

## **DRAFT**

### **LCNA Membership Meeting February 17, 2019**

#### **Board Attendees:**

Jay Brim, President

Kate Slaughter, Vice President

Rachel Jackson, Secretary

Doug Hooks, Treasurer

Area Reps: Claude Smith, Deb Castro & Scott Sproat

#### **Secretary's Report**

- Quorum was met with 31 members; 125 households joined/renewed to date
- Approval of prior meeting minutes (12/9/2018); motion to approve was seconded. The membership voted to approve the minutes.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Approval of 2019 budget: Explanation and discussion of the current year's budget. The membership voted to approve the budget.

#### **Vice President's Report**

- Events update: Kate wants to help increase membership via events. On February 24 there will be an Open House at 1719 Ben Crenshaw Way, 1-4pm. The whole neighborhood is invited. On April 20, another event is planned for the neighborhood: easter egg hunt & party at Boulder Trail Park 10am-1pm.

#### **Special Topics**

**(hosted by the President)**

- Presentation by the Speed Mitigation Working Group (SMWG): "Vote to Support Radar Signs" (all Lost Creek residents are welcome to vote on this topic): Barbara Szalay & Richard Elton presenting; introduced all board members of the SMWG. Anyone in Lost Creek is welcome to attend their meetings. They were started in 2018 in response to traffic and speed concerns

in the neighborhood. They presented survey results of 150 Lost Creek residents that favor a tiered mitigation approach. Digital Speed Display Devices (DSDD) have been installed, as well as no truck signs. They have seen increased enforcement since the signs were installed. Various discussion of the timing and placement of the DSDD. Motion: Move to support the longer retention of the DSDD radar signs; seconded.

- Discussion: The signs were approved on Nov. 9, 2019 by the city; installed prior to a neighborhood vote. No notice was given to homeowners, but SMWG was also not aware of their exact placement in advance. Scott Sproat read a letter from the Gerault family at 1503 Lost Creek Blvd about the signs that demands the sign in their yard be removed due to their child's health condition. Madeleine Connor said there are multiple Limited District Directors in attendance tonight (Leah Stewart, Megan Marrs, Chris Vetromile and Andy Bitner). They also didn't know where the signs would be placed, and anyone can participate in the SMWG. The group didn't make the placement decisions but anyone is welcome to lobby the city, etc. Doug Hooks is not in support of putting them in anyone's front yard that doesn't want them, but does want some type of speed mitigation. Initial data has not yet been analyzed to determine if they are working. Andy Bitner: Can the signs be taken down right now if we ask? Yes, the COA does have the power. Marc Stephenson: Since we don't have data yet, is it premature to vote on this? Doug Hooks: motion to amend: Move to support temporary radar signs, provided the resident's property and adjacent properties approve them.
- Motion to table; seconded. 26 for; 8 against.
- Motion that the board of the LCNA be authorized to communicate with the city for the purpose of requesting that the radar signs currently in the homes that object to their presence be relocated to properties that will accept them. Carla Doyne; seconded.
- Madeleine Connor proposed a friendly amendment changing removed to relocated. Patrick Conover seconded. Discussion around whether the current signs are temporary or permanent. The amendment was adopted.

- Leah Stewart proposed a friendly amendment: Direction to the board to communicate with the city vs. just a rep of the LCNA. And for the sign in the Gerault's yard to be removed ASAP. The motion passes.
- Neighborhood security: Consider spending up to \$25,000 from the LCNA reserves on security measures to be determined: Address these issues with a variety of programs; patrols, cameras, etc.
- Discussion around whether it's really true that there's been an increase in the amount of crime in Lost Creek? Some members would like to see statistics before voting.
- Jay Brim: Nothing will be spent until we have a plan in place but the members only meet every 3-4 months. The board will approve actions to be taken with the funds approved and report back to the members.
- Discussion was heard both for and against around the potential ongoing costs of maintaining any proposed security measures. A member said they are in favor of the LCNA being the neighborhood group who works on this, as opposed to the Limited District.
- Motion: Consider spending up to \$25,000 from the LCNA reserves on security measures to be determined; motion was seconded. 35 in favor; the motion passes.

### **Information Items**

- Marshall Tract Update: The city wants them to do something to their site plan so they are trying to meet the requirements; not currently asking for variances. The development will be 63 homes that will adjoin Lost Creek Blvd. It's unknown whether the development will be part of the Limited District.
- Stratus Development Update: Claude Smith is chairing this committee. The big concern is traffic/cut through. The Stratus developer wants it to be gated at both ends, which would benefit Lost Creek. If Stratus gets backed into a corner with the city, they may go with the original plan which is a public road. We need to get Paige Ellis involved. The LCNA has a committee working with the Limited District committee on this topic.

- Civic Involvement Committee: LCNA recognizes the important work that the LCCO did while it was formed; Jim Lear volunteered to head this committee.
- Membership Directory: It's been 2 years since the last one. We will talk to Marc Stephenson about how we might do the next one.

### **Topics from the Floor**

Jim Lear: Proposed that the LCNA consider creating a 501c3. The Austin Neighborhood Coalition has talked about this and made resources available if there is interest.

Meeting Adjourned