

**LAKE FOREST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**HOMEOWNERS' MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at St. Maria Goretti Church (*located at 7300 Crowder Blvd in New Orleans*) by President Calvin Roussell.

The following changes were made to the agenda. Additional guests: Mr. Broderick Green, Director of Special Projects for Council Member-at-Large Arnie Fielkow, Ms. Mimi Nguyen, Legislative Aide to Cynthia Willard Lewis, and Mr. Eric Jackson, Chairman of the NAACP Housing Committee. Due to the absence of Mrs. Betty Roberson, the Resident Information Survey report along with the additional Occupant Survey report will be given by Mrs. Carla Baker. **It was moved by Mr. Lawrence Miller and second by Mr. Ernest Legier that the agenda be adopted with the changes noted. Motion carried.**

A brief summary of the minutes was read by Mrs. Baker with reference to the website for additional details. **It was moved by Wayne McCormick and second by Kelly Legier that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Baker introduced three guests: **Mr. Broderick Green**, who offered support on behalf of Council Member Fielkow to address some of the concerns in our area. Mr. Green may be reached by telephone at (504) 658-1060, by fax at (504) 658-1068, and by email at [brgreen@cityofno.com](mailto:brgreen@cityofno.com). **Ms. Mimi Nguyen**, provided information on businesses in the area. Winn Dixie on Chef Menteur Highway is constructing a two-story building, McDonalds on Read and Interstate 10 are constructing a state of the art building, and a super Walgreens construction is planned on Bullard. The status of the Walmart is unknown. The opening of a hospital is questionable due to staffing shortages. Ms. Nguyen may be reached by telephone at (504) 658-1050, by fax at (504) 658-1058, and by email at [mcnguyen@cityofno.com](mailto:mcnguyen@cityofno.com). **Mr. Eric Jackson**, offered assistance in the area of housing and requested to provide a presentation at a later meeting. Mr. Jackson may be reached by telephone at (504) 324-6453.

Pres. Roussell introduced Mr. Ernest Legier, Regional Manager of the Road Home Program. Mr. Legier, who also is a Lake Forest Estates homeowner, reported that the key to obtaining money is based on the pre-storm value, i.e., an appraisal, comparables in the area, and the estimated cost to repair the home. An evaluator will visit the home for an evaluation, inspection, and interview. The percent of damage is used as evidence toward the initial application. A bottleneck is occurring in Baton Rouge in regards to the verification process from FEMA, insurance companies, and other agencies. Manual verifications have to be done due to a lack of sharing information among the different entities.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Resident Information Survey.** Mrs. Baker reported that the Resident Information Survey is not complete but based on the current submissions people are returning to the subdivision. An Occupant Survey study has been proposed to determine the occupancy status of homes in the neighborhood. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Gina Brown conducted an initial survey of the thirty-three homes on Kensington Boulevard. Seven homes are occupied, eleven are rebuilding, four have FEMA trailers, three are for sale, and eight have no activity. Of the eight with no activity two are gutted. Twenty-nine homes grass has been cut. Volunteers for Block Captains will be requested at the end of the meeting.
- B. Financial.** Mr. Wayne McCormick, Treasurer, advised that 2005 monies have been deposited into our T-bill account in the amount of \$55,553.42. The checking account balance is \$21,310.32 for a total balance of \$76,853.74. Our largest expense security is currently zero. Additional expenses are for the irrigation and lighting system for the LFE sign on Wright Road.

Currently John Burnette and Cyril Duplessis are signers on the bank account. A tax assessment for 2006 was not collected.

- C. **Security.** Mr. Lawrence Miller, Chairperson, advised that he will due a brief monthly crime statistics report including graphics. He advised that Marks Subdivision off of Wright Road has to be included.
- D. **Beautification.** Mr. George Baker, Chairperson, reported that the Lake Forest Estates sign has been refurbished with plants planted. A committee meeting is being planned to establish the Lawn of the Month, sign resolutions, and additional committee functions. Discussions were held regarding the approximate \$20 per month cost for the security light shining on the sign and the irrigation system. The matter will be addressed by the committee. Trees on Wright Road and Kensington Boulevard are being marked for removal. Pres. Roussell will address the removal of contractors' signs in the neighborhood. Mr. Miller will investigate the dead trees on the canal. There was a brief discussion regarding a linear plan proposed for Joe Brown Park and a Town Center at the Lake Forest Shopping Center. In regards to a hospital in the area, federal funds are needed for blending with private funds. Homeowners advised that they have been unable to locate the reflector signs to place in their yards.
- E. **Website.** Pres. Roussell explained that he is still exploring options of how to best turn over the maintenance of the website to Mrs. Baker.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **Elections & Committee Appointments.** The Election Ballots were distributed to each homeowner as they signed in. Pres. Roussell announced that homeowners should vote for five Board of Directors and write in candidates were accepted. *(See attached Election Ballot)*. The Election results will be provided via email to the homeowners as soon as possible.
- B. **Status of Homeowner's Association.** Once the ballots are counted, the new Board of Directors will meet to address legal matters of the Association as well as any other concerns.
- C. **Holiday Celebration.** Pres. Roussell announced that the Avalon Hotel will provide their location at a cost fo \$500 and \$14 per person on Friday, December 8, 2006, from 6-9pm. Discussions were held and the time was changed to 7-10pm at a cost not to exceed \$2500. **It was moved by Mr. Baker and second by Mr. McCormick. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Block Captains.** To survey and watch each street, the following homeowners volunteered to serve as Block Captains: **Foxcroft Drive:** Alvin Cooley; **Kensington Boulevard:** Carla Gibson Baker and Gina Brown; **Lake Forest Boulevard:** Elorial Masters Monette; Waterford: Donna Curry; **Winchester Park Drive:** Betty Roberson, Trina McCormick, Sandy Meadoux, and Verenia Roussell; **Wright Road:** Patricia Doucette and Joan Heisser.
- B. **Meetings.** There was a discussion regarding how many meetings to have and the length of the meetings. The group decided to hold meetings every other month effective in January with a time not to exceed ninety minutes. **It was moved by Mr. Miller and second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **Holiday Celebration. Friday, December 8, 2006,** from 7 - 10:00 p.m. at the Avalon Hotel
- B. **Next Regular Membership meeting. . . . . Thursday, January 18, 2007.**

**It was moved by Mr. Baker and second by Mr. McCormick for adjournment. Motion carried.**  
Pres. Roussell advised that in the future we would continue to have discussions after adjournment should anyone want to remain.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary**

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**Date**

**Accepted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**President**

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**Date**