs put up at north and south entrances
- Basketball court was scraped; sealing yet to be done
- Fence around Jesse Gregg Park repaired
- Entry sign to the park gate painted
- Siberian Elms, an invasive species, removed
- Assessments collected from all property owners for last fiscal year
- Gate to Jesse Gregg Park replaced
- HOA renewed its contract with Deep Roots for maintaining landscaping at the entrances and maintaining the dog waste cans
- Late fee for assessments increased to \$20 from the previous \$15
- On-going communications to property owners
- Property owner contests

Lillian Ostrach complimented the Board on its efforts at timely and effective communication to the property owners.

Finances

Board Treasurer Mac Rominger gave a quick synopsis of the fiscal year 2019 association finances. The vast majority of income is from assessments of the 96 properties, plus a few transfer fees, totaling ~\$20,000. Expenses total ~\$14,000. Current assets are ~\$90,000.

The Association's liability insurance policy is the biggest yearly expense at ~\$5,000. The largest occasional expense is maintenance of the road into Jesse Gregg Park, typically ~\$40,000 every 5-10 years.

Mac reminded the attendees that he would be happy to answer any questions regarding the finances, and can provide electronic copies of the financial sheet tables upon request.

Board Election Results

Mac reported this year's results of the Board election. Six candidates were on the ballot for 5 open positions. From the 49 ballots cast, vote totals were as follows: Cecelia Lodico, 46; Andy Rusk, 46; Adam Graff, 40; James Gibson, 39; Bryan Randall, 30; Lillian Ostrach, 23. A motion to approve by Mac was seconded by Janean and approved with no dissents.

Kudos

Cecelia recognized the efforts of several individuals and groups who have provided service to the neighborhood, recently and over the years.

- Greg Hartman for his years of service supervising maintenance. Greg recently resigned from his long-standing role as maintenance supervisor. Cecelia read aloud the letter of thanks that will be sent to Greg along with a \$150 gift certificate.
- The Ditch Day Warriors, who recently spent ~3 hours on a Saturday working to restore proper drainage for several problem areas on Jesse Gregg Road. The warriors are: Lisa and David Actor, Odie Christensen and Phyllis Lucas, Martos Hoffman, Thierry Zerbib, and Gisela and Bill Kluwin.
- The Firewise Committee: Odie Christensen, David Actor, Martos Hoffman, Laura Nichol, Janean Quigley, and Sara Gibson
- The LHHOA Webmaster, Phyllis Lucas: Cecelia read aloud the letter of thanks that will be sent to Phyllis along with two \$50 gift certificates.

New Business

Cecelia reported that several residents had expressed interest in having a neighborhood potluck in Jesse Gregg Park in the near future—no agenda or purpose other than to socialize and get to know each other better. Upon discussion, a tentative date and time was set for Sunday, August 25, at 4 pm, and location at the east ramada, near the volleyball and horseshoes pits. No sign-up for food; just a simple potluck where folks can bring whatever they wish to bring.

Mac reminded that the Board needed to elect officers. Cecelia reported that Adam and Andy had expressed interest in continuing their roles as president and vice president, respectively, and Cecelia and Mac expressed interest in continuing their roles as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Janean moved to keep the current officers, Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Stoltz (board member at large) addressed the attendees and discussed his desire to obtain permission for contractors to remove felled trees from his property by accessing his back yard with heavy equipment through Jesse Gregg Park. A similar request from a similarly situated lot owner was denied by the Board due to concerns over ground damage by heavy equipment. Mac reminded Wayne, and informed the attendees, that the Board had already

discussed his request as Board business and had denied the request by majority rule. Mr. Stoltz made a motion to the Board (as is the right of any property owner) to be granted the permission requested. The motion was not seconded.

Adjournment

With no more business, Cecelia asked for a motion to adjourn, Mac gave a motion, Larry seconded, and all approved with no dissent. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Randall, board member at large, substituting for Cecelia Lodico, secretary for the LHHOA Board of Directors.