

MINUTES

LENA

Date | time 4/12/2017 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Angela Jenkins

In Attendance

Angela Jenkins (President), Sara Strehlow (Secretary), Ashley Bergeron (Member at Large). Steve McCarthy (Treasurer), Erika Beckman (Member At large) Nancy Saulsbury (Rutabaga), Alex Gagnon, David Guzine, David Ahrens.

Approval of Minutes

Send out March meeting minutes again for review, some members missed the e-mail and did not have time to review.

Invited Guests

Nancy Saulsbury and team- Rutabaga

Target to open at Olbrich Park Location is May 20th, 7 days a week, through Labor Day. Staffing will come from local High Schools kids and teachers. Hired a full-time summer manager, with lots of experience. Will be renting both sit down kayaks, stand up paddleboards and fishing kayaks, no canoes due to the wind and shallow bay. Will be doing hourly rentals at the Olbrich location and are moving to an online reservation (open next week). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Some days may be too windy or bad weather and then they may close early for the day. May get a horn for sudden weather changes, at current location they call cell phones. Rescues call 911. Also, can rent rack space for personal boats, which won't block the beautiful views. Launch space and racks will be on the south-east side sand of the building. Will be launching from shore not a dock. They plan on having Adult paddle lessons and full moon paddle events. Alcohol is prohibited on their watercraft and they will have trained staff that can monitor for signs of intoxication or trying to smuggle alcohol on the watercraft. They city will not be expanding the parking lot, encourage folks to bike or walk. Building is currently in remodel, outside painting, bathroom to meet ADA, power wash, build some structures. Rutabaga and the Beer Garden is responsible for the upkeep and shared cost of the bathrooms, garbage, and weed removal.

LENA is interested in having a group activity with Rutabaga. Up to 20 people at Olbrich, could get additional boats from the other location for larger groups. The sooner we can get them a date the better, already filling up. June 10th 10 a.m.-noon tentatively.

Potential discount for frequent customers or LENA members? Rutabaga is open to ideas, contact them with any ideas.

Interested in advertising and writing articles for our upcoming newsletter, will review our sponsorship levels.

Old Business

Upcoming Events

- Earth Day

- Steve contacted city about Mulch, will drop off mulch at Quaker Park, and Lake Edge flower bed. Questions remain about mulch underneath trees on other end of Lake Edge Park.
- Lots of sticks, but not too much garbage.
- Plant Exchange
 - Canceled due to concerns about Jumping Worms
- Bar Crawl
 - May 20th 6 p.m.
- Garage Sale
 - Ashley will create a page and sign-up sheet on the website.
 - Partnering with Glendale
- Garden Walk
 - Meghan is not up for every year event, maybe every other year. Is anyone else available to host?
- Summer Picnic
 - July 16, or 23. Steve will check with Pavilion availability.
- Fall Fest
 - Oct 21st More pumpkin carving activities
- Raking Fest
 - Nov 4th or 11th more Raker's needed, gas powered leaf blower, need a trailer to haul shredder.
- Pizza Party
 - Jan 28th is reserved

New Business

Sennett Upham Woods Scholarship

- \$108 Scholarship approved

Spring Printed Newsletter

- Bill primary, Erika back-up.
- Draft out by next 4/21/17
- David will write an Article update about Pinney Library
- Hoping Rutabaga will contribute

Presidents Report

Networking

Angela and Sara will go to EXPOtential tomorrow at 4 p.m. to network at Harley Davidson. Increase sponsorship.

New MPD

Kevin Dunnington, Angela sent a welcome e-mail and invited him to our LENA meetings. Perhaps mention him in the newsletter.

New Police Captain Tom Snyder

Neighborhood Crime Police Reports and Building Code Infractions

Comes out quarterly, organized by address for the entire city, most of them are small infractions. Angela ran a query on Crime Reports 29 were in Lake Edge: 2 Larson, 5 Beggarly, 4 Disorderly conduct, 3 DUIs, 1 Drug, 2 Vandals, 1 Assault simple, 9 other

BB gun vandals may be back.

LENA Fun Facts

Formed in 1981 membership was \$3

Next by-law update in 1999 membership increased to \$5

2006 membership fee increased to \$10

Bylaws were rewritten in 2015 but fees did not increase.

We are due for an increase, important to have enough households to vote.

Need to drive up membership, discussed discounts for LENA members at local businesses, more socialization events. Discussed small fee for events, members get discount.

Treasurer's Report

No income

Alders Report

Cottage Grove Activity Center Meeting #2

Poor attendance (14 people) too small to collect the data they wanted to. They had different designs and configurations for buildings with clickers to survey the crowd. They were all just ideas, nothing is official, still gathering input.

In this newsletter we will include a survey to get more input on these building designs.

Cottage Grove Street Remodel

During planning of the Cottage Grove street remodel, they promised shrubs and greenery in the medians. They filled the middle in with gravel.

LENA will write a letter to Rob Phillips City Engineer about greenery.

Pinney Library/Rooster Corners updates

No new news, LENA will reach out to RDC for more information on development.

Next Meeting

5/10/2017 7:00 PM, Pinney Library

Adjourned 8:56 p.m.