

LAKE BULLARD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 - 11:00 AM
NEW ORLEANS EAST REGIONAL LIBRARY
5641 READ BLVD, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Commissioner	Present
Derrick Francis	Y
Cathy Charbonnet	N
Cora Wharton	Y
Aundra Harris	Y
Richard Walker	Y
Carrie Phillips	N
Mtumishi St. Julien	Y

Other Attendees: Darlene James, Sean Bruno, Bertha Maulet, Rosalind Malter, Lisa Stafford and Roylene Carter (New Orleans Security Service)

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Review of Minutes

IV. President's Report

- Website upgrade has been completed
- Lake Bullard network on the neighborhood mobile app Next Door
- 2016 Family Day recap
- Update on completed landscaping at Lake Forest and Bullard
- Update on Yard of the Month (*YOTM Chairperson*)**
 Guidelines for selecting winners was discussed, and whether or color vs. greenery or use of artificial plants should be considered.
- Update on storage unit closure, cellular phone cancellation and other cost saving measures**
 Items from the storage unit are stored in members' homes, including Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Harris, and Commissioner Charbonnet. District-owned assets should be reviewed and accounted for once per year.
- Update on the Lake Bullard Christmas Security Workshop & Social (*Workshop Chairperson*)

Security Report

Cameras are still needed. There was a recent carjacking at Walmart at 6:30 p.m. Lake Bullard security guards are unarmed, but there is an armed supervisor available every night. There was concern that rates are being paid based on having armed guards. There was concern that a contract might not be in effect, but a security company representative confirmed that there is a contract in effect. There are no bicycle patrols. The contract needs to be reviewed. The general consensus is that security needs to be beefed up, but there is concern about whether there are funds to do it. Taking funds from outreach activities may not make much difference, as there are not a lot of dollars associated with this.

Things to consider: technology, cost, clarity and placement. If cameras are placed on public poles, the City of New Orleans must approve. Who will monitor? If information is used in a crime, the IP address must be reported. NOPD maintains a voluntary registry of cameras so in the event of a crime, they know where footage can be found.

Roylene Carter, Supervisor with New Orleans Security Service addressed concerns about patrols. She said there are two armed supervisors on duty all night, the first from 5 pm – 12 am, and the second from 12 am – 7 am. She said that the Lake Bullard contract doesn't provide for armed security guards. Armed supervisors constantly patrol with about 6 security guards who are covered by 2 supervisors. If an armed perpetrator is found in the area where unarmed guards are patrolling, NOPD is dispatched. Getting armed guards will be \$1.50 more per hour. It may take a while to get armed guards because they have to be hired, trained and get their license. It was stated that security guards' physical presence may be a greater deterrent to crime than their being armed. Some feel that more hours are needed, along with random drug testing. Other deterrents are signs, automobiles and cameras.

Phone numbers for security calls are 504-371-2688 or 504-344-4028. Ms. Carter's cell phone is 504-452-2989 (7989?). Patrols include flashlights, car patrol, building checks on empty houses several times per night, respond to phone calls, foot patrol. Patrols are from 10 pm – 5:30 am. A security committee and signs are needed. Aundra Harris will chair the security committee. Darlene James and Eddie Malter will serve on the security committee. Permission is needed from the City to put signs on light poles. Signs Now can be contacted for price of the cost of a metal, weather proof sign. 311 can be called for what to do.

V. Treasurer's Report and related financial reports

A letter can be sent to violators of code enforcement rules. Complaints can be submitted via website. The password is HomeownerLB.

Motion by Commissioner Harris to accept financial report. Commissioner Wharton seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

VI. Action Items

Approval of newsletter and related distribution

Changes to the newsletter are to add the security number in bold print and add a reference to the NextDoor app. The newsletter should be printed if the cost is within the budgeted amount. The newsletters could be mailed as well, but this would add additional cost. The next newsletter will be issued in September. Residents should send news for inclusion.

Selection of address for Night Out Against Crime

No location selected

Approval to conduct an informal bid for a food vendor for Night Out Against Crime

No vote

New Action Items

1. Review district-owned assets

2. Commissioner Francis will send the security contract out for review.
3. Darlene James will take a photo of the security sign at Jackson & St. Charles.
4. Lisa Stafford will draft letters to code violators.
5. Lisa Stafford will make changes to draft newsletter and send for review.
6. Lisa Stafford will get 3 quotes to print the newsletter

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Any Other Matters

None

IX. Adjournment

1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Stafford

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VI. Discussion Items

VII. Homeowner Comments

VIII. Any Other Matters

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