

Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

January 29, 2023

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. Seventeen (17) members and guests attended and signed in on the official log.

John opened the meeting. Sou Hayes gave the invocation. Officers, members and guests then briefly introduced themselves to the other attendees.

Rich Bryars then read the minutes from the previous meeting (August 7, 2022) which were then officially accepted. These minutes and other relevant documents are available at barkleyplace.org.

Treasurer Rodney Young presented the most recent financial report, covering items from November 30, 2022 through January 29, 2023. After questions and discussion, the treasurer's report was accepted into the record. This report is available on the barkleyplace.org documents page.

Next up were reports from the district representatives. Vincent Randolph was unavailable this meeting, but John Krupsky and Andrew Eames reported briefly on getting street lights repaired in District 1, as well as the arrival of new neighbors, the importance of clearing the drainage canal. President Krupsky submitted a 311 request regarding the ditch on behalf of longtime resident Myrtis Carter. Andrew also reported on a desire for having the entrance sign decorated at Christmas time, and Becky Brown joined in the discussion. Representing District 2, Aubrey Jones reported further on the streetlight problem reporting process, and maintenance of ditches along the street. Larry Hudson had no new matters for District 3, but reported the arrival of a new neighbor across the street from him in District 4 at 1451 White Cross. Sou Hayes reported no new matters for District 4. Ralph McMahon reported a newly arrived (or returned) neighbor in District 5, Richel Turner of 1465 Suffolk Dr. For District 6, member Robin Clark reported on a tree removal, and the parking issue from a truck and trailer on King James near Siegen, and some ditch issues along King James as well. Becky Brown reported for District 7, discussing a process underway to deploy "Children at Play" signs.

President John Krupsky called on Sou Hayes to update us on the quotes she received for landscaping and maintenance for the subdivision entrances. Wide ranging, lively and frank discussions followed with regard to price, value and alternative plans. It was then decided by a majority vote of members present to defer the landscaping decision until after the third entrance sign (Siegen Village) is in place.

John Krupsky reported on a letter he drafted to be sent to Fred Raiford, Director for the Department of Transportation and Drainage (with a copy to our District 3 Metro Council Representative) regarding speeding issues along Barkley drive and King James avenue, and offered a sheet for members to add their signatures before leaving the library. Additionally John drafted a letter asking about progress on the Ward Creek improvement project, and requesting a timeline on the project, which should be underway but seems to be proceeding at an unexpectedly slow pace.

In other business, John updated us on how to report 'newspaper trash' from the Advocate at unoccupied addresses. John also invited responses on whether members would like to receive the newsletter via email rather than by post. Ralph McMahon pointed out that this option is now offered on the membership application form. Luzma pointed out that the meeting announcement postcards now include a QR code which leads to the barkleyplace.org website. There was also a bit of discussion about methods of communicating with members and neighbors.

Prior to closing, four door prizes were handed out. Then the next meeting was tentatively set for July 30, and the meeting was adjourned.