

Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2024 Board Meeting New Orleans East Hospital 5620 Read Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Jourdain.

II. Roll Call

• Present: Bryan Jourdain, Velma Johnson, Mtumishi St. Julien, Brenda Hogan, Al Parker, Ira Thomas

• Absent: Aaron Jordan

Quorum met

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December 16, 2023 Minutes was made by Al Parker.

The motion was seconded by Mtumishi St. Julien.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

a. Financial Review

Mtumishi St. Julien explained that the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District is required to have a Certified Public Accountant prepare an end of year summary and send to the State Legislative Auditor.

Sean Bruno, CPA, presented the 2023 Finance Report. Property Tax payments are maintained by the City's Board of Liquidation. Lake Bullard draws down funds as they are needed, with the next draw of \$40,000 to be in March.

The organization is financially healthy. Interest earned is higher this year, and the bulk of the funds are paid for Security. Funds will also be used to replace the missing letters on the Lake Bullard sign. More will be budgeted for utilities.

Proposed tax renewal will be on the 2025 ballot. Meetings will be held to inform residents. Lake Bullard could possible partner with other subdivisions for security coverage.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Velma Johnson.

The motion was seconded by Ira Thomas.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. March Officer Election Update

Each year some positions on the Lake Bullard Board of Commissioners come up for renewal and are voted on by residents. The positions are staggered with different positions voted on each year. This year, the positions held by Bryan Jourdain and Mtumishi St. Julien are up for election. The Board will elect offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from the pool of Commissioners.

Those who wish to be considered for a position should submit their intent on the Lake Bullard website.

c. Security Update

There are still no crime stats on the SEAL website. Please report issues to SEAL and NOPD. Captain DeLarge said only eight incidents were reported in Lake Bullard last year. This was not accurate. The incidents are used to assign resources to Lake Bullard. Leave porch lights on, use solar lights and lock doors to reduce incidents.

V. Open Forum / Q&A Period

James and Pat Simon reported that a lot on Stillwater has detached retainer walls on the water. Andy Nguyen is the owner of the lot. The walkway is sinking. Since it is private property, Lake Bullard is limited in the action it can take.

Another Stillwater lot requires curb maintenance to allow wheelchair access.

Cornerstone United Methodist Church installed several solar panels on Notaway facing homes. The panels are expected to provide temporary power during outages. Residents would like to hear from CUMC leadership to determine how the appearance can be improved.

Last call for 311 tickets to report issues in the neighborhood. Send address and photo. Incidents will be reported as a group.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ira Thomas.

The motion was seconded by Velma Johnson.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.