

APPROVED

Lehigh Acres Street Lighting Advisory Board meeting minutes
September 10, 2010
Veteran's Park Recreation Center
1:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Jackson.

Committee members in attendance were Chairman Rex Jackson, Edd Weiner, Debra Shuman, and Donna DeBerry. Paula Cambarato was excused. Joann Ellis was not in attendance. Guests present were Cutty Collier, Steve Baker, David Wagley and Olga Marsh, who was there to submit an application and observe the workings of the advisory board.

Cutty Collier asked about a charge of \$10 per month and if that was what the cost of a light was. Berry answered and discussion ensued that this was a power cost charged by the utility company when the homeowner requests a security light from the power company.

Steve Baker asked the question about Builders Club of Kiwanis participating in banner displays. It was answered by chair Jackson stating that it was a liability and the committee has a contractor that schedules this.

David Wagley thanked the committee for their efforts and asked if the process has changed, Jackson answered that process had not changed at this point.

DeBerry acknowledged David request via email for install. 2819 40th St. SW
Minutes were read and had 1 correction for correct spelling of a guests name was noted and motion to approve with correction by Weiner was made and seconded by Shuman.

No meeting in August, but for July chairman Jackson received 30 applications and 30 met the guidelines for approval and 4 were declined because they did not meet the specifications.

Weiner stated New Life Assembly presented an application for the new church. Application information was discussed. Weiner drove to the church to see the area. FPL is the service provider for the area. Weiner stated the Leonard Blvd.

area because it is in the Lehigh Community Initiative Area and the plan calls for a special fixture. The committee thought it was a good idea to invite the requester to the next meeting to discuss. Application on hold until discussion at the next meeting.

For the August period there were 30 apps submitted, 28 approved, 2 declined.

Weiner is working on maps to scale for understanding where light fixtures currently exist, also for tier map to be included on the application to better focus on the Tier areas to focus on.

Banner schedule was discussed, and Jackson stated the contractor was willing to reduce or possibly donate the labor for changing them out. Jackson will do a count of arms and banners up. Donna reminded the committee that the contractor was charging \$2000 for 3 installs annually. Chairman Jackson will discuss and get a proposal for next meeting.

Jackson stated six applications for Dixie Ave. were submitted and discussion prompted the committee to decide the installation of one light on each end of the street and one in the center of the street to accommodate all the homeowners for a reduction in applications submitted to 25 approved, 2 declined.

Discussion ensued regarding the mapped grid of where the committee feels would best focus efforts in the tier areas. Weiner stated he did a draft of the planned areas with a light on each end of the street and one in the center and a second option with two lights in between the end lights. Committee discussed there may be a cost factor involved in this idea depending on whether there is a transformer.

DeBerry reminded the committee that the lights are leased and any lights that are existing and are moved, this would not affect the lease and the district would still be responsible for the lease period cost and moving a light may effect this.

Weiner decided to redo the grid and focus lighting on one side of the street.

DeBerry will submit Weiner's proposal to the power company engineers for cost breakdown.

Guest Baker asked the question since this is paid for by taxpayers why can't we consider using solar. DeBerry stated that all fixtures are rented/leased not owned and the county is the sole owner of the leases and responsibility of service and

maintenance comes from the special taxing district of Lehigh Street Lighting District. Since the power company is the only provider of the power at this point in time solar is not an option but may be in the future.

DeBerry also stated that our budget was for 265 lights, 100 for FPL and 175 for LCEC. Because of the incorporation of several areas the tax collectors office has increased the charge to process the paperwork for the additional properties. In an effort to be fiscally responsible the decision was made to reduce the light fixture budget by 10 to cover the additional administrative cost incurred by the tax collectors fee. This brings the final budget to 100 FPL lights and 165 LCEC lights this fiscal year the district has installed 200 lights.

There is a Final Public Hearing on Budget on September 23, 2010 at 5:05 pm at the County Courthouse. At preliminary hearings Commissioner Mann was in support of the proposed budget. The board anticipates the adoption of the proposed budget.

There was discussion among the committee and guests about solar options, cost of lighting per month and the proposed budget meeting.

Weiner stated he met with a representative from DOT and he requested a grid for the tier one area of the Community Initiative and will focus new road resurfacing on the Community Initiative area.

Motion to adjourn by Weiner, seconded by Shuman, meeting adjourned at 2:14pm

Next meeting October 8, 1:00pm at the Veteran's Park Recreation Center

Debra Shuman
Secretary
Lehigh Acres Street Lighting Advisory Board