

# Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

Feb 2, 2025 (Orig. Scheduled for Jan 26)

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. Twenty members and guests attended our winter meeting and signed the attendance log.

After brief introductions, the first topic discussed was the rezoning request for the 12336 & 12346 Perkins Road properties. The owners were unable to be present at the meeting, but the subject was discussed for a while, and Robin Clark raised concerns that all residents of Barkley should be informed and given an opportunity to give their opinion on the matter. This was generally agreed to. There was also discussion of the logistics of the process of rezoning, which is somewhat confused at present due to the St. George transition and the consequentially blurred lines of authority in the matter.

Next, Rich Bryars read the minutes for the July 2024 meeting, and then the Treasurer's report was presented by Rodney Young. After a brief discussion both reports were accepted into the record. They are both available as PDF files on the documents page of the barkleyplace.org website.

The first topic in old business was the proposed implementation of sidewalks in the neighborhood. John Krupsky updated us on reports from councilman Gaudet, who is waiting on the cost estimate from Fred Raiford before further steps can be taken, such as formally presenting the proposal to the council.

In old business, John brought up the matter of annexing out of St. George. In short, that matter is very much in Limbo until further clarity on the governmental status of our area is achieved by the City Parish, the City of St. George, and the screaming hordes of lawyers and litigants, as well as upcoming elections relating to the situation.

In new business, John brought up a message he received from Lisa Jackson, who wanted her fellow residents to be aware of a problem with people dumping trash into the ditch behind White Chapel Avenue (the east-west drainage ditch between Barkley Place and Oak Hills.) There was some discussion but it was unclear that we knew all the necessary facts to proceed further at this time. John offered to do further checking on the matter. Other items briefly discussed included speed bumps, neighborhood parties, and the banners or flags announcing our meetings.

Next, inquiries were made into the status of the dilapidated property on Barkley drive, and whether there were any developments on what we may be able to do to improve the situation, as it seems to be worse than ever. The discussion was vigorous and varied, but no resolution was achieved.

District reports followed. As Vincent was unable to attend the meeting, there was no report for district 1. For district 2, Aubrey indicated the recently reported trash issues with new construction on his street have been resolved, as well as some streetlight issues that occurred in the time since last meeting. Larry reported no current concerns for district 3. Sou reported on a somewhat odd situation regarding a neighbor with numerous dogs which cause some concern in her district, in particular due to the noise they make. She did not have any other problems to report. Ralph thanked his neighbors for the excellent representation at the meeting, and asked them to report any concerns. Mr. Harrison reported that the culvert under the driveway of the house just south of his is about 50% blocked, and needs attention. John indicated that a 311 call may lead to resolution of that issue. Robin reported that district 6 residents are very pleased with the new sign for their neighborhood. She also reported that keeping the empty lot on Siegen lane properly maintained is a bit of an issue, as the owner is slow in, for instance, cutting the grass. A 311 call was required recently to spur him into action, and further monitoring may be required. Becky Brown reported on activities in district 7, but had no issues needing attention.

Prior to closing, door prizes were handed out. The next meeting general was set for July 27, 2025, and the meeting was adjourned.