

**Minutes of
Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting
Jan 31, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by treasurer John Krupsky as President Chris Brantley was away for Army Reserve training. An agenda was distributed, along with proposed designs for an updated Barkley entrance sign.

The invocation was given by Alma Wright. A total of 17 members and guests signed the attendance log. Each person in attendance introduced themselves to the assembly.

Minutes of the July 2015 meeting were read by Rich Bryars, and accepted by the assembly. John then delivered the financial report as of the end of January 2016 with an ending balance of \$4897.07. Most of the expenditures for the period related to membership items, postage and door prizes for the meeting.

Next, community liaison Mary Fontenot gave us updated information on city services, including expected timeframe for straightening some bent signposts, how to get neighborhood watch signs, solicitation rules, drainage, sewerage, and related funding issues for the city. Duke asked Mary to assist with an erosion question for one of his neighbors on Magnolia Chase (recommended solution was a call to Rep. Chandler's office). Aubrey had a question about construction on an existing lot for a member in his district. Mary recommended contacting the permit office. There was also a discussion related to errors in lot numbers versus addresses and potential avenues to correct them. Rodney had a question about drainage maintenance (call and nag them).

The first item of old business was the Barkley Entrance sign – John Krupsky gave us an update on the current status. Suggestions from the floor included an urge for high contrast to improve readability. The desire to make use of the existing 'pillars' while widening the actual sign area was noted, and the need for illumination at night was also discussed. The logistics of - and eligibility for - voting on the matter was also considered.

Next up was a discussion of 'neighborhood watch,' 'children at play,' and 'no solicitation' signs. It was decided to purchase three of the first and second items along with whatever posts may be needed, but the matter of the third was ultimately left unresolved and deferred to the board.

Pending sewerage projects in the area were briefly discussed.

It was announced that the board would draft letters to the owners of poorly maintained homes, and Andrew Eames commented on one of those homes, owned by someone who does not actually live in the area, and reference was made to the nationwide nature of this problem. Andrew provided the board with a preliminary draft letter about that particular dwelling. Mary updated the assembly on matters which rise to level where the city can provide some assistance with getting the issues resolved.

In the 'New business' category, there was discussion of neighborhood social activities, a neighborhood garage sale or 'synchronized' garage sales. Also mentioned was the possibility of more frequent newsletters, as well as an 'email option' to help reduce costs of production. Other topics included the possibility of a Facebook page, the need or benefit of an informal survey. Mary mentioned the possibility of using a service called nextdoor.com (a web based bulletin board) which sounded worthy of investigation. Survey Monkey was also mentioned. The need to re-commission the 'maintenance committee' was also brought up.

We ended the meeting by distributing door prizes.

The date of the next General meeting was announced as July 31st, 2016 and the meeting was adjourned.