

# Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

July 25, 2021

The meeting was conducted via Zoom, with an official start time of 3:00 p.m. President John Krupsky hosted the meeting. Attendees included Aubrey Jones, Ralph McMahan, Luzma Leder, Andrew Eames, Mary Fontenot, Duke Rivet, Rodney Young, Sou Hayes, Vincent Randolph, Mary Ann Krupsky, Larry Hudson and Rich Bryars.

John opened the meeting, introducing Ralph McMahan who delivered the invocation. Rich Bryars read the minutes for the January 2021 meeting, which were accepted by a vote of the attendees. The treasurer's report was deferred since our treasurer had been out of town for a while. The need to schedule an audit was noted.

John followed up with a discussion of drainage and flooding issues, and the plan to meet with our council representative, Mr. Gaudet. He passed along information that Mary Fontenot shared with us, that twenty million dollars under the America Rescue Act has been allocated to drainage issues in East Baton Rouge Parish. He noted that more than 2700 homes were damaged in the May 17 flood. Mary suggested that if we have some indicative photos of the event, we might pass them along to the Councilman Gaudet as well as Fred Raiford (DPW) before meeting with them about the situation. Vincent discussed some of his issues in regard to the flood, and the unsatisfactory response to it. John then reported that 29 homes in Windermere flooded on May 17, and the neighborhood is just competing a petition with regard to the drainage situation, with more than 100 signatures. Mentioned in that petition's requests are maintenance to remove obstructions on both sides of Perkins from the ditch between Barkley Drive and Tom Stokes.

News from District Representatives (in addition to the flooding matter, which continued to dominate discussion) included information on radar signs (see [radarsign.com](http://radarsign.com)) from Aubrey. It was decided to request a quote to see whether it was a viable option for the neighborhood. Aubrey reported that he had found that they had a low-end price of around \$1900 for such a sign, the benefit being that they would be a permanent feature of the neighborhood. Larry reported a modest amount of new construction (additions or modifications) on White Cross. Duke reported looking into getting a replacement as rep for his district, as he is looking to retire once the sign project has finally paid for. No firm candidate yet, though. There was also some brief discussion of signage for Siegen Village. Sou reported requesting a quote on landscaping for the entrances but does not yet have the results of that request.

In new business, Larry enquired of Mary about the removal of political signs after elections as well as business advertisement signage. Mary indicated that although the politicians are supposed to remove signage after an election, it seldom occurs. Since anything placed in the right of way is considered 'litter' though, we would be within our rights to remove it ourselves.

Next up was elections – on the schedule for this term are all officers plus the odd numbered district representatives. Many of the officers expressed a preference for being replaced, but none had replacements available, and most agreed to continue serving as needed. Duke did express his intention to retire as district 7 representative at the end of 2021.

After that, after a bit of random discussion, the meeting was brought to an end. Next meeting was projected to be on January 30, 2022.