

Dixieland Neighborhood Association (DNA) Meeting January 21, 2014

Location: New Beginnings Baptist Church 404 W. Belmar St.

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM with the introduction of attendees.

Suzie Alvarez from the LPD gave a report on the neighborhood crime statistics. She gave a reminder to keep items out of sight in your cars, especially when going shopping or to the gym. If you must leave items of value in your car put them in the trunk out of sight.

LPD hotline to report drug activity 863-834-2549. 2 drug houses were recently shutdown.

Karen Moore gave the treasury report.

Bill Haskell gave the CRA Board report. Hillcrest Coffee is working to open soon. A craft beer parlor may be opening up next to Reececliff's. Waller is making use of a landscape grant to improve plantings outside their business buildings. FL Ave is being studied by FDOT for the traffic flow. 24k cars a day pass between Pine and Ariana.

The date for the 3rd Annual Dixieland Spring Art Fest was announced as April 12th.

The business spotlight was a no show.

Jeff Wood from the City of Lakeland came and discussed solid waste issues. He mentioned to make sure that no food waste or plastic grocery bags be put in the recycling bins. The City is holding a contest for kids to design wraps for the recycle trucks to celebrate Earth Day.

He said that the cost to provide alley pickup for recycling would be significantly more than the current cost to pickup curbside. He stressed that it isn't fair to other Lakeland residents to have the cost of what he considers a premium service to be spread out to all residents. If the cost were to be charged only to customers receiving the alley service, it would be roughly \$5 more a month per household. But the City seems unwilling to offer this as an option.

If a household does not want the recycle bin they can ask that it be picked up by the City, but they will still be charged for the service.

For further info or to get in touch with The City of Lakeland Solid waste their customer service phone number is (863) 834-8773.

The meeting wrapped up around 7:30 PM.