

Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
3-4pm 7/13/2021  
LPG Clubhouse – Card Room

Present: Sally York, Peggy Marccone, Susan Erickson, Susan Novick, Nancy Simpson

Absent: Paula Union, Walt Smiles, Angela Brenner, Margie Morrow, Deb Lang

The June 8, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

The Las Palmas (LP) and Las Palmas Grand (LPG) NW Information Session was held on June 10 at the LPG Clubhouse in the Ballroom. Over 60 residents attended; half were from LP and half from LPG. The event was videotaped, and the videotape may be edited for posting highlights on [www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch](http://www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch) in the future.

The first LP Street Captain training session was held on 6/21, 9 of 27 attended; the training outline was revised based on feedback received from residents at this session. The LP Street Captain training agenda has been shared with Sally York received for review so that it can be adapted for and used at LPG. The 1-page Neighborhood Watch Resident Record was reviewed and compared to a Street Captain Section Resident List with 8 residents/page, and after discussion, the members present decided that the Street Captain Section Resident List would be more practical to use, with the 1-page Resident Record available to use for residents who want to provide more detailed information. All resident information is kept confidential and used only for NW purposes. Identifying information is the same information available in the LPG Directory.

Scheduling possible dates/times for LPG Street Captain Trainings is still pending for early August. Options of having the training videotaped, and who should do the training were discussed. It was decided that Sally should present a quick and easy training, after simplifying the NW forms, and that videotaping will not be needed. Two dates and times were identified as possible dates for the Street Captain training: Monday August 9 from 3-5pm, or Monday August 16 from 3-5pm, ideally with cookies provided as a refreshment.

Street Captain identification options were discussed: neon green vests which LP will use, and other options. Members present decided that a lanyard that states Las Palmas Grand Neighborhood Watch and name badge would be preferred at LPG. It was also noted that LPG is no longer paying for name badges for new residents; each resident must now request and pay for an LPG name badge if they would like one.

The LPG [Property] Caretaker Communication Tree is another component of the NW program that needs to be developed in the next few months. Sally has received a vacant home map from the LPG Manager, and the LP NW Coordinators also have this information from their manager. A volunteer is still needed to assist with contacting Property Caretakers to create the Caretaker Communication Tree Form with name, unit, phone, email and preferred primary contact method. A list of caretakers will be requested from LPG Management Office (LP has already received this) when we are ready to work on this aspect of the program. This is important, as the LPG management only contacts the legal owner of a residence, and not the caretaker, if any crime or property damage occurs. The Caretaker Communication Tree would alert all Caretakers if any activity occurs that could impact other vacant homes.

Another important component of the NW is resident meetings. Attendance records can be kept for LPG Residents' Association Meetings and monthly Potlucks, which will be submitted to Dawn Blake monthly. Street Captains can organize events for their sections as desired, and we may possibly plan an LPG GAIN (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event in the next year. Street Captain meetings can be held or Street Captains invite to Committee meetings.

Community Awareness: Sally has submitted a Neighborhood Watch article for the August Thesman newspaper, and will submit an article for the LPG Observer newsletter, which has a submission deadline of 8/1. Neighborhood Watch forms

are posted on [www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch](http://www.LPGRA.org/neighborhoodWatch). The members present also recommended posting the Street Captain List at the Mailbox bulletin board (inside the glass), with Street Captain names and unit numbers listed first.

Safety and Security Updates: A NW Communication Log has been started by Sally. Two incidents were reported by Street Captain volunteers in the past month: faulty irrigation system at a snowbird residence, and a found wallet returned to resident. The Spot Crime.com report for 2500 S. Ellsworth listed only an "Other" incident 6/27/21.

New safety and security issues to be addressed with Management by the LPGRA Board include frequent courtesy patrol guard evening absences. It was agreed by members present that pool and facility rules should be put in the LPG Observer newsletter to educate residents, as there have been recent pool rule violations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.