

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board

Luxmanor Citizen's Association

Monday, January 4, 2016

WELCOMING AND OPENING REMARKS: President Abbe Milstein convened the meeting and offered condolences from the Board to Steve Miller on the death of his wife, Marie-Claire;

Said the December LCA minutes and Barry's Treasury report would be sent out later this month;

Introduced Oaks resident, Burman Berger, a CPA specializing in taxes, who will assist LCA with this year's tax filing so that the Association remains in good standing with the state; and,

The Board and guests introduced themselves.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: Chair Lis Herer reported that the ListServ will no longer have business postings but that nominal fee advertising will be available in the newly launched e-magazine, LuxLines; and,

Advertisers are getting very good feedback from their ads.

Abbe added that many problems still exist with the Yahoo platform – it has been continuously hacked and has failed multiple times;

She is looking for solutions to move us to another platform; and,

Other considered platforms have very restrictive rules about postings.

COLOCATION: Chair, Rebecca Rudich:

The final Feasibility Study meeting for the colocated schools will be on Wed, Jan 6, 2016;

Rebecca and Abbe are in the process of writing a memo from the LCA Board to be given to the architect for the new schools. The memo will address the community's concerns about the environment, traffic, the school itself, and the process. The memo will be distributed to members of the MCPS, the County Council and the Board of Education so that they will be aware of the tremendous impact to our community; and,

Abbe is trying to get a traffic/engineer study funded by LCA but it is difficult to locate a local professional because of problems of conflict of interest, etc. She is contacting out-of-state/area professionals about conducting an independent assessment of traffic, etc.

ROADS & TRAFFIC: Chair, Jon Simon introduced Ingo Mayr, a resident of Luxmanor, who is concerned about the cut-through traffic problem on Lux Lane on the south side of Tuckerman Lane. Drivers are using short-cuts through the area in order to avoid the light at Tuckerman and Old Georgetown Road and are endangering children who wait for the school buses;

Jon will investigate the use of restrictive signs for the area and is looking into establishing a traffic task force; and,

There has been a demand for sidewalks on Marcliff Road from Tuckerman Lane to Cushman Road and residents in that specific area will be asked for their opinion in order to form a consensus before the Association moves forward toward a solution.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Chair, Sheri Weiss reported that there has been selective enforcement of speeding cars throughout the community;

Urged everyone to write down license plate numbers, times and places of the infractions, and report speeders to the police so that violators and trouble spots are identified. She urged homeowners to ask for an in-person interview so that the report is given a higher priority; and,

Hiring a private police presence for the neighborhood will be discussed at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.