



**Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 29, 2019, 9:40 am – 11: 35 am**

**New Orleans East Hospital**

**5620 Read Blvd, Main Conference Room**

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Jourdain called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Present: President Bryan Jourdain, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Aundra Harris, Treasurer Mtumishi St. Julien, Commissioner At-Large Alton Newton, Commissioner At-Large Velma Johnson. A quorum was met.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The May 4, 2019 Minutes were read by Ms. Velma Johnson. There being no question, additions or corrections, Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Newton 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Election of New Board Member**

Mr. Jourdain asked that the meeting be suspended to formally open the meeting of the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District in order to elect a new Board Member to function in both capacities as Board member of the Lake Bullard Homeowners Association and the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District.

Ms. Aundra Harris then moved to open the meeting of the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District and Mr. Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Aundra Harris then made a motion to nominate Lake Bullard resident, Patricia Mitchell, to serve as a Board member of the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District. The motion was seconded by Ms. Velma Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Aundra Harris then moved and Ms. Velma Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> a motion to appoint Ms. Patricia Mitchell to the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District. There was a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Mtumishi St. Julien, a notary public, issued the Louisiana State Oath of Office to Ms. Patricia Mitchell. The membership participants of the meeting responded with applause.

#### **IV. Old Business**

**SEAL Security Report** – Sgt. D. Bell gave a report regarding the security patrols. The membership expressed much frustration. There was a robust discussion regarding the effectiveness of private security and/or cameras. It was made clear by several Board members who attend the NOPD Security meetings that the increase of car break-ins is an epidemic all over the city and not just in Lake Bullard. It was also made clear that our residents need to do more to deter crime, especially to keep lights on at night.

Mr. Jourdain stated that the hours of security are limited and the times are kept confidential in order to insure better security. Sgt. Bell stated that SEAL has been using unmarked vehicles in order to increase its effectiveness in catching those persons engaged in criminal activity. Nevertheless, several of the residents stated that they feel uneasy when they see the unmarked car ‘escorting’ them to their homes because they are unsure if the vehicle is really a SEAL vehicle. Mr. Jourdain stated that he will have another conversation with Chief Rowe to determine whether there is another way to make our residents feel more safe when they call for escort services short of marked vehicles.

**Update on installation of Security Cameras** – Mr. St. Julien stated that he had received responses to the Lake Bullard Request for Proposals from the NOPD SafeCam NOLA Program Vendors the previous day. He made a request from the Board to approve taking an additional amount of not to exceed \$7500 from the Lake Bullard reserves to pay for cameras as recommended by the SEAL Group and Commander Dupre of the 7<sup>th</sup> District. After a discussion regarding the positioning and use of cameras as a tool to assist the NOPD and the security service, Mr. St. Julien made the motion to take an additional amount of not to exceed \$7500 from the Lake Bullard reserves to pay for cameras, installation and internet/cloud services. Ms. Velma Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. New Business**

**Replacement of fallen banners** – Mr. St. Julien presented an invoice from NOLA Signshop for the replacement of the 10 fallen Lake Bullard banners. He stated that after a review of the budget and a discussion with the President, he is recommending that we replace five (5) banners this year rather than ten. Mr. Newton then moved and Ms. Johnson seconded a motion to replace five (5) Lake Bullard banners this year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Update on Lake Bullard sign landscaping** – Mr. Jourdain stated that he was disappointed in the maintenance of the Lake Bullard sign and would speak to the contractor, Garden Doctors. He would also look at the contract and review the termination clause to determine what would be an option. Mr. St. Julien stated that he would review the contract and get a copy to him for his review.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Newton moved and Ms. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.