

# Friendly Hills East All Members Meeting

Saturday August 26, 2023

President Julie Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. 17 members were present. A severe storm with downed trees on the previous day likely prevented others from attending.

- Treasurer Brandie Underwood presented the financial report for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Income from dues and interest was \$17,945, expenses were \$11,223, leaving a profit of \$6,721, with a balance of \$24,290 in the bank.

Uncollected dues and late fees from 5 homeowners who each owe more than \$200 amount to \$2150, while 13 homeowners who each owe less than \$200 amount to \$1600, for a total of \$3,750 still owed to the association. The board has agreed to look into legal action against the owners who owe more than \$200. As always, the financial statement will be posted on our website.

- Our new Facebook page was announced. Search for **Friendly Hills East Neighborhood**. (Note that there are several other 'Friendly Hills' entries besides ours.) You will be asked to submit your address to keep the site related to only neighborhood residents. Please feel free to post items of interest to the neighborhood.
- Before leaving office, our previous Metro Council representative, James Peden, allocated money for 6 LMPD license plate reader cameras, one of which was dedicated to our neighborhood at no cost to us. LMPD wants to position it behind the brick entranceway sign at Smyrna and Michael Ray. These are intended to help cut down on stolen cars and license plates, as well as possibly other crimes in the area.
- Julie Miller gave an update on the house on Applegate: While the EPA has found some mercury residue on the driveway, which is being remediated, Metro Government is still waiting for their suggestions for getting rid of any dangerous materials. If anyone wishes to see a video of the August 7<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting, a link can be found at [www.facebook.com/loumetrotv/videos](https://www.facebook.com/loumetrotv/videos), and look through the entries for 'Highview Community Meeting August 7, 2023'. There is also a related site which contains answers to many of the questions which weren't answered at the meeting as well as information updates since the meeting at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/emergency-services/applegate-safety>.
- Secretary Ron Eisner gave an update on the Burlingame 'Pilots' Crashpad House': In late 2021, the house at 8605 Burlingame Ct. was bought and remodeled for the purpose of renting beds to corporate pilots, who needed to stay in Louisville for a few days while their executive customers attended to business here, for a lower cost than renting a hotel room. Due to our board's and our Metro Councilman's actions bringing this misuse of a single family residence to the notice of the zoning board, the owner was cited in early 2022, but filed for a zoning waiver and continued in operation. Due to a less than optimistic research opinion at the zoning hearing in May, his lawyer retracted that request and filed a request for a Conditional Use Permit, for the house to be designated as a 'Boarding House', within a single family residence zoned area, even though the actual use of the house does not fit the definition of a boarding house.

A neighborhood meeting to show a PowerPoint 'sales pitch' presentation and answer questions was held at the end of June for property owners near the site of the house. Our board members as well as the board of Friendly Hills Sections 3 & 5 were present. It became obvious that none of the residents present were in favor of the Conditional Use Permit. Both of our boards signed a letter to the zoning board stating our issues with granting the waiver, and our Metro Council Representative, Jeff Hudson, said that he would also be sending the zoning board a letter saying that neither he nor his constituents approve of this use of the house. A zoning board meeting on the request has not been scheduled, but is expected to be held sometime in September.

- We also received a response from our Metro Council legislative aide on a question about door-to-door solicitation. He told us that the County Attorney had told him that the 'No Solicitation' signs posted at each of our neighborhood entrances "don't mean much legally". The sign must be on each individual's property. Religious or political door-to-door solicitation is considered free speech, so only commercial solicitation is regulated.

Each salesperson should identify the company that they represent, and be able to show you their license from Metro Government. If they can't do that, they should be asked to leave. Part of the license agreement states that salespeople must not enter any property posted as 'No Trespassing' or 'No Solicitors', and must leave the property immediately when requested to do so. If the person refuses to leave, call Metrosafe Dispatch at 574-7111. If it is not happening at the moment, you can call MetroCall at 574-5000 and they will lodge a complaint against the company which will show up when they try to renew their license. Solicitation is only allowed between 9:00 AM and one half hour before sunset on weekdays and Saturdays.

- Vice President Brian Underwood gave several updates on coming activities: Our next curbside junk pickup date for Republic Services customers is on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. We are still trying to get dates for next year.
- The schedule of quarterly FHENA board meetings for the coming year is Jan 9, 2024, April 9, July 9, and Oct. 8. Anyone with questions or concerns can send them in via email to [info@fhena.org](mailto:info@fhena.org) or using the form on the website.
- We have scheduled a neighborhood yard sale for Sept. 30, 2023. Please feel free to join in!
- Several issues were brought to our attention, including a report of rats in the back yards between the houses on Timmy Lane and Smyrna Pky. Metro 311 was called 3 weeks ago, but hasn't appeared to respond. Letters will be sent to the houses in question and we will try to find more information from Metro. Several other houses were brought to the board's attention for having junk in the yard or repairs which haven't been completed for months.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.