

ETC Membership Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2018

President Ross Holmes opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. with a statement of support and sympathy for those affected by the devastating fire at 404 Southwood Drive. Eleven people were injured and three people died. Ross read the names of Kathleen Baird, Elizabeth Lopez, and Tammy Nelson, then asked for a moment of silence for the women. He reminded those present to be alert to fire safety by checking batteries in smoke detectors and reviewing fire escape plans with family members.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Carol Suzuki reported a balance of \$2,060.70.

Family Resource Center

Donations of supplies to replenish the stock of the Family Resource Center (FRC) at Glencliff High School were accepted at the meeting. Among the many, many services provided by the FRC, food and clothing as well as school and hygiene supplies are made available to students and families. For more information or to donate, neighbors should contact Jill Fox at 615-333-5070, ext. 301.

Little Libraries

Adam Guidry, who teaches Engineering in the Career and Technical Education program at Glencliff High School (GHS), gave an entertaining and lively presentation about the "Little Library" project, the purpose of which is to encourage reading by making free books easily available. Adam commented that in ETC, the libraries will "put books in the hands of kids who are non-native, and don't know they have access to [brick and mortar] libraries." He added that this is especially important since many ETC children will eventually study at GHS.

Three little libraries have been created by students at GHS for ETC. They will be placed at Whitsett Park, Glengarry Elementary School, and on Southwood Drive before March 1.

Neighbors interested in having little libraries posted at or near their homes

should contact Ross directly. Adam encouraged those interested to either reference a catalogue of existing designs or come prepared with their own designs; among other things, this will speed up the building process for GHS students.

Traffic Calming

Ross described two proposals for increasing the number of stop signs in ETC:

1. a petition to be submitted to Metro. He noted that a minimum of 50 signatures is needed to be effective and that the petition was being circulated at the meeting. Supporters were encouraged to sign, others to pass the petition to the person seated next to them.
2. community-purchased stop signs. The cost is \$800 - \$1,200 each.

Village at Glencliff Community Council Update

Matt Thackston presented results of the February 13 Community Council meeting. He noted that construction has been delayed due to weather and rain, and that a substantial amount of dirt must be hauled in before construction may begin. A framer from the neighborhood has been hired to work on the houses and talks with a maintenance company have begun. The case challenging zoning laws relative to development of the Village at Glencliff went to Court on Monday, February 12; a ruling has yet to be made and an appeal is expected.

Transit for Nashville

Miriam Lebowitz with the Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee spoke about the mass transit proposal that will be on the May 1 ballot. Before doing so, however, she confirmed that improvements to Murfreesboro Road should be completed by the end of 2019. Improved pedestrian accessibility and crossings along with new traffic signals are among the projects to be completed.

Miriam began by stating that not only is Nashville rapidly growing, but all nine counties surrounding the city are growing as well. Roads alone will not solve the problems to be created by such an increased number of commuters. Key questions are how to move more people more efficiently, and how to create a cultural shift from cars to mass transit. Let's Move Nashville, the \$8.9 billion plan (including operation and maintenance costs) is the proposed solution:

- approximately 47% of the dedicated cost will be paid for by tourists and commuters living outside of Davidson County
- features of the plan include bus improvements, light rail, and neighborhood transit centers

- convenience and job creation are the anticipated results
- For more information, visit letsmovevashville.com

The plan will appear on the May 1 ballot. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

To identify your voting precinct, visit <http://maps.nashville.gov/pollingplacefinder/>
For information about early voting, visit <https://www.nashville.gov/Election-Commission/Voters/Early-Voting-In-Person.aspx>

ETC By-laws

Ross presented the following motion for a vote:

Suggested changes will be announced at a Quarterly Membership Meeting, after which they will be made available for review on the ETC website. A vote on the changes will be taken at the subsequent Quarterly Membership Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

There are currently two by-laws changes up for consideration. Per the motion above, those changes have been added to the ETC website and copies were also made available on-site at the meeting. Members were encouraged to review the changes and come to the May membership meeting prepared to cast their ballots.

Zoning and Development

Joe Baine Colvert, a local realtor, presented an overview of the residential zoning in ETC.

- Most of the area is zoned RS10 or RS15, which means that one house may be built per lot size of 10,000 or 15,000 square feet.
- The area encompassed by Wimpole Drive (AKA Glencliff Estates) is zoned R15, which allows for two houses per 15,000 square foot lots.

Upcoming Events

- ETC Showcase is held on the *third Tuesday of each month* at Ken's Sushi, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Persons interested in performing or learning more should contact Susan Marshall.
- *March 7* – ETC Steering Committee Meeting; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Ken's Sushi.
- *March 10* – pop-up clean-up. Check the ETC website for details about

time and where to meet, supplies to bring.

- *April 4* – ETC Steering Committee Meeting; 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Ken's Sushi.
- *April 21* – Earth Day clean-up. Check the ETC website for details about time and where to meet, supplies to bring.
- *April 28* – ETC Block Party. Check the ETC website for details.
- *May 20* – ETC Membership Meeting; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Glengarry Elementary School.