

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board  
Luxmanor Citizen's Association  
11400 Hollow Tree Lane  
Monday, June 7, 2010**

**Members Present:** Judy Abramson, Paula Bienenfeld, Marilyn Hammerman, Renee Howell, Harris Leonard, Judy Morenoff, Ellen Paul, Della Stolsworth, Joan Suwalsky, Lynn Waters

**Guests:** Sandy Friedman and Charles Rosenberg

President Della Stolsworth opened the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Minutes of 5/20/10 General Meeting.** Several corrections to the draft 5/20/10 minutes were offered, after which they were passed unanimously.

**Traffic.** In the context of making some corrections to the 5/24/10 Traffic Meeting Notes, a lengthy discussion of traffic issues ensued. Della reported on her unsuccessful efforts since the meeting, by phone and email, to obtain information about which traffic calming measures were vetoed by the LCA Board (as mentioned by DOT at the meeting). She has also contacted Representative Berliner's office to register our dissatisfaction with the way that DOT has responded to our traffic problems. Della also reported that, although DOT had nixed the idea of raised crosswalks at the meeting, Montgomery County is on record as supporting them. Della feels that we need to come up a list of specific measures we would like to see addressed and present them to DOT, with Berliner's support, before the upcoming election (Berliner is in a tight race).

Bill King has resigned as Traffic Committee Chair. Della reported that various people stepped forward after the Traffic Meeting to volunteer for a new traffic committee. After discussion of the importance of continuing to address the significant traffic issues in the community, taking into account the views of the entire neighborhood, a motion was made to form a new geographically-diverse Traffic Committee, with Renee Howell as Chair. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Renee lives at Marcliff and Tilden. Other members of the committee will be Peggy Souza (Tilden Lane), Ellen Paul (representing Windemere), Judy Abramson (Tall Tree Terrace), Judy Morenoff (Tall Tree Terrace), Bruce/Beth Dincin (The Oaks, representing Lux Lane issues), and Anne/Jeffrey Abend (Cushman). It was agreed that, within a month, the committee would come back to the LCA Board with a list of specific recommendations for addressing traffic issues in the community. The opinion was expressed and agreed upon that the Committee should look into hiring a traffic consultant if they feel this is advisable. Paula expressed the opinion that we need to focus on preventing traffic from entering the community, not just on calming it once it is here. Della passed around a picture of a new type of traffic circle that allows emergency vehicles to run over its (rubber) edges, but which still appears to be a circle and, thus, has the effect of slowing down traffic. Lynn reported that a family on Tilden Lane that was approached about the possibility of putting a second neighborhood sign in their yard refused. So, no site for the second sign has been found, although we are still hoping to install one in the vicinity of Tilden and Old Georgetown Road.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Judy Morenoff presented her report. As of 5/30/10, we are \$5179.98 in the black in terms of the Budget. We also have assets of \$41,941.33.

### **Committee Reports.**

**Directory.** Rob Wilkinson, Chair, reported by email prior to the meeting that he was planning to work with Marilyn Hammerman, Membership, "to develop pre-printed invoices, probably eliminating the tear-off in favor of each household's directory information printed on the flap of the return envelope." Since it was not clear to anyone present what this meant, it was agreed that the plan for invoices must be nailed down. It was also noted that there had been complaints about the type face used in this year's Directory at the General Meeting.

**E-Communications.** Della posed the question of whether we want the Website, which does not get much traffic, to be an active website or an archive. Several members expressed their wish that it be both. Discussion ensued in which it was pointed out that the website is not very user-friendly and could be made more so. Della mentioned that Todd needs help with it. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed directing Todd Berman to work on making the Website both an active site and an archive, and encouraging him to ask for volunteers to help him.

Turning to the Listserve, there was a discussion of how we decide who can be a member. At present, members of the Luxmanor, Windemere, and Oaks communities are eligible and selected outsiders (e.g., Emily Mintz) (how does this happen?). It was decided that the committee would meet over the summer to come up with a list of specific rules for the Listserve that can be published and enforced.

**Environment.** Chair Nathalie Valette-Silver was not present.

**Greensheet.** A June issue of the Greensheet will be published, with information about the upcoming softball game. Paula said that she misses the Garden Tips, and it was decided to ask Gail Klein if she will provide them in the future.

**Membership.** Chair Marilyn Hammerman did not make a formal report.

**Neighborhood Reps.** Chair Peggy Souza sent an email prior to the meeting saying that a new neighborhood rep from Neilwood, Susan Olson, has been signed up.

**Planning & Development.** Della will meet next week with the county Parks & Planning folks to hear about their plans for the Josiah Henson cabin. The house next door to the cabin property has been purchased by Parks & Planning to make into a parking lot for handicapped visitors and tour buses. Other visitors will be expected to park in the lots at the Swim Center. Since we must protect neighboring properties from disturbances due to the opening of the historic site, we must monitor the situation carefully.

**Public Safety.** Della reported that John Beamer will continue as Public Safety Chair. He has significant experience, and will also liaison with the police to obtain enforcement in the community. We are on the list to be given traffic cameras, and it was suggested that we try to get them sooner rather than later.

**Schools.** It was reported that there will be students in the holding Middle School at Tilden and Marcliff for 3 more years, after which renovation will begin. In 2015 the Luxmanor community will again be assigned to this school. At that time, Woodward will become a high school holding school.

**Special Events.** Judy Abramson reported that the softball game is organized, with 14 family participants confirmed. LCA will provide desserts, and drinks and grills will be provided. Lots of cheerleaders are needed. A discussion about advertising the event ensued, with a suggestion that the signs that were made up for the garden tour be recycled for this event.

Judy wants to give gift certificates to those who have organized the special events this year. There was considerable discussion, with some members very much in favor of this and others very much against, feeling that it sets a bad precedent for volunteers. A motion was finally made to give Judy the discretion to use remaining money in the special events budget to buy gifts for the Chairs of the Special Events. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Traffic.** Chair Renee Howell did not present a formal report, given all of the discussion at the beginning of the meeting.

**Welcome Committee.** Chair Beverly Piccone was not present.

**Board Retreat.** Della asked for vacation plans of all present, as she wants to schedule a casual Board Retreat at her home sometime this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Submitted by Joan Suwalsky, Recording Secretary