

LAKE FOREST ESTATES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
HOMEOWNERS' MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, March 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church by President Calvin Roussell. The Agenda was read. It was moved by Mr. George Baker and second by Mr. Pete Rizzo that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried. The minutes were read by Mrs. Carla Baker. It was moved by Mrs. Sharon King and second by Mr. Lawrence Miller that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion carried. Thirty-two homeowners including three of five officers, and four of five board members were present. One guest was in attendance.

Mr. Roussell introduced our guest, Mr. Alvin Harrison, Deputy Director of Business Expansion and Development, Office of Recovery Development. Mr. Harrison entertained a brief discussion on long term corridor planning in eastern New Orleans at the Lake Forest Plaza, Read Boulevard, Joe Brown Park, and Methodist areas. Funds are available for business development only. Several entities have looked at the Methodist Hospital facility with an anticipated opening date in the Fall of 2009. State Congressman Austin Badon advised that Dr. Kevin Stephens has requested \$140 million from the State in funding to the purchase Lakeland to be utilized as a secondary acute care facility and Methodist Hospital to be utilized as a full service facility. The Universal Health Care System has no interest in operating the facilities. The City is proposing to purchase the facilities as a "hire for sale" with a qualified medical entity engaged to operate the facilities. Similar medical facilities are located at East Jefferson and West Jefferson.

Mr. Harrison provided his contact information: acharrison@cityofno.com. Mr. Steve Dominick is the representative in our area and will make an effort to attend our meetings. Due to an out of state family commitment, Council member Cynthia Willard-Lewis was unable to attend.

REPORTS:

- A. **Beautification.** Mrs. Joan Heisser reported that she and other homeowners (Lorraine Dinvaut, Austin Badon, Sr., and Calvin Roussell) met and cleaned up the area around the sign. Mr. Austin Badon, Jr. volunteered to check with the Sewerage and Water Board regarding the pump equipment behind the subdivision sign. Mrs. Dinvaut reported that tree donations are being sought. Homeowners are encouraged to work on their landscaping. While waiting on the City to cut the grass, homeowners are also encouraged to maintain the neutral ground in front of their homes to improve the overall appearance of the subdivision.
- B. **Block Captains.** Mrs. Trina McCormick introduced the Block Captains present. Out of one hundred seventy-nine homes in the area: 47% are occupied, 23% are rebuilding, 9% are for sale, and 21% have no detectible activity.
- C. **Board of Directors, Financial and Security.** Mr. Roussell advised that the Board meets on an "as needed" basis. In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Roussell reported that funds are being expended for security, sign maintenance, and the lot in the curve to cut grass as a safety measure. Security is being provided in variable shifts in marked and unmarked cars. Please check the website for the telephone number to call for late night returns.
- D. **Website.** Mr. Roussell and Secretary Baker provided an update on the website. Homeowners are encouraged to check weekly for announcements and updates. Contact

information for officers, board members, committee members, and block captains will be made accessible via our website link: www.lfestates.org.

- E. **Holiday Party.** Mrs. Brenda Badon reported that the Holiday Party was a success. With the numbers increasing, a new location is being sought for this year’s celebration. Consideration is being given to provide recognition for the most beautiful and unusually decorated homes and Christmas caroling in the subdivision. This year’s celebration is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2008.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Mrs. Joan Heisser and Mrs. Sylvia Scineaux reported on the activities of the Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC). The organization has hired an attorney to file a lawsuit opposing unwanted development in our area. Donations payable to ENONAC are requested from individuals to offset the litigation costs. Mrs. Scineaux is the 2nd Vice-President of ENONAC and reported that they meet the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm at St. Maria Goretti. They met with the Transload representative to discuss the recycling plant and development in the New Orleans East area. A conflict regarding the content and intent of recycling materials is at issue. Meetings are planned with the City’s Zoning and Permit Office. Homeowners are encouraged to visit the ENONAC’s website at www.enonac.org. Information and links are also available on our website.

Mr. Roussell advised that homeowners contact their Block Captains to report subdivision violations. Complaints of overnight parking of cars and improper signs will be addressed by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to the unavailability of the By-Laws, Mr. Roussell suggested that with the agreement of the homeowners the current officers and board members remain in office. Discussion was held regarding the staggering of the terms of office. Mrs. Kelly Legier volunteered to serve on the By-Laws Committee. It was moved by Mrs. Dinvaut and second by Mrs. Legier that the current officers be elected to serve for another year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Baker requested that interested homeowners sign up to work on committees. A sheet will be made available on the website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Membership meeting. Saturday, May 3, 2008

It was moved by Mr. George Baker and second my Mr. Lawrence Miller that the meeting be adjourned Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by: _____
 Secretary

 Date

Accepted by: _____
 President

 Date