# LAKE BULLARD NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Saturday, January 5, 2019 5:00 pm The Home of Shawishi & Mtumishi St. Julien 5469 Stillwater Drive - New Orleans, LA 70128 MEETING MINUTES

#### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Derrick Francis at 5:15 pm Commissioners in attendance: Derrick Francis, Aundra Harris, Mtumishi St. Julien, Bryan Jourdain, Alton Newton and Richard Walker. Quorum was met.

#### II. President's Address

Derrick announced that he is leaving to take job in Dallas, TX on January 18, 2019. Vice President Aundra Harris will act as President until new officer elections take place.

### III. Security Patrol RFP

The RFP will be distributed in the local newspaper and via email. More security and more communication are needed. Residents generally feel that the patrols are visible and security escorts are available when needed. Residents need to be informed of the patrol number.

A motion was made by Bryan Jourdain to approve the RFP for Security Patrols presented for discussion, with a change to update the mailing address in the document. Alton Newton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### IV. Security Camera Program Phase 2

The budget has been modified to account for additional cameras up to the maximum of 32 cameras. The previous number of eight cameras was based on a smaller budget (prior to the passing of the increased property assessment) in November 2018.

Residents interested in having Lake Bullard-owned security cameras installed at their homes should contact a Lake Bullard officer. A sign in sheet for this was provided at the meeting. A maximum of one camera per location will be purchased by Lake Bullard. Homeowners are able to purchase additional cameras at their residence if they desire to do so, they must provide wi-fi and electricity, and they must sign an agreement to notify Lake Bullard if the house sells. Thirty days' worth of camera footage is stored in the cloud and someone must monitor it and download footage, which is time consuming. If a residents suspects that a crime is committed on their property, they must file a police report before footage is obtained and sent to NOPD,

where an archived record will be stored in email. It may be possible to get NOPD 7<sup>th</sup> District to monitor cameras. For now, Bryan Jourdain will take over monitoring from Derrick Francis.

Bryan Jourdain made a motion to continue Phase 2 of the camera installations after the new Security contract is awarded in or after March. Alton Newton seconded. The motion passed.

# V. 2019 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2019 are: March 16, June 22, September 21 and December 14. Election of new officers will take place on March 5, 2019.

## VI. Leadership Structure

Leadership consists of five Officers from the Lake Bullard Homeowners Association (HOA), plus two At-Large members. The HOA was created in 1982 and the Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District was created in 2008.

Residents are needed to serve in these positions.

#### VII. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the following topics were discussed:

- 1. What is happening behind the old Rite Aid building at 5661 Bullard Ave.? It is currently unknown if there are plans to building anything on the empty lot, which was once a duck pond, but there was discussion that the owner, Wade Verges, may simply be building the land up with excess fill materials that he is able to obtain from other areas.
- 2. What can be done about the many potholes and bumps on roadways in the area?

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryan Jourdain and seconded by Alton Newton. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.