

LAKE BULLARD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 - 11:00 AM
NOE LIBRARY, 5641 READ BLVD., NEW ORLEANS, LA 70127
Meeting Minutes

Commissioner	Present	Commissioner	Present
Derrick Francis	Y	Richard Walker	Y
Bryan Jourdain	Y	Carrie Phillips	Y
Aundra Harris	N	Mtumishi St. Julien	Y

Other Attendees: Sean Bruno, Lisa Stafford

I. Call to Order

President Francis called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner St. Julien. Seconded by Commissioner Jourdain. Agenda approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

June 3, 2017 meeting minutes reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner St. Julien. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. Minutes approved.

IV. President's Report

- Bryan Jourdain has been appointed as the Lake Bullard delegate to the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission meetings. President Francis is unable to attend due his position with the City of New Orleans.
- Councilman Gray's office will provide more information on the Improvement District Assessment Renewal.
- A draft of the Lake Bullard Newsletter was reviewed and will be released as soon as all information is received.

V. Night Out Against Crime

- President Francis asked Lisa Stafford about hosting the event. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker to have the location at 11274 Midpoint Drive on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Jourdain. The motion passed.
- President Francis researched caterers for the event. A motion was made by Commissioner St. Julien to have With A Smile Catering provide food. Seconded by Commissioner Phillips. The motion passed.
- Commissioner St. Julien had previously suggested portable toilets, but in meeting discussion it was decided that there should be no need for this.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- Sean Bruno presented the year-to-date financial report for the period ended August 31, 2017. The District currently has assets of \$116,843, with \$64,229 in assessments and interest have been collected for the same period, and \$33,713 in expenses were paid. The District is on track to have a surplus of approximately \$14,000, which may be used to increase Security patrols.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Jourdain to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Commissioner Walker. The motion passed.

VII. Yard of the Month

- Chairman Richard Walker stated that previous winners of Yard of the Month will be recruited to be on the Committee. At this time, the amount allotted for the calendar year for \$50 gift cards has been used. For next year, a new sign will be purchased. During the Christmas event, a \$100 gift card will be issued to the

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winner of the Yard of the Year. An annotation will be added to the newsletter to state that no decision was made on a winner for the month of July.

VIII. Christmas Security Workshop & Social

- This is the most well attended event of the year, and will be held again at Crystal Magnolia Country Club.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Walker to approve the event budget, using last year's plans as a template. It was seconded by Commissioner Jourdain. The motion passed.

IX. Security Report

Patrols occur from 10:30 pm until 5:30 am. An increase in hours would be beneficial. A bid was released, but only the current security provider placed a bid, so the RFP will be released again. Sean Bruno will check with L&R Security, Levee Board Police and others. If the fee increases, it would provide the means to obtain security cameras and increase patrolling.

X. 2018 Budget for Improvement District

- There are 289 homes in Lake Bullard; however, the fee is not paid by all. Some homes or lots are unoccupied, and in others, the owners refuse to pay. In cases like this, the unpaid fees must be resolved before the home can be sold.
- A motion to approve the budget was made by Commissioner St. Julian. It was seconded by Commissioner Jourdain. The motion passed.

XI. Public Comment

- Linen Night will take place at the Nature Center on September 22.
- East New Orleans Business Development District will work on cutting grass at Bullard & I-10 Service Road. Irrigation and lighting will also be added for corridor signs. Area businesses are being encouraged to take responsibility for upkeep of the signs.
- ENOBDD will take possession of the Christmas decorations that were displayed along Bullard Ave. and Read Blvd. several years ago by then-Councilmember Cynthia Willard-Lewis. Sean Bruno will see how many are available and working.
- Lake Bullard can purchase pole banners with a Christmas theme and "Welcome to Lake Bullard" to go along with the Christmas lights. Research is being done on the cost. There are 24 poles. A lighting ceremony could be held at Bullard & Lake Forest. Other neighborhoods might be interested in purchasing banners also. Lisa Stafford will contact neighboring associations and companies that print banners.
- The donation boxes along Bullard should be removed. They often overflow and people are using them for trash bins. They are located on private property, which limits how much action the city can take.
- There are two light poles down on Bullard. The city collects insurance proceeds from accidents that destroy city property, but the funds go into the city's general fund, so the lights haven't been replaced. This is a safety concern.
- Some security concerns: Tires were stolen from a car on Notaway; A car was burglarized on McKendall Place.
- The taxing district fee may be increased to \$350, and the legislation can be changed to make it indefinite, instead of ending every four or eight years.

XII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jourdain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Stafford

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