

**BELKNAP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
October 10, 2012**

**Present:**

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| Tim Mayer    | Jim Augustus    | Amy Yuda     | Debra Hemsley  |
| J D Franklin | Tom Duncan      | Nick Hart    | Lee Dunham     |
| Amber Wait   | Ann Hager       | Jay Ferguson | Kevin Mumphrey |
| Eric McElroy | Jonathan Raymon | Ted Zaragoza | Carlos Rul-Lan |

**7:02 Call to Order – Welcome and Introductions**

- Nick Hart was introduced as a new board member
- Eric McElroy, who is on BOD, welcomed him back to the monthly meetings
- Mr. Ryan, Kroger Manager, is present to discuss the noise level issue
- Minutes approved from September meeting

**ACTION: Motion to accept meeting minutes by Eric McElroy seconded by Amber Wait and passed by unanimous vote.**

**TREASURER REPORT – Jonathan Raymond presented the Treasurer's Report**

- Bank balance of \$31,290.55 at the end of Sept.
- Balance sheet shows substantial decrease but this is expected with a lot of recent expenditures related to the Fall Festival
- Changes in September resulted from booth fees, sponsorships, expenses for the Fall Festival
- A couple of neighborhood memberships came in during the month totaling \$100
- Fall Festival actual expenses vs. budget are under overall

**ACTION: Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Lee Dunham, and seconded by Eric McElroy and passed by unanimous vote.**

**PRESIDENT REPORT – Tim Mayer**

- In September, newsletters were delivered by Lee and team
- Fall Festival starts this Friday night and Amy has done a tremendous job
  - We have committed to the businesses near the Fall Festival area (FedEx, Tues. Morning) that we will reserve some parking spaces for them. Please avoid parking in this lot.
  - Amy has already contacted all vendors to inform them to park across the street
  - Amy needs volunteers on Sat evening and for setup and teardown
  - Amy also needs a couple of people for Fall Festival parking patrol – pay is \$10/hr
  - Tim asked the board to talk to residents and ask what is on their mind while we are at the Fall Festival
  - After the Fall Festival, we can concentrate on other efforts like Tree Planting
  - Office Mumphrey is going to be at the Fall Festival during initial street closure to help manage traffic

**POLICE REPORT - Officer Kevin Mumphrey**

- Overall activity has decreased from last month
- One burglary occurred since last month

- A couple of thefts – one involving the 1900 Wrocklage block where the subject was captured and stolen items recovered and the other involved a Kroger customer leaving her purse on cart and had her checkbook, credit cards, etc stolen from purse
- No vandalism was reported

#### **METRO COUNCIL REPORT – Terra Long from Councilman Tom Owens office**

- Traffic is their #1 complaint and speeding is a major issue in Highlands
- Week in the Highlands has kicked off
- CycLOUVia is the day after the Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 2 to 6 p.m.
- Farmington is on Sunday as well
- Next Talk with Tom is October 27<sup>th</sup> @ Starbucks on Bardstown & Highlands
- Operation Bright Side helpers – to help clean up Bardstown
- Friday- Halloween Parade (6:30-7pm) same time as the Fall Festival
- In 1996, the City redid the Douglass Loop but LGE never billed the city and now they have sent a bill and it will be paid this year and built into next year's budget
- Amber asked about the repaving on Trevilian way from Dundee to Bardstown Rd – Terra mentioned that it has been a 3 yr process and should be done mid to late October
- Terra's email where neighbors with any concerns can reach her: [Terra.long@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Terra.long@louisvilleky.gov)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Kroger Discussion: neighbors concern about excessive noise**
  - Mr. Ryan was invited to the meeting to raise awareness of the issue and increase knowledge of neighbors and Kroger's side
  - Tim provided some background on the issue
    - Issue raised in Spring (April) by a neighbor, Debra, Neighbor, who brought a house behind Kroger (on Lakeside Dr.) and she had concerns on the noise level from the generators attached to the delivery trucks during early hours of the morning
    - Debra began to keep the logs and shared them with Tim, Councilman Tom Owens and the City
    - Enforcement resides with the City and the City has spoken to Kroger locally and regionally
  - Debra discussed her concerns
    - Back in March, she has started calling Kroger and nothing got resolved so the issue has escalated to the City level as the noise level is deafening and generally goes on all night long
    - She along with other neighbors that live nearby Kroger have the same concerns
    - City has reported the noise level is in violation of city code and working with Kroger management to resolve this
  - Mr. Ryan discussed at length the Kroger operations and the different types of daily deliveries and their schedule
    - There is a delivery in the evening b/w 5-7pm with canned goods, cereal and frozen foods; the delivery comes on a truck that has a refrigerator unit and the

unit should be turned off by 10-11pm. There may be delays sometimes when an employee is out or sick.

- Next delivery comes in early AM with meat, produce, dairy items – it used to be delivered at 2-3am in morning but Kroger has made a concentrated efforts to get the deliveries now between the 5-7am window.
  - Debra asked if Kroger can put up a sound barrier but there is a area that is protected woodlands and not sure what can be put there (Mr. Ryan said that he would be willing to explore that option)
  - Binding element of the woodlands – something we need to look into if the neighborhood can get a natural barrier to the noise
- Tree planning – Ann is taking Lead to organize efforts
    - Ann discussed the research she has done around tree planning efforts (how to get trees how to identify who wants the trees, cost of trees, etc)
    - Some options to get trees - Arbor Day, which is the end of April, does a tree give away but maybe too far away and need to do something this fall.
    - Canopy Trees Louisville, KY study – 27% canopy and need 40%
    - Ann met with Mike Hayman – he was amazed at the number of trees we do not have and there are some dead and declining trees
    - Mike Hayman's suggestion was to designate an area of Belknap that we could start with first for planting trees for the biggest impact
    - Area suggested to start with: area around the Douglass Loop - 1<sup>st</sup> block of Harvard and turning the block to Blvd Napoleon and back up Yale
    - Tree advisory Commission – Mike Hayman is on the commission and this is something Mayor Fischer has just started
    - Initial plan is to decide on the targeted area and decide how much of the tree cost will come out of the BNA funds - cost of a tree is \$225
    - Volunteers to help Ann with the tree planning efforts: Tim Mayer, Ted Zaragoza, Nick Hart, Lee Dunham, and Carlos Rullan.
  - Guest speaker (Thomas Patteson) - Supporter of Judge Maze, who is currently running for election to a full term on the Court of Appeals, spoke to ask for support for Judge Maze
    - Elections are first Tuesday in November
    - Judge Maze will be at the Fall Festival on Saturday

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jigisha Shroff

Secretary

Belknap Neighborhood Association