

Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

July 30, 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. Nineteen (19) members and guests attended and signed in on the official log.

John opened the meeting. Ralph McMahon 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 (January 29, 2023) which were then officially accepted with one modification regarding the location of ditch issues. These minutes and other relevant documents are available at barkleyplace.org.

Treasurer Rodney Young presented the most recent financial report, covering items from January 29, 2023 through July 9, 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 reported that things "seem to be pretty quiet" in District 1 at the moment. For District 2, Aubrey Jones reported that a couple of small brown dogs occasionally get free from their home on Barkley, and asked that neighbors keep a general eye out for them. The dogs are not strays, just a bit 'adventurous.' Larry Hudson reported that there were no new issues pertaining to District 3. Sou Hayes likewise reported no new matters for District 4. Ralph McMahon as well reported "no major upsets" occurred in District 5. For District 6, member Robin Clark reported things were generally quiet, and the parking issue from a truck and trailer on King James near Siegen seems to have been dealt with for the moment. Becky Brown reported for District 7, reported that the "Children at Play" sign was still under discussion. She also reported that neighbors in her district, including some new arrivals, were discussing the parameters for 'Trick or Treat' on Halloween.

President John Krupsky launched the discussion of old business, beginning with the Executive Board's conclusion that landscaping and maintenance for the subdivision entrances should be an internal project as opposed to paying a contractor for the work, and to postpone the activity until fall after the weather cools a bit - October seemed to be a likely timeframe. Various comments and suggestions as to details were entertained. The next topic was the sign for the Siegen Village entrance. We have one somewhat old quote available, but John is hoping for one from another vendor. Duke had information on a possible vendor. Next John reported on the letters sent to DOTD (about traffic and about drainage.) No replies have been received, but John did speak to our Councilman's office about it. Although the ditch clearing is listed as pending as part of the overall drainage project, more follow up may be required. With regard to the condition of certain homes in the neighborhood, John provided us with a document prepared by Renée Whitley related to home care and property value. A number of comments and suggestions were made by the members present, and there was considerable discussion. There was a general consensus to determine which house were most in need of attention and then determine the ownership of the same for possible future contact.

In new business, John discussed the possibility of electronic 'bulletins' to supplement the printed newsletters, as well as an 'opt in' option for receiving the newsletters via email instead of by post. A number of related options were discussed. Additionally, there was discussion of the possibility of a block party or like event.

The final bit of business was elections. Officers, as well as representatives for the odd numbered districts, and additionally vacant district 6 were all up for the 2023 election cycle. Robin Clark graciously volunteered to take over as representative for district 6, and all the incumbents for the other positions dutifully agreed to continue in their present role.

Prior to closing, four door prizes were handed out. Then the next meeting was tentatively set for January 28, 2024, and the meeting was adjourned.