

**LAKE BULLARD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 - 11:00 AM**  
**Bausey Medical Clinic**  
**8070 Crowder Blvd, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127**  
**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>
Derrick Francis	Y	Richard Walker	Y
Cathy Charbonnet	Y	Carrie Phillips	Y
Cora Wharton	Y	Mtumishi St. Julien	Y
Aundra Harris	Y		

Other Attendees: Lester Maulet, Sean Bruno, Leonard Larkins, Lisa Stafford

**I. Call to Order**

11:11 am

**II. Approval of Agenda**

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Walker. It was seconded by Commissioner Harris.

The Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Review of Minutes**

Minutes from October 2015, November 2015, March 2016, and June 2016 read by commissioners. Modifications to June 2016 minutes noted.

A motion to accept the minutes with modifications was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Wharton. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be posted on the website.

**IV. President's Report**

• **Lake Bullard App**

Commissioner Francis will make a 100% donation of the mobile app to the District. There will be a \$30 monthly hosting fee. The app, which can be downloaded from the App Store, will allow residents to contact security directly, send a photo of violations to the Board, and get information on meetings. The app is free and available to everyone. To use it, open the app, press a button, and you will get the security company. It will also prevent having to go door to door to pass out agendas and other information because it will utilize Push Notifications directly to residents' phones. The French Quarter is the only other New Orleans neighborhood with an app.

Commissioner Walker questioned how we will know how many people go online to get information and if we can reach everyone this way. Also, are people tech-savvy enough to use this?

Commissioner Phillips stated that it won't eliminate the need to go door to door. When asked about the hosting fee, Commissioner Francis said that it won't change. A demo of the app's functionality can be scheduled. Hosting fees will be paid for from the Website budget line item.

Commissioner Harris made a motion to get the Lake Bullard mobile app. Commissioner Walker seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Night Out Against Crime**

A location is needed. Date is October 18, 2016.

Commissioner Phillips made a motion to host the event at Cathy Charbonnet's house. It was seconded by Commissioner Wharton. The motion passed unanimously.

Food vendors are needed also. The committee will select three and present to the Board.

- **Christmas Security Meeting / Social**

A deposit has been made at Crystal Magnolia. We need to find a way to get different people to come out to the party, as the same people go every year. There was some concern that last year's location was outside of the District. Commissioners Phillips and Charbonnet pointed out that the Crystal Magnolia has an onsite kitchen and other locations required more labor and expense. One way to increase attendance might be to give an award to residents of the street with the highest attendance. Board members are encouraged to provide feedback. What do people want to see and do? What is the best time frame? How can we attract younger participants?

- **Halloween**

Commissioner Phillips said that we should take advantage of the large numbers of kids trick or treating to impact young people with something positive, maybe a business card with a positive message, or promotion for Night Out Against Crime. It can have a pumpkin on the other side.

- **YOTM**

Commissioner Walker thanked everyone for their support. Commissioner Francis commended Commissioner Walker on doing a great job. Commissioner Walker would like to get a cap and/or Tshirt for YOTM winners.

- **Community Yard Sale**

Lisa Stafford said that there has been renewed interest in the Lake Bullard Community Yard Sale. Location will be at 5555 Bullard Avenue in October.

Commissioner Charbonnet made a motion to hold the Yard Sale. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Video**

The Lake Bullard video is still in production. Commissioner Francis stated that he wants the video to be of the highest quality. The video will promote all of the East.

Residents who were interviewed either volunteered or were suggested by someone else.

- **Newsletter**

The June 2016 newsletter was distributed throughout the neighborhood, but some streets were missed: Bullard (Commissioner Charbonnet will distribute); Midpoint and Asphodel (Commissioner Francis will distribute).

The September 2016 newsletter will include the Acts of Restrictions again. Residents should send topics for the newsletter.

**V. Security Report**

No incidents were reported.

**VI. Financial Report**

Commissioner St. Julien presented the financial report. Security expenses may go up around the holidays. The proposed annual budget was discussed.

Commissioner Charbonnet made a motion to approve the budget with adjustments. Commissioner Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A formal resolution to present the budget will be made to the City of New Orleans by October 24, 2016.

**VII. Action Items**

- **Review District-Owned Assets**

This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

- **Review Security Contract**

This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

- **View Photo of Security Sign at Jackson & St. Charles**

Lisa Stafford reported that Darlene James said the sign previously mentioned is no longer at this location.

- **View Photos for Two Proposed LED Speed Signs**

Lisa Stafford provided a photo and cost information for the type of sign that can be used. Finding a location and power source would have to be worked out. Commissioner Harris will keep trying to get cameras. Rather than the LED speed sign, we may be able to get fixed speed signs. Speed caps are also an option, but they would be noisy. Speed bumps are another option.

- **Code Violation Letters**

Past letters were not distributed because reported violations were no longer occurring. Lisa Stafford will call Nathanael Scales regarding Garden Doctors commercial vehicles on 11250 Asphodel blocking driveways at other residences and damaging the street.

Lisa Stafford will draft letters to:

- 1) City Councilman James Gray regarding the condition of Lake Forest Blvd and Bullard Ave where S&WB repairs were made;
- 2) Walmart regarding the high grass on the empty lot next to the Walmart store;
- 3) City Department of Parks & Parkways regarding tree limbs that need trimming on Bullard Ave.;
- 4) Bausey Medical to thank them for providing their facilities free of charge for our meeting;
- 5) City of New Orleans regarding speed signs

Commissioner Harris reported that there is a car in the neighborhood that repeatedly parks on the sidewalk. She was directed to take a photo of the car and send it in.

**IX. Public Comment**

None

**X. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be November 19, 2016 at 11 am at the Public Library.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wharton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Stafford