

LLPHOA Board Meeting Minutes from 11/07/20

- This meeting was held at Teri Christopher's home and began at 10 am.
 - Board members in attendance: Teri Christopher, Don Day, Heather Greiner, and Lewis Nighswonger.
 - Board members absent: Don Sanz and Henry Boekhoff.
 - Other attendees: Bret Gibbs and Lawrence Usher.
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- The discussion topic for the meeting was the flying of the "Thin Blue Line" flags within LLP. The meeting was a continuance of the discussion on the topic by homeowners who have expressed their views via emails and speeches made during the LLPHOA Annual Meeting held on Nov. 5th, 2020.
 - The board determined that the display of the "Thin Blue Line" flags during various political rallies, or protests marches, voicing distinctive, or alternative, causes did not change, alter, or somehow corrupt the original meaning, or intent, of the message a "Thin Blue Line" flag promotes. The board also agreed that flying the "Thin Blue Line" flag within LLP did not violate the intent of Section III, "Use Restrictions", Paragraph F of the LLPHOA Covenants and will be allowed for the following reasons:
 - 1) The creation and intent of the "Thin Blue Line" Flag is to memorialize the fallen police officers who have died in the line of duty. The intent does not show support for a cause. Furthermore, variations of the "Thin Blue Line" Flag have been created for the purpose of memorializing firefighters, healthcare workers, and military personnel. The variations of the flag include colored stripes in yellow, red, and green. Some flags have combinations, such as, blue and red together.

- 2) First Responders, i.e. police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel, are government employees and here to protect and aid all people in the United States. First Responders are not private organizations demonstrating or promoting support for a cause.
 - 3) Signs were placed in the median at both entrances to LLP thanking and honoring all healthcare workers and first responders for their hard work and sacrifice during the Covid 19 pandemic. In the several months since they were erected, the board has not received a single complaint or negative comment describing them as inappropriate.
- A motion was made by Teri Christopher to vote on allowing the flying or display of any “cause neutral” flag within LLP that honors first responders and healthcare workers. The motion offers further clarification of the original intent, meaning and particularly the future enforcement of the word “cause” as it appears in Section III, “Use Restrictions”, Paragraph F of the LLPHOA Covenants. “No political or “cause related” signage shall be erected on any lot or common areas of the development.”
 - Motion to accept, 1st by Lewis Nighswonger and 2nd by Heather Greiner.
 - Vote was made by the board members present at the meeting.
Board member voting results: Motion approved.
Teri Christopher, yes.
Don Day, yes.
Heather Greiner, yes.
Lewis Nighswonger, yes.
 - Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:38 am. Motion approved, 1st Lewis and 2nd Heather.

