

Meeting Minutes

Lee Road Safe Neighborhood Community Meeting

Meeting Started: 11 October 2016 – 7:09PM	Location: Edgewater Branch Library
Facilitator: Tom Rowell, President	Number Attendees: 21 (estimate)
Special Guests: Carlos Durden, Presenter	Minutes Author: Frank Gould
Treasurer's Report – Not presented.	Meeting Minutes – Not presented.

Meeting Instantiation

Because the meeting start was delayed due to the agenda not being delivered, Tom Rowell called the meeting to order about 9 minutes past 7PM. To fill time, Tom requested Frank Gould give the attendees an overview of the LRSN county-sponsored website changes. Frank explained the site now has a revised and updated About Us information on the landing page with historic LRSN documents available in the right column, providing links to the Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Agendas, Action Plan, and Bylaws.

Tom asked Griselda Clarke if the branch library will be available for the November LRSN Community Meeting. Griselda replied that the official elections will be held that same day and their pre-election job will have been completed by the next meeting date, thus it is available.

Orange County Office of Emergency Management Presentation

Carlos Durden informed the attendees he is a retired veteran and has been working for Orange County for two years. He discussed the severity of different Florida storms including hurricanes, tornadoes, and lightning. This was a very interactive presentation with audience questions and answers. Carlos went over many preparation topics, from the county's perspective, to setup shelters based on actual storm directions and severity. He also discussed having personal belongings and important documents available should evacuation be declared. It is very important for people with special needs to be registered in advance so the county can make sure they are contacted during any emergency situation.

After Carlos finished his presentation, he announced that he was going to have a raffle to give away some storm preparation equipment: 5 Weather Radio Receivers and 10 Zip-Pouch First Aid Kits. He then told the audience that because of the time, he would just set them on the table for the audience to take, as they need. Everyone was elated for the kind and useful gifts from Orange County, and all thanked Carlos for the presents and presentation.

New Business

Tom announced that Robin Trumbo has graciously accepted the position of the Nominations Chairperson for the committee to oversee the Board of Directors election setup. Cristina Pichardo-Cruz handed out copies of the Nomination Process documentation. Robin gave the attendees her email address and requested that as the preferred method of contact, or she can take calls on her personal phone which she offered as well. Anyone interested in a board position or recommendations can contact her using these methods. Lori added that people can also send nominations to Cristina (contact information on the LRSN website) who will provide to Robin for final processing.

Tom also reported that Alberta has transferred off the LRSN area for the crime prevention officer and will be replaced with Christi Vest who is currently handling a critical needs family member.

Cristina reported the new fiscal year has started and all members need to turn in project forms for this year. Members should consider action plan goals to procure products and services with the year's funding. They are working on the LRSN 501(c)(3) process with the attorneys. All NNO funding for hand-outs (like glow-sticks, helmets, etc.) need to be purchased months in advance to place bulk orders. These all need to be submitted as soon as possible, starting now. Cristina also reported the newsletter will be distributed on schedule this month.

Frank asked if there is a way to increase the participation on Nextdoor and Nic Butler said he has addresses for everyone from the site to send physical postcards for invitations. He added that he has already sent over 50 of these postcards so far. Lori said their neighborhood used it quite effectively during hurricane issues to inform other neighbors what stores still had emergency products available, who has power or not, and local reporting on where the power repair trucks are working to restore power.

Cristina said they have used groups out on the east side of Orlando where they group multiple neighborhoods together. Lori added that there were some initial setup mistakes that are confusing because they didn't define the right boundaries for certain neighborhoods. For instance, one of their Nextdoor Leads is not even in Kingswood Manor and they have had some trolls who cause issues and use profanity online. Her Leads don't police this very well and they need a way to improve the experience.

Nic said there are reporting mechanisms in the Nextdoor app that will handle this if you know the person who is doing the offense. They must have a Nextdoor account and with a sufficient number reports of abusive use of the site, they will block the user. The Leads have the ability to look at the conversations and determine if they have violated the terms. Users are not allowed to curse or bash people for any reason. The Lead can delete lines or whole posts and if it gets too bad, the Lead can block the person from using the web app.

Lori asked what to do if the Lead is not doing well, is there a way to report them. Nic said yes, it is like a customer support to send a contact us email on the Nextdoor. They will act on behalf of the users reporting the problem. He added that if someone flags another person, the Lead knows who submitted the flag and will take appropriate action.

Old Business

Ben Shaddrick, National Night Out (NNO) Chairperson, informed the attendees he attended the Pine Castle NNO on 4 October. They had two grills to cook and serve food, several vendor booths setup, and about 30 middle school kids who attended with their parents and kids wore the same shirts. The organizers had clearly visible signs advertising the event at the YMCA from the road. Ben said Cristina had been an important person that night as she fitted the kids with bike helmets; however, he said he saw no kid's games.

Lori suggested Ben book Cristina now for next year's LRSN NNO. Ben said he needs as many people as possible to volunteer and Lori suggested passing around a sign-up sheet. He said it will be the first Tuesday in October 2017 and they should begin serious planning starting after the holidays this year. Ben agreed and said they need to get food donations or money to fund any entertainment or shows. Cristina said she had provided Ben with an example letter and form that had been used in the past.

Frank mentioned that he had included an advertisement soliciting volunteers for the 2017 NNO event in the upcoming LRSN Newsletter. Ben asked Cristina if he can get a copy of the business addresses to solicit donations in the LRSN area and she confirmed she can provide that. Lori suggested that Trish is fabulous for keeping track of everything and getting ideas from a network of people.

Next Meeting	Location	Topics
8 November 2016	Edgewater Branch Library 5049 Edgewater Drive	Presentation: I4 Ultimate Improvement Project Nominations Report
Meeting Adjourned: 8:29PM All Agenda Action Items completed.		

Author's Note: Frank Gould volunteered to write these meeting minutes in the absence of the LRSN Board Secretary during the 11 October meeting. These minutes are paraphrased remarks by presenters and do not necessarily appear in timeline order. This information is therefore an account with due transparency but not legal or binding representation of any attendee or guest.