



Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2019 Emergency Board Meeting
New Orleans East Hospital
5620 Read Blvd
Main Conference Room
11 – 12:30pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 11:10 am by Commissioner Aundra Harris. Commissioners in attendance were 1st Vice President (and Acting President) Aundra Harris, 2nd Vice President Richard Walker, Treasurer Mtumishi St. Julien, Secretary Alton Newton, Commissioner At Large Velma Johnson and Commissioner At Large Bryan Jourdain. Quorum was met. Also in attendance were 11 residents.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January 5, 2019 meeting were read by Lisa Stafford. It was noted that the recorded meeting schedule was modified after the January 5th meeting to add the February 23 Emergency meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bryan Jourdain. The motion was seconded by Velma Johnson. The motion passed.

III. Election of Officers

In accordance with the legislation creating the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District (Act 247 of the 2008 Regular session of the Louisiana State Legislature), the five Lake Bullard Homeowner Association officers automatically become members of the Board of Commissioners in the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District. Two At Large Commissioners are appointed by the Board.

It was determined during the meeting that voting would be conducted by a show of hands instead of by ballot. Nominations of residents in attendance were taken from the floor, and each nominee stated why they were qualified to serve. Richard Walker declined nomination for office.

Elected officers are: President Bryan Jourdain, 1st Vice President Aundra Harris, Secretary Alton Newton and Treasurer Mtumishi St. Julien. Velma Johnson was appointed to an At Large position.

The nominee for 2nd Vice President, James St. Charles, was not in attendance, so that election, as well as appointment of the remaining At Large member will take place at the March 16th meeting.

Officers stated their Addresses for the record:

Bryan Jourdain – 11297 Fernley

Aundra Harris – 5516 Stillwater

Velma Johnson – 5296 Beaver

Mtumishi St. Julien – 5469 Stillwater

Alton Newton – 11225 Notaway

Officers will visit Capital One Bank during the week of February 25, 2019 to change signatory authority on checking and savings accounts, and they will be sworn in at the next meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. Security Patrol RFP

The RFP is due by March 1, 2019. It was advertised in the Times-Picayune at a cost of approximately \$280. The full RFP is available on the Lake Bullard website (www.lakebullard.org). To date, three responses have been received and acknowledged. After the deadline, all responses will be sent to Board members.

A Security / Crime Committee is needed to evaluate the proposals and make a selection. The following attendees expressed interest in serving on the committee, which will be chaired by Aundra Harris: Darlene James, Debra Adams, Sametta Brown, Craig Keys, Iola Graves, and Alton Newton. Committee members are encouraged to attend monthly NONPACC meetings at the NOPD 7th District station at Dwyer & Read on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 pm. Meetings are also held there every Wednesday at 1 pm.

It was suggested that each Board member chair a committee, as was done in the past.

b. Security Cameras

Bryan Jourdain has been fulfilling requests to view footage from Lake Bullard-owned cameras. Night footage is not clear enough to use, and as of recently, none of the cameras are working. There is currently no maintenance agreement in place. The Emergency meeting was needed to put new officers in place to address the situation.

Mtumishi St. Julien gave an update on ProjectNOLA, a nonprofit organization that supplies security cameras throughout the city, which NOPD homicide detectives can obtain footage from. Operations are housed at the University of New Orleans, with individuals monitoring the cameras, which can zoom in and identify vehicles based on distinctive markings like scratches. License plates are not always helpful, because criminals can switch them.

Mtumishi also reported on SafeCamNOLA, and provided a door hanger for those in attendance. A meeting was held at the camera center on Rampart St. at the NOPD 8th District station. Cameras are currently deployed at intersections throughout the city and 911 calls can sync up all cameras to show specific activity based on certain types of vehicles or individuals, for example.

Lake Bullard is not endorsing either of these programs at this time. Representatives of these programs may come to future meetings to give presentations and answer questions.

Residents are encouraged to report all incidents to NOPD so that statistics are accurate. This determines how many resources are directed to our area by the city for fighting crime.

c. 2019 Suggested Meeting Dates:

March 16, 2019

June 22, 2019

September 21, 2019

December 14, 2019

V. New Business

a. Method of notification to residences

Lake Bullard may utilize a text service to notify residents of meetings or emergency situations and provide crime tips. Residents would have to sign up. Research is being done.

It was suggested that magnets could be used; however, they can be costly. Other tools are a booklet provided by CrimeStoppers and use of Block Captains to distribute information.

b. Lake Bullard website

A new website as well as a Facebook page will be set up. The existing website is tied to other websites, preventing Board members from getting access to it. The new website will be accessible by multiple Board members.

VI. Open Forum

A resident asked what the fee increase will provide and it was stated that patrol hours will increase after the RFP is completed, better reporting from the security will be provided, and the number of security cameras will increase from the current eight and be better quality cameras.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Jourdain at 12:41 pm and seconded by Alton Newton. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa G Stafford