

Dixieland Neighborhood Association (DNA) Meeting on April 18th, 2017

Location: 730 S. Florida ave. 21 Members were present along with 2 LPD officers, and 1 guest from Code Enforcement.

Meeting started at 6:40 PM.

Angie Ellis presented a brief summary of criminal activity in our neighborhood which included 1 graffiti on W. Highland ST, 1 vehicle burglary, 1 residential burglary, 1 stolen vehicle, and 2 suspicious persons. She reminded residents that the LPD non-emergency phone is 863-834-6966.

Barbara presented a quick summary of the DNA finances which included \$7381.13 ending balance. The Spring Art Festival had an approximate cost of \$2117.27, and the income from the Art Festival was an approximate \$2185. She will update us on the cost of the Art Festival next month once more expenses have come through.

Mary Smith introduced Code Enforcement Supervisor Jim Dehne. He answered several resident questions regarding how code enforcement operates in Lakeland. They are continually working with 63 Lake Hunter Dr to get the property cleaned-up. He reminded residents that as we are in a historic district, we need permits for almost everything except painting.

They also cited Florida Presbyterian Homes (FPH) for neglecting the house on stilts located on S. New York AVE between W. Highland ST and Cannon ST. FPH currently does not have any short-term plans for the house on stilts. If residents are interested on the house on stilts, Jim encouraged residents to attend the Code Enforcement Hearing on May 5th at 9:00 AM at City Hall. Jim also said that had the city adopted a Landlord registration, it would have helped him tremendously. It would have allowed him to easily contact landlords when a problem arises with their property. The last proposed Landlord Registration would also not have added any expense to code-abiding Landlords.

The meeting ended at 7:40 PM.