

**LAKE FOREST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**HOMEOWNERS' MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Quarter Hotel & Suites, 12340 I-10 Service Road in Eastern New Orleans by President Calvin Roussell.

Mr. Roussell advised that our scheduled guests listed on the Agenda from the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriffs's Office were unable to attend the meeting. With that change, **it was moved by Mr. Charles Burns and second by Mr. Austin Badon, Sr. 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. Additional copies of the prior meetings' minutes and various handouts were made available at the sign in table. **It was moved by Ms. Roxanna Charbonnet and second by Mr. Michael Dukes that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS:**

- A. **Beautification.** Mr. George Baker submitted a report on his committee's activities. Anyone needing clean out by the Army Core of Engineers should call 311. *(See attached report)*
  
- B. **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 future meetings. *(See attached report).*
  
- C. **Board of Directors.** Pres. Roussell reported that the Board has been meeting and a Security Budget has been approved for approximately \$59,570.00. Security patrols will begin effective March 16, 2007. However, the hourly cost has risen from \$12-17 to almost \$35 per hour. Signs will be placed in the subdivision noting patrolled by Sheriffs' Office. Patrols will be made for walkers, speeding cars and any suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Input will be accepted on what we prefer regarding scheduled patrols. Suggested weekday times would be four hours per day (9-1; 10-2; 11-3, etc.). Suggested weekend times would be 10-2am in addition to nights. Sheriffs' official vehicles would be patrolling the area. Identifiers would be determined to designate homeowners. Homeowners are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity. Adherence to the Homeowner's Restriction regarding no overnight street parking will be enforced. Regular patrols by the New Orleans Police Department will not be diminished in light of our paid security patrols.

Mrs. Joan Heisser was unable to attend the meeting. However, she submitted a letter that was sent to City Council Representative Cynthia Willard Lewis regarding homes operating as hotels specifically 11150 Winchester Boulevard and 5901 Wright Road. *(See attached letter)* All Eastern New Orleans subdivisions will get together along with State Representatives, elected officials before the next meeting to discuss the location of proposed rental sites and fight against credits for voucher housing. The general consensuses of the homeowner's were to recommend for an even distribution of Section 8 or voucher housing assistance throughout the city and not a concentration in our area.

- D. **Financial.** Mr. McCormick reported that as of the last bank statement the checking account balance is \$21,310.32 and a T-bill in the amount of \$55,553.43 for a total amount of \$81,290.64. Mr. McCormick further reported that he is in the process of getting the bank statements and submitting new signature cards with the current officers listed. A warrant for the money to be transferred from the T-bill Account into the checking account for operating

expenses will be issued. Also, written reports will not be disseminated. However, should any homeowner want to review the Association's records they will be available at the meetings.

At the November 2006 meeting Mr. Jullin Renthrope volunteered to investigate our current financial status with the State. That investigation is still pending and a report will be provided to the Board of Directors and Officers.

- C. **Website.** Pres. Roussell reported that the current website was quickly put together after Hurricane Katrina and was set up under his name and account with Yahoo. A new website is under construction and hopefully will be operational soon.

Mr. Badon along with his Legislative Assistant Ms. Josette Jones provided a report on happenings in Eastern New Orleans and the Legislature. The next State Legislative Session is scheduled to begin April 30, 2007 and end June 28, 2007. Please call (504) 896-1491 or fax to (504) 896-1412 for any items to be discussed. Currently the following items will be discussed.

1. Beautification of I-10 - the Louisiana Department of Transportation will be cleaning up the area. Scheduled clean for Saturday, March 18, 2007 between Crowder and Hayne Boulevards to remove all signs and debris.
2. Sports proposal for NBA All-star games next year
3. Pushing for new Saints' stadium at the Plaza
4. Street signs contract awarded by city.
5. Work in progress for donation of trees.
6. Submission for 10.4 million proposal for Joe Brown Park to include the gymnasium, pool, walkways, tennis courts, and other facilities.
7. Sound barriers for I-10 are located in areas of major interstate and lane development. At this time none are scheduled for Eastern New Orleans.
8. Commercial businesses developing - Taco Bell to clean up, Sav-A-Center no activity currently for Eastern New Orleans or Chalmette. Six Flags will not be returning. Winn Dixie on Chef Menteur Highway will be opening. Walgreens on Bullard scheduled to open with plans underway for Read location. Sassafras Restaurant is scheduled to open Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Avalon Hotel.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Plans are being discussed to have a Summer Block party with a possible location at the former Lake Forest Clubhouse on the Service Road. Pastor Fred Luter will be contacted.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. **2007 Regular Membership Meeting Dates are posted on the Agenda.**
- B. **Next Regular Membership meeting..... Thursday, May 17, 2007.**

**It was moved by Mr. George Baker and second by Mr. Lawrence Miller that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

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

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