

LAKE FOREST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
HOMEOWNERS' MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. at the Quarter Hotel & Suites, 12340 I-10 Service Road in Eastern New Orleans by President Calvin Roussell. Mr. Roussell read the agenda. It was moved by Mrs. Trina McCormick and second by Mr. Henry King that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried. The minutes were read by Mrs. Carla Baker. It was moved by Mrs. Sharon King and second by Mr. George Baker that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Mr. Roussell introduced Ms. Jennifer Cooper a Community Recovery Specialist with the American Red Cross Southeast Louisiana Region. She provided various handouts with information on monetary services and social services available in the area. Any remaining handouts will be available at the next meeting. The maximum amount available per family's application is \$20,000. For additional information, Ms. Cooper can be contacted at (504) 799-5127 or jcooper@arcno.org.

REPORTS:

- A. Beautification.** Mr. George Baker advised that he would clean up the area around the Lake Forest Estate sign. However, the electricity and irrigation system has to be repaired and/or restored. The City will pick up black bags. FEMA will continue to pick up debris. However, residents are instructed to separate non toxic debris from toxic debris, i.e., petroleum, oil, lubricants, paints, etc.
- B. Block Captains.** Mrs. Baker reported on the work of the various Block Captains regarding updating the status of homes. There are 179 homes in the subdivision, 39% are occupied, 29% are rebuilding, 6% are for sale, and 26% have no activity. A detailed street report was submitted. Block Captains passed out flyers for the last meeting. Notices were posted in the newspaper and emails were sent out to those who signed up.
- C. Board of Directors.** Pres. Roussell advised that the Board will contact Councilwoman Cynthia Williard to address the issue fo multi-family occupancies in our subdivision. Mr. James Gray advised the Safety & Permits Division is responsible for issuing citations for violations, i.e., high grass, roofing, street parking, trailers, etc.
- D. Financial.** Mr. McCormick provided an oral report of our financial standing. Expenditures included \$7,700 for security provided by the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Department, \$400 for grass cutting, and \$50 for our meeting place. Checking account balance is \$9,517, and \$55,000 in the T-Bill account. Deemer CPA and Consulting Services, LLC compiled a statement of our financial position and the related statement of activities and cash flows for the twenty-four month period ending December 31, 2006, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.
- E. Security.** Mr. Miller reported that the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Department was no longer providing security for the subdivision. The Board is soliciting bids for future security to be obtained by the end of August. Consideration is being given to armed versus unarmed patrols, access to properties via drainage canals, and the dredging of the canals. Traffic patterns have increased with speeding throughout the subdivision. Consideration was given to speed bumps but a liability issue would eliminate that possibility. Consideration is being given to implementing a Neighborhood Watch Program including the placement of signs. Homeowners are encouraged to advise their contractors to safeguard their tools to prevent theft. The Sewerage and Water Board will be contacted regarding the placement of chain link fencing to secure access to homeowners' property located along the canals. Also, the drainage canals will need

- G. **Website.** Mrs. Baker informed the association that due to her current responsibilities as Secretary that she would not be able to assume the additional responsibilities of the Webmaster and the Block Captain Chairperson for the association. Pres. Roussell requested volunteers for those positions. Interested persons should contact him as soon as possible. Pres. Roussell reported that he has developed a much better website. The old website address www.lakeforestestatesnola.com will direct you to the new website www.lfestates.org

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Joan Heisser introduced and requested signatures to a petition opposing the construction of additional multi-family units in Eastern New Orleans.

Mr. Badon reported on happenings in Eastern New Orleans and the Legislature. The following items will be discussed.

1. Night out against crime - Tuesday, August 7, 2007.
2. 2.5 billion dollars' infrastructure improvements planned for Joe Brown Park.
3. FEMA will pick up piles of storm related debris
4. Safety concerns pose a major maintenance problem of the I-10 median.
5. Entergy reports theft of electricity from utility poles via cables.
6. Encourage the implementation of the "Good Neighbor Program"
7. Winn Dixie on Read Blvd. and Chef Menteur Highway to open in September.
8. Contract awarded for the removal of damaged buses in the area.
9. His local office will have an Open House on August 25, 2007, on Bullard Blvd. St. Augustine Band will be there, school giveaways and hair cuts will be provided.
10. Senate Bill No. 305 was introduced by Senator Duplessis to establish an advisory neighborhood commission in Orleans Parish in particular in east New Orleans. The Commission would only receive notification of any development in our area. The Commission would not be able to prevent any such development. Due to the active lobbying efforts against the Bill, it failed to pass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. **Next Regular Membership meeting**..... **Thursday, September 20, 2007.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Secretary

Date

Accepted by: _____
President

Date