Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

January 25, 2026

The meeting was held at the Bluebonnet Branch of the EBR Public Library, which commenced at 3:00 p.m. local time. As president, John Krupsky presided. One dozen members attended the meeting and signed the logbook.

The meeting started with Sou Hayes giving the invocation. Introductions of all those willing to brave the weather and be present followed. Then Rich Bryars read the minutes for the meeting from the previous July. Duke Rivet enquired about the status of addresses in the neighborhood vis-à-vis the City of St. George versus Baton Rouge. A lively discussion ensued. The minutes were then accepted. Next up, treasurer Rodney Young gave his report for the period since the last meeting, and it was accepted into the record.

In Old Business, John pointed out the St. George City Council had approved its share of the funding for the sidewalk project. There was discussion about the need for diligent follow-up, as well the implications of the plan going forward. Next, John reviewed the question of petitions for annexation (into Baton Rouge.) There is no firm answer on this question yet, as many legal questions and hurdles remain. Another bit of old business is the proposed rezoning of the properties along Perkins Road, and this also is quiescent but not officially resolved.

In New Business, the success of Neighbor's Night Out was discussed and celebrated. Special thanks to (at the time, interim) Mayor of the City of St. George, Dustin Yates, for promising to investigate the issue of the blighted property on Barkley Drive. John commented on the process and the need for follow-up on our part. Regarding the Neighbors Night Out, all were in accord that we should continue that event annually. There was also discussion on the opportunity to recruit new members at the event.

The next item of new business concerned the City of St. George Comprehensive Plan Development. John discussed some of the information we received on the plan and the process, and the opportunity for us to provide input on what the objectives should be. More information is available through the official stgeorgela.gov website. John also announced that the proposal for a St. George School District will be on the ballot at the election in May. Becky Brown then proposed that we obtain updated signage for the biannual meetings, as the current ones are difficult to read. And Ralph requested new yard signs for district representatives. After thorough discussion, it was decided to form a committee to look into the matter and follow up on the matter at the next executive board meeting.

In district reports, Aubrey reported on a problem with our lighting for signage which had suffered water damage, which Becky was able to resolve as a warranty replacement, as the lights are supposed to be waterproof. He also reported on the undisposed wood from a tree removal project on Barkley, and other waste disposal issues, as well as his interaction with St. George public services on the matter. For district 3, Larry Hudson reported on dealing with some streetlight issues, and that Entergy is now deploying LED type lights. Duke reported similar deployments in Magnolia Chase. Sou Hayes briefly reported on a property for sale in district 4. Ralph McMahon that there were no real issues in district 5 apart from a log in a ditch which needs removal. The other districts had nothing further to report. There was a brief discussion about the requirement for association officers to be paid up members.

Door prizes were then handed out, and then the next meeting was announced as scheduled for July 26 at the same venue, and the current meeting was then adjourned.