

Minutes of the Lazybrook Civic Club of Houston Regular Meeting

January 28, 2025: Meeting Held in-person at LifeBrook Church

Meeting Called to order – 7:01 pm – Karla Pott-Leahr

Meeting Minutes: Last Meeting – Dec 3, 2024 (in-person + online) – posted to website – approved unanimously

Announcements

- The Board approved two candidates for elected officers:
 - Shane Kogan – volunteered for Vice President - approved unanimously
 - Emily Friedman - volunteered for Corresponding Secretary - approved unanimously
- Online access to meetings will no longer be available due to low use of this service and cost

Officer & Committee Reports:

President's Update– Karla Pott-Leahr is the new President as of January 1, 2025 per vote held at last meeting

- Block captains are needed for 1600 Willowby and 1800 Watercrest
- Constable Patrol
 - 2025 Sign Ups are Live – visit www.lazybrook.org/constable for sign up and payment options – please sign up now!
 - LifeBrook Church pastor inquired about joining the Constable Patrol service
 - The Constable's office has said this is at our discretion for the contract
 - Karla will bring this to TMCC for approval and possible inclusion in the contract.

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Ofsowitz

- Majority of spending for 2024 was for 18th St maintenance as well as mosquito spraying
- Budget proposal for 2025
 - Biweekly maintenance along Lazybrook property owners' side of the road (e.g., clearing debris, trimming trees/weeds, and haul away) as well as maintenance around esplanades periodically throughout the year (Approx \$8400/year)
 - *Motion made to approve budgeted amount for continued maintenance around the neighborhood, seconded; Motion passed unanimously*
 - Mosquito spraying annually costs \$3800
 - *Motion made to discontinue mosquito spraying; Seconded; 27 voted to support the motion and 3 to oppose the motion; Mosquito spraying will end for 2025 season*
 - Additional discretionary budget items (e.g. church rental, Board insurance, etc.)
 - *Motion made to approve continuing these expenses and approving this budget item, Seconded; Passes unanimously*

Membership – Emily Friedman

- Currently at 5% of houses paid for 2025
- There is a new [link](#) on the website so you can check to see if you have paid for the year (this is updated monthly)

Deed Restrictions Enforcement – no updates

Beautification – Kurt Swafford

- Esplanades and signs are in good shape
- Options for the future could include additional improvements along 18th St., at entrances, or within the neighborhood
- The committee will draft a letter to the homeowners along 18th to discuss plans for sharing costs as this is the largest expense annually in the budget

Security/COP – Joel DuBois

- From 12/1/24 to current there were 3 thefts within the neighborhood
- COP program hours were up about 50% from the prior year

Open Forum – Questions & Discussion

- Proposal for neighborhood cleanup project along 18th St.
- Plans for more community events at local businesses including Star Sailor, Crafted Coffee, & Eureka Heights – watch for the next newsletter for more info!
- Question regarding status of the vacant dilapidated home at 2222 Brooktree – there is no new information
- Please attend City Council meetings to discuss any concerns (e.g., the car meetups at Restaurant Depot)
- Question about the status of 2411 W TC Jester – no changes yet; January hearing was delayed to 2/18/25

Next Lazybrook Civic Club Meeting - Tuesday March 25, 2025

Adjournment – 8:05 pm