

Larchmont–Edgewater Civic League

Meeting: Fall 2006, October 19, 2006, 7:30 – 8:30pm

Attendance (approximate): 39

Location: Larchmont United Methodist Church

Civic League website: <http://www.larchmontedgewater.org/>

Synopsis of Meeting:

- Announcements from Dave O’Dell:
 - New ordinances from City concerning environmental issues such as: homeowner is responsible for maintaining the city right of way adjoining property with respect to removing waste, cutting grass, etc; do not put grass clipping, leaves, or other debris into the storm sewer; do not put hazardous waste such as oil or antifreeze into the storm sewer. Summons or fine may result.
 - Crime. Statistics are in the civic league newsletter. Reminder: it is against the law to jog in the street.
 - Trash and recycle cans, lawn debris or bags should not be put out until Wednesday night after 5pm for Thursday pick-up. Cans must be off the street by Thursday night and must be stored behind the front face of the house.
 - Terry Whibley in attendance.
 - Next meeting. Potential for ODU to update us on their master plan.
 - Tot Lot. City having difficulties obtaining the property.
 - Agenda:
 - Larchmont Field Improvements. Laurie Chapman, chair. Denise Fisher, presenter.
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 - Ariel map presented.
 - Several meetings held to discuss ideas. A dozen or more people in attendance.
 - Top items include: Perimeter walkway; pier for canoes and kayaks; lighting for sports field on north side.
 - City previously proposed similar pier for canoes/kayaks at library site. This may be a good alternative location. No power boats.
 - Propose that lighting would be dark sky friendly. Consider light pollution.
 - Other ideas include: distance markers on walk; incorporation of condo and ODU area walks; seating area; update trash containers; fountain or water play feature; fire pit; small gathering space; reconfigure tennis courts; fencing upgrades; marking of sports field; upgrading recreation building and restrooms including exterior; signs for hours and rules.
 - Answers to questions from the audience:
 - Condos installing a walkway around the site. Portions around the water may be wooden and pier-like due to lack of space. Other portions will be ergonomic material on ground. This walk was part of original agreement with the neighborhood and is open to the public. Would like to see incorporation of Larchmont Field walkway into condo walk.

- Pier. City would decide what would be built with respect to floating pier design, materials, etc.
 - Small section of ODU parking lot is rented to WHRO. Ten spaces at the end are labeled for Park&Rec use. Historically car traffic has not been an issue. Will continue contact with WHRO, Larchmont Elem, ODU, etc. with respect to parking, usage, etc.
 - Unknown if the high rise parking garage previously in this parking area is still part of the ODU master plan.
 - Pier area. Don't know if the City would pay for dredging of area due to water level at low tide.
 - Skateboard park is not proposed for this area.
 - Committee is only recommending a wish list of improvements. City will be responsible for cost estimate, design, and construction. Amount of available funds unknown.
 - Additional ideas welcome. Committee will meet again. Then revamp plan. Present final plan to civic league. Civic league will then vote. President of civic league to take to City only if passing vote by civic league.
 - Thanks to all that have worked on the committee.
 - Audience invited to come to the front to look at map, propose additional ideas, etc.
- Dave O'Dell - opens floor for additional announcements or questions.
 - Introduction of Kim Phillips as the new Parks and Rec Chair.
 - Question on issue before Council on parking on/near Bolling and condos. In keeping with city code? Wants more green space. Wants change from parking on both sides of street to one side. Dave to contract city.
 - Hosting of ODU foreign students at the holidays was a big success last year and looking for volunteers to host this year. Date to be put on the civic league website.
 - Thanks received from the 3 public schools (Larchmont Elem, Blair, Maury) on \$250 donation per school from the civic league. Used to buy needed supplies.
 - Saint Patrick's Catholic School is now open. Equally important to support them since they are directly in our neighborhood.
 - **Motion** from Dave: Donation of \$250 to St Patrick's Catholic School (part of neighborhood and other 3 public schools in neighborhood given donation of \$250 this year). Second. Vote: Many for, One opposed (verbal). **Approved.**
 - Newsletter. Volunteers are needed to deliver the civic league newsletter. Not all areas are covered. Delivery is normally two weeks before the meeting.
 - Maury Booster's are selling citrus fruit again. Brochures at the front.
- Meeting adjourned.
- Notes by Vickie Jones.