

Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

February 27, 2022

The meeting was conducted at the Bluebonnet Branch of the EBR Public Library, with an official start time of 3:00 p.m. President John Krupsky hosted the meeting. Eighteen members and guests attended and signed in on the official log.

John opened the meeting. Ralph McMahon gave us an invocation. Next the officers, members and guests introduced themselves.

Rich Bryars then read the minutes from the previous meeting (July 25, 2021, over Zoom) which were then officially accepted. These minutes and other relevant documents are available at barkleyplace.org.

Since Rodney Young, our treasurer, was unavailable for this meeting, John Krupsky presented the most recent financial report, covering items after August 6th, 2021. After questions and discussion, the treasurer's report was accepted into the record.

Next up were reports from the district representatives. Vincent Randolph had no new matters to report from District 1. Aubrey Jones reported that speeding remains an issue in the neighborhood. A lively discussion followed regarding mitigation strategies such as speed bumps. Larry Hudson of District 3 was not in attendance but had communicated to John that there were no outstanding issues to report from his district. Sou Hayes of District 4 reported on a house going up for sale on her street. Ralph McMahon of District 5 commented on how to know which district you are in. Lorraine Woods of District 6 was not able to attend the meeting, and District 7 is currently unrepresented.

President John Krupsky then gave a report on the meeting with City-Parish Councilman Gaudet and DOTD Director Fred Raiford, where they discussed drainage issues and significant weather events. Additional information is posted on the website.

In Old Business, items discussed were Landscaping at the subdivision entrance signs (to be further addressed by the board), the Siegen Village subdivision signs (pending input from the district and requested quotes), Blighted homes and strategies for dealing with the situation, parking issues such as illegal parking on the street (time limit of 9 hours between 6:00 am and the following 6:00 am).

In New Business, John reported on traffic congestion and parking issues related to Dunham Stadium high school football games, and how we might address and mitigate the situation. We also brought up the District 7 representation issue, and the elections scheduled for July 2022.

We then opened the floor for additional discussion. Tommie London recommended asking the Advocate to not deliver 'free' papers that are not picked up by residents, thus becoming litter. Jennifer Thomas expressed concern about the lack of lighting at the Barkley Drive entrance to the neighborhood. There was discussion of the history of that situation, as well as the possibility of illumination for the entrance sign. Also there was praise for the newsletter and its editorial team.

Prior to closing, four door prizes were handed out. The winners were Frank Richardson, Vincent Randolph, Melvin Overstreet, and Sou Hayes.

The next meeting was tentatively set for July 31, and the meeting was adjourned.