

**LAKE FOREST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**HOMEOWNERS' MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2007**

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.

Pres. Roussell noted that officers' contact information will be on all agendas. **It was moved by Mr. George Baker and second by Mr. Alvin Cooley that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.**

A brief summary of the minutes was read by Mrs. Carla Baker with reference to a copy of the minutes sent via e-mail and a hard copy available at the sign in desk. **It was moved by Ms. Joan Heisser and second by Mr. Austin Badon, Sr. that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Baker introduced three guests: Austin Badon District 100 State Representative and homeowner along with his Legislative Assistant, Ms. Josett T. Jones and Mr. Ernest Legier, Regional Manager of the Road Home Program and homeowner.

Pres. Roussell introduced Mr. Ernest Legier, Regional Manager of the Road Home Program. Mr. Legier, advised that the program's training and tracking is constantly changing. There is an appeal and resolution process available for disagreements with award outcomes. Ninety-five percent of the workers are from the local area. A brief question and answer session included the following:

**Q:** What assistance is available for renters who became homeowners after Hurricane Katrina?

**A:** Currently there is no direct rental assistance available. The prior homeowner can assign his rights to the current homeowner prior to closing. Owners of rental units may receive incentives to keep rent low or at pre-Katrina rates.

**Q:** What incentive is there to apply if you had insurance?

**A:** Every homeowner is entitled to mitigation cost of \$7,500.

Mr. Badon provided a report on happenings in Eastern New Orleans. He informed that he was able to move back home effective January 1, 2007. There have been numerous reports of copper thefts in the area. He requested the addresses of street lights and street signs that are out or missing. Plans are in place to have replacements done. On January 29, 2007, the Mayor is requesting an amendment of ordinance regarding the demolition process. There are approximately 12,000 units in Orleans Parish that have not been touched since Hurricane Katrina. Plans are to renovate City Park and Joe Brown. The Hornets are opening discussions for future plans in Eastern New Orleans. Plans for Jazzland are unclear. There has been an influx of mosquitos in the area due to unattended pools and plans are in place to begin spraying the area again. There is an awareness of problems with ICF's administration of the Road Home Program including the cost for salaries. The Program is under constant scrutiny.

**REPORTS:**

**A. Financial.** Mrs. Baker advised that Mr. McCormick provided a report at the November meeting that is included in the minutes. (*T-bill account: \$55,553.42, checking account: \$21,310.32.*) Discussion was made regarding the Association's compliance with the Legislative Auditor's standard audit procedures for a political subdivision in regards to internal controls. Mr. Jullin Renthrope volunteered to investigate our current status.

**B. Board of Directors.** Pres. Roussell advised that our budget has been submitted to the City and will be provided at the next meeting. The Board will be meeting periodically to review our legal and financial standing and the operations of the Association. He mentioned that Ms. Baker is currently the secretary of the Association and will be assuming the Webmaster duties in the very near future. With that in mind, he requested a volunteer or recommendations for

someone to serve as secretary of the Board.

- C. **Website.** Pres. Roussell explained that he is still exploring options of how to best turn over the maintenance of the website to Mrs. Baker.
- D. **Holiday Celebration.** Pres. Roussell reported that the Holiday Celebration was a great success in regards to attendance and cost. The total cost of the celebration was \$2,347.42 with a budget of \$2,500.
- E. **Security.** Pres. Roussell reported that the cost of security has increased and other options are being explored regarding the days and the amount of hours to cover.
- F. **Block Captains.** Mrs. Gina Brown reported on the work of the various Block Captains. Out of a total of 179 homes, 44 or 25% are occupied and 47 or 26% are rebuilding. The Block Captains will provide updated reports at all meetings. *(See attached handout).*
- G. **Beautification.** Mr. George Baker reported that trees have been marked for removal and are being cut down by the CORE. The City is picking up debris on the medium but not debris in black bags. Homeowners requesting assistance in cutting down dead trees or shrubbery on private property should contact a representative on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **2007 Regular Membership Meeting Dates are posted on the Agenda.**
- B. **Next Regular Membership meeting..... Thursday, March 15, 2007.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

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Date

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

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Date