

# Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting January 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order with Ralph McMahon presiding. Rodney Young delivered an invocation. The meeting agenda was distributed, and the meetings business began with a reading of the minutes for the meeting from the previous July.

After the reading of the minutes, Ralph gave a brief update regarding the condition of area street signs and problems which had been addressed in the months since the previous meeting.

Next up was the Treasurer's report, delivered by Treasurer John Krupsky. During the second half of 2016, \$250 dollars in dues were collected and expenditures amounted to \$468.38, leaving a balance as of January 29<sup>th</sup> of \$4,718.10.

Following the reading of the report, there was a discussion of membership and district rep signs and a description of the district layout for the benefit of those not familiar with it,

Next, the meeting's attendees introduced themselves.

Ralph then introduced Mary Fontenot, who clarified her new position with DPW rather than the mayor's office, doing essentially the same thing as previously. Mary offered suggestions on membership stickers based on her own neighborhood's experience – stickers to be applied to the home rather than a separate sign, and deprecating solicitation. Various yard conditions (high grass, untended pools, etc.) were discussed. Mary also described the creation of the 'blight court' which enables a process to correct situations of untended lawns and other broken ordinances by means of a fine attached to the tax assessment.

The next item of business discussed was nominations for officers for the upcoming year, specifically:

- President
- Vice President
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Treasurer
- 1, 3, 5, & 7 District Reps

The floor was opened for nominations (Mary suggested elections by lottery) and at the request of one of the members present, descriptions of the duties of each office were read aloud. John offered to take the President position if someone would take on his Treasurer duties. Sou Hayes offered to take up the Corresponding Secretary position. Rich Bryars (R.S.), Vincent Randolph (D1), Larry Hudson (D3), Ralph McMahon (D5), and Duke Rivet (D7) agreed to remain in their current positions.

An update on the Neighborhood signage was delivered by Rodney with additional input from John and others, followed by discussion of options for brightening the Barkley entrance sign and lighting for the same, as well as the pending sign project for Siegen Village.

Ralph reported on letters sent to owners of neglected properties. Sou reported on issues she had with a neighbor's tree damaging a fence on her property and expressed interest in help or advice with correcting the situation. Another tree-related issue on the same property was discussed, and various options were discussed. Other blighted properties were discussed, as well as the nature of deed restrictions and the possibility of updating the same, as through 'redeveloping' the subdivision.

The sewage project was briefly discussed, and the willingness of the library to allow us to collect dues was announced. John briefly described nextdoor.com and its use as area based social media, and Mary described a few of its features as well. Larry enquired about the possibility of getting a sign at Barkley and Perkins saying, 'Do Not Block Intersection.' Mary mentioned that a request for a traffic study to that end could be helpful.

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Street lights and trash pickup were also briefly discussed.

The meeting ended with drawings for the four gift card door prizes.

The date of the next general meeting was set for July 30, 2017.