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August 17, 2021

Mr. Randy Stakes
President, Board of Directors
Windermere Property Owners Association
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Dear Mr. Stakes and Windermere Property Owner Association,

I am in receipt of a copy of the petition signed by the homeowners in the Windermere Subdivision expressing concerns about the drainage in your subdivision. Upon receiving the petition, Mayor Broome forwarded it to me as the Transportation and Drainage Director of our City-Parish to look into your three items mentioned in the petition. Upon inspection I have provided a response to the three drainage items.

Item #1

Drainage ditch between Sir Walter Avenue and King Charles Avenue in Barkley Place Subdivision. From my inspection the ditch in question is the ditch in Barkley Place Subdivision that Windermere drainage has a 35-foot right-of-way. The ditch needs to be cleaned of the tree growth and debris within the ditch channel to allow improved drainage conditions. This clean out work will be handled by our Department of Maintenance or contracted out. This request will be considered in the second round of funding under the American Rescue Act.

Item #2

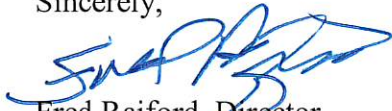
The lateral ditch between Barkley Drive and E. Tom Stokes. The lateral ditch that runs between Barkley Drive and E. Tom Stokes is a ditch that was included in the first round of funding. I have attached maps that show the area that we want cleaned up. This area is from White Chapel Ave. crossing Perkins Road into Oakbrook Drive and into the YMCA site to the ditch running along KCS Railroad next to Siegen Lane which empties into Ward Creek. I have attached maps for your reference. We have met with the Corps of Engineers for all channel work and will need a general permit. We believe this channel will get approval fairly quickly.

Item #3

Cleaning of catch basin area in Windermere Subdivision. As for the cleaning of the catch basins, we did not see much blockage within the basins. We will look at checking the catch basins and storm drain pipe to be sure they are open.

I did notice two catch basin locations (720 Wheatsheat and 730 Troutbeck Drive) have some concrete boxes in them. We will check the basins and the major outfall pipe that drains both filings. That can be done in the next few months. Mayor Broome has asked me to provide you with a report once things get started on the first round. We are hoping to start cleaning the major channels in the next three to four months.

Sincerely,



Fred Raiford, Director

Cc: Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome
Mr. Darryl Gissel, CAO, Office of the Mayor-President
Mr. Kelvin J. Hill, ACAO, Office of the Mayor-President
Mr. Rowdy Gaudet, Councilman, District 3
Mr. Reginal Brumfield, Director, Department of Maintenance
Mr. Shane Nicholas, Drainage Maintenance Manager, Department of Maintenance

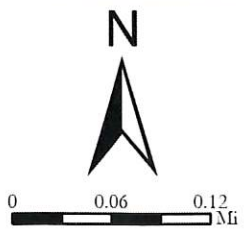


- Legend**
- Drainage Channel
- Clearing Area
- Clay Cut Bayou
 - Dawson Creek
 - North Branch Ward Creek
 - Ward Creek
 - Elbow Bayou
 - Ward Creek Lateral 1
 - Ward Creek Lateral 2



Drainage Channel Clearing

2021



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PETITION OF THE WINDERMERE HOMEOWNERS TO THE MAYOR PRESIDENT AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

ON MAY 17, 2021 TWENTY-NINE HOMES IN THE WINDERMERE SUBDIVISION FLOODED.

The Windermere Property Owners Association has made requests to the city-parish to address drainage concerns since 2006 and on July 9, 2021 the neighborhood board wrote Mayor President Sharon Weston Broome and copied Councilman Rowdy Gaudet and Mr. Fred Raiford requesting the parish government take three specific actions.

By our signatures below we join and endorse these three requests, made on our behalf by the neighborhood association, for the following specific actions to be taken by the parish.

The drainage ditch located between Sir Walter Avenue and King Charles Avenue is about 50% smaller than when the subdivision was built 26 years ago. It is simply unable to handle the rainwater, even from what is considered normal rain events which occur multiple times each year. We ask that this ditch be returned to the original size.

The lateral ditch between Barkley Drive and E. Tom Stokes, which feeds water under Perkins Road on its way to Ward Creek, needs serious attention. The only known work to maintain this ditch which serves four neighborhoods, is that of occasional herbicide spraying. This ditch needs more than a passing application of weed killer.

No property owner can remember our catch basins ever being cleaned. We request the catch basins on these streets be cleaned with suction equipment: Windermere Oaks Court, Wordsworth, Carnforth, Troutbeck, Wheatsheaf, Kentmere and Heversham.

Respectfully Submitted by: