

# Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

January 26, 2020

The meeting was held at the Bluebonnet branch of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library and began at 3:00 p.m. Rodney Young delivered the invocation. Association President John Krupsky presided.

Mr. Stephen Carville, Manager of Government & Municipal Affairs for Republic Services, was guest speaker. Mr. Carville “talked trash” with us for about fifteen minutes, covering topics from spring being the service’s ‘busy season’ to which items recycle and which do not. He provided advice on how to dispose of various non-standard items and fielded many questions from the floor. He directed us to the 311 service as the primary way in which to address needs and complaints regarding the trash & recycling services. He noted also that Mr. Krupsky has his contact information in case we have any more profound issues to address.

Following Mr. Carville’s presentation, all present introduced themselves to the group for the benefit of new and prospective members and guests who may have been present. Nineteen introductions were made in all.

Rich Bryars then presented the minutes of the previous meeting from July 2019. The minutes were accepted as read. Copies of the financial report were distributed and discussed, John leading the discussion and reviewing a summary sheet outlining where the money goes. After that review, there was a discussion of the cost of the newsletter, which represents more than ten percent of the budget. Then the financial report was accepted into the record.

Next up were reports from the district representatives. John Krupsky reported for district 2, as Aubrey Jones was unable to attend the meeting. Concerns included speeding in the neighborhood, noise, and streetlight repair. Duke Rivet reported on District 7, noting that they had decorated the Magnolia Chase sign with a garland for Christmas, after seeing the decoration Larry Hudson had done on the Barkley entrance sign. He also hinted at a desire to standardize the mailboxes in the neighborhood. District 6 member Robin Clark posed questions about the value of membership (What does BANA do? Why fifty dollars? Why aren’t more households in District 6 members?) A lively discussion then took place on these topics. Robin suggested that perhaps a document describing the benefits of BANA membership could be helpful. There also arose a discussion of the Siegen Village entrance sign project, with Duke Rivet presenting the information he had garnered on that topic. That in turn led to a discussion of an effort to rezone the empty lot on Siegen Lane – an effort which the planning and zoning commission rejected. No other districts offered any reports.

John then reported on the results of the traffic calming study. In short, our neighborhood did not qualify based on the results. The EBR Parish Sherriff’s office nonetheless encourages us to note the time and place of any speeding incidents and report them.

A short discussion followed regarding the collapsing house on King James, and we were reminded that the property is scheduled for demolition.

In new business, John brought up a bylaws issue regarding how long a person can hold office in the association, and whether an amendment is called for. After a bit of discussion, it was decided to add a qualifying “if possible” to resolve the issue. A vote was conducted (all affirmative,) and section seventeen of the bylaws were thus amended.

Rodney Young then volunteered to be Treasurer for a one-year term. He was elected by unanimous acclaim.

Larry brought up the need to take care of the landscaping issue at the main entrance sign, and this was discussed, with a decision to resolve it at the next Executive Board meeting.

There followed some discussion of the “St. George” situation and possible annexation of areas, and the requirements to do so. Potential strategies to proceed were examined.

The final matter undertaken was door prizes (Alma, MaryAnn, Anise, and Robin won.) The date of the next meeting was announced and then the meeting was adjourned.