

**Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District
November 21, 2015 11:00 am
New Orleans East Hospital
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 11:22 am

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to add financial report - Commissioner Wharton; Seconded by Commissioner Walker. No discussion. No public comment. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Minutes

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President's Report

- Upgrades to entrance sign at Lake Forest and Bullard are complete. "Deed restricted community" lettering due today.
- A request for speed signs has been made to City of New Orleans
- Discussed future landscaping plans for sign at Lake Forest and Bullard
 - Current junipers may be replaced with spiral junipers, but spirals require more maintenance. Seasonal plants should be added. Donald Bacot can fertilize plants.
- Bandit signs have been virtually eliminated on our side of Bullard
- Discussed Christmas security workshop and social (Save the date, invites, yard of the year)
 - Last payment to Crystal Magnolia will be made today. Prior payments of \$655 on December 17, 2014 and \$600 in April 2015 were made.
 - Will take place December 19, 2015 from 8 pm until midnight. Proposed budget of approximately \$4,750 covers catering, venue, DJ, food, supplies, printing, gift card/trophy (yard of month), door prizes, recognition of past officers, drinks. Homeowner Association pays for alcohol and gift cards.

- All residents will get a Save the Date notice and must RSVP by December 7. Those who RSVP will get up to 4 admit cards. Block Captains are needed to put out notices on the weekend after Thanksgiving.
- Guests will include Sgt. Lane from NOPD, Councilmember Gray, State Representative.
- Nominations are needed for Yard of the Year. Winner will be placed on the website. Considerations are Creativity, Color, Consistency
- Discussed Lake Bullard Newsletter
 - \$.30 - \$.44 per piece to mail. Need to verify. Labels can be printed. Move forward with newsletter. \$140 per quarter. 280 households. Budget \$575 per year.
- Discussed new party hall in neighborhood
 - Located at 5555 Bullard. Property owner Wade Verges and venue operator invited to today's meeting, but did not attend. Neighbors should call in complaints.

Financial Report

Read by Sean Bruno. Handouts provided. Motion to accept financial report by Commissioner Walker. Seconded by Commissioner Wharton. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

1. Considered appropriation of funds for distribution of newsletter
2. Considered 2016 meeting schedule
 - a. March 19, June 11, September 10, November 19
 - b. 11 am at New Orleans East Hospital
 - c. Motion to accept dates by Commissioner Harris. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Lisa Stafford will send electronic copies of restrictions to Commissioner Francis.
4. Lisa Stafford will send electronic copies of bylaws to Commissioner Francis.
5. Lisa Stafford will send electronic copies of taxing district legislation to Commissioner Francis.

Public Comment

- Property on Waverly had overgrown vegetation and a large number of cats. Can send letter from homeowner association.
- Need to find city ordinances related to this.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm