

## LPVCA General Meeting May 13, 2021

Officers present: Charletra Sharp-President, Janice Hall-Vice President, Becky Nisttahuz-Interim Treasurer, Barbara Martinez-Secretary and Ernie Martinez-North Mainsail Street Captain. The meeting came to order at 6:35pm. Thirteen members were in attendance along with guest speaker Detective Russell Evans of the Arlington Police Department. A quorum was met to have the meeting.

Charletra Sharp opened the meeting introducing Detective Russell Evans. Detective Evans talked about the recent car break-ins occurring in Lakeport Village (LPV) and surrounding areas. He stated there is an increase in crime due to the easy on and off access of Highway 360 into the neighborhood. Strangers are coming into the neighborhood late at night or very early in the morning and checking car door handles. The latest break-ins occurred on Lighthouse. Suspects drove a dark gray four door Toyota Corolla. There were three or four males whose ages range between eighteen and twenty years old. They would walk through the neighborhood checking door handles between the times of 2:00am to 4:00am. They prefer to steal during the weekdays and when it is raining making it difficult to hear them. One car was stolen. Detective Evans thinks it is a particular group not from this neighborhood responsible for the robberies. He has leads taken from Ring cameras' recordings.

It is imperative to thwart off thieves by locking your automobiles, take valuables inside, take your remote garage door opener if your car is parked outside and don't leave any valuables inside your car. Detective Evans encourages residents to have cameras, exterior motion lights and bright outdoor lighting to deter thieves. If you have any video of suspicious criminal activity call Detective Evans directly. His phone number is (817) 459-6361 and his email is [Russell.evans@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Russell.evans@arlingtontx.gov). His hours are 6:00am to 3:00pm. Leave a message or email if needing to reach him after hours. If witnessing suspicious activity call 911 and report it as "suspicious activity". If witnessing a crime in progress call 911 immediately. There are police patrols happening in the neighborhood due to the increase of break-ins.

Detective Evans thanked the board for inviting him to speak. He was impressed about the care and concern we as participants have for each other and for the neighborhood. Detective Evans was thanked for his service.

Charletra Sharp had board members and participants introduce themselves after Detective Evans spoke. Barbara Martinez read the minutes from the September 15, 2020 Virtual General Meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Becky Nisttahuz and seconded by Ernie Martinez. Minutes were approved.

Becky Nisttahuz provided the financial report. Beginning balance for LPVCA is \$2,802.10. Year to date deposits were \$3,440.00. Total income is \$6,242.10. Expenses year to date were \$2,642.10. Year to date bank balance is \$3,599.47. These expenses include electric, water, postage, landscaping and mowing of common areas, sprinkler repair, printing supplies, projects, and website management. Letters will be sent out in June asking Lakeport Village Community (LPVC) residents to donate to Lakeport Village Community Association (LPVCA) to cover these neighborhood expenses.

Charletra Sharp discussed the application for City of Arlington neighborhood grants. She presented projects the grant monies had been utilized in the past. Past projects were painting light poles, purchase of street toppers and the construction of the marquee at the entrance of Camaby and New York. The marquee in the median at Highway 360 and Port Phillip has a Go Fund Me page. Currently there has been \$300.00 donated to assist with rebuilding the marquee. Total to rebuild the marquee is approximately \$9,000. Unfortunately there was no information obtained of the driver who hit the marquee. LPVCA was unable to get the driver's insurance



information to assist with paying for the marquee. It appears that a grant will be needed to assist with financing reconstruction of the marquee. Applications for neighborhood grants are due in November. This is the fourth time the marquee has been destroyed. Suggestions to prevent this from happening again are placing boulders around the marquee or having a camera in the median to monitor any destruction of neighborhood property.

Another grant proposal is a beautification project. This entails having Texas native heat tolerant plants and park bench in the "no man's land" located at South Mainsail Lane and native plants in the flower bed located at the entryway of Camaby and New York. In 2020, Charletra contacted Arlington Urban Design provided by University of Texas of Arlington students who can provide a landscape concept for heat tolerant zero watering plants. Pictures were provided of the types of plants that could be planted. The grant application is expected to be due in November 2021 for available awards in 2022.

Other items discussed were residents needing to be aware of children playing in the streets. Cars have been observed speeding through the neighborhood. It was suggested to have speed humps placed on Lighthouse and Mainsail. Historically, it was required to have 70% or 182 residents to sign a petition for the speed humps that were placed on Port Phillip.

Residents were provided with information about the "Ask Arlington" app. This app can be used to report anything that is not in accordance with code compliance. If a street light is out that too should be reported on the "Ask Arlington" app. All residents are encouraged to be familiar with this app.

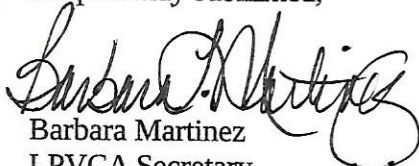
Election of LPVCA members was conducted. Newly appointed officers are President-Charletra Sharp, Vice-President-Rebecca Nisttahuz, Treasurer-Janice Hall, Secretary-Casey Williams, Member at Large-Norma Zaldivar.

Raffles were given after the election of officers. Winners were Casey Williams-Target \$25.00 gift card, Norma Zaldivar-Amazon \$25.00 gift card, Gilbert Mangual-Starbuck's \$5.00 gift card, Peter Kirundu-Starbuck's \$5.00 gift card and Natalie Kirundu-Starbuck's \$5.00 gift card.

The next general meeting is tentatively set to be an outdoor meeting at "No Man's Land" on Tuesday August 17, 2021 at 6:30pm. Topics to be discussed are National Night Out and grant information.

Janice Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky Nisttahuz seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara Martinez  
LPVCA Secretary