

Meeting Minutes Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District September 21, 2019 Board Meeting New Orleans East Hospital 5620 Read Blvd Main Conference Room 10 am – 11:30 am

I. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am

## II. Roll Call

**Present**: Bryan Jourdain, Mtumishi St. Julien, Alton Newton, Velma Johnson, Brenda Hogan and Al Parker Absent: Aundra Harris, Pat Mitchell

Votes were taken and the new Board Members were sworn in by Mtumishi St. Julien.

- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Old Business
  - a. The agenda was modified to add a presentation by State Senate District 97 Candidate Joseph Bouie.
  - b. SEAL Security Chief Update

The security phone number is (504) 329-8023 and will be added to meeting notices. Hours of patrol are not published.

SEAL reported that Lake Bullard is safe. There are very few crime activities. There was an increase in crime last month, but it went back down after kids returned to school.

A Lake Bullard camera at Stillwater is coming. Door hangers will be distributed with security company information. Notaway and Waverly have lots of bike traffic after dark. In the future residents may be able to report incidents on the SEAL website.

A pie chart was provided showing the number of incidents occurring in Lake Bullad from April 1, 2018 – September 20, 2019.

c. Security Cameras Update

Aundra Harris was chair of the Security Committee and Bryan Jourdain will take over. Any resident with a Lake Bullard-issued camera on their house must sign an agreement with Lake Bullard. Cameras will be distributed based o the recommendation of specialists.

The security agreement was reviewed. The budget can support 15 cameras but this not the maximum allowed. Residents can purchase cameras on their own, even if they are not in a "strategic" location. SafeCam Nola cameras are \$350 for a one time charge. Maintenance for cloud service is \$18 per month, paid once per year. The camera program would cost \$7,500 but next year's budget would have a line item for maintenance only.

## V. New Business

a. Annual Budget Approval

An amount of \$1,000 will be added for cleaning and beautification. Professional services was reduced because attorney fees are not needed. Initially, the Lake Bullard sign was not maintained regularly. It has since been updated. The landscaping company agreed that they were not doing their job, but the Board was unsure how long that was the case. The landscaping company increased the number of flowers to rectify this. An internal control has been added to monitor their activity requiring them to alert the Board of their activity.

A line item for a Welcome Basket for new neighbors may be added, or funds taken from Contingency funds.

Al Parker made a motion to accept the budget with modifications. Brenda Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

b. Night Out Against Crime

This event will be held on October 15, 2019 at 6 pm at 5399 Stillwater. A notice of the event will be sent out. There will be food and visits from first responders and City Council members.

VI. Open Forum (Time limit is two minutes)

The next meeting will have a presentation on ENONAC as well as a schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year. ENONAC is requested a \$5 parcel fee.

Residents may attend the ENONAC Christmas Party. Each table seats 10 people.

Linen Night in the East is September 27, 2019. There will be food, liquor, free entertainment and a free showing at the Planetarium at 6 pm.

A door prize was awarded to Demi St. Charles

VII. Adjournment

Alton Newton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Hogan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.