

Lake Forest Estates Improvement Association, Inc.

MINUTES

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church Monsignor Gautreaux Center

Saturday, May 15, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President Steven Knott.

II. AGENDA ADOPTION

The agenda was adopted.

III. MINUTES

Lorraine Dinvaut moved and Austin Badon, Sr. seconded to approve the minutes from the January and March meetings. The motion passed.

IV. GUESTS

Louisiana State Representative Juan Lafonta was unable to attend as scheduled because of a conflict.

V. REPORTS

- A. Beautification Committee. Ms. Dinvaut reported that the Lake Forest Estates sign has been re-landscaped, the grass in front of the sign was replaced, and the pumping system is being replaced by the Sewerage and Water Board. Ms. Dinvaut explained the remaining landscaping plans. The money received from Sen. Ann Duplessis's office did not cover all expenses. Ms. Dinvaut also reported on the status of the City's planting trees on the neutral grounds. Ms. Dinvaut will contact Rep. Badon about having edging and grass pick up included in the new contract for the contractor cutting grass on the I-10 Service Road; the contract is up for renewal within weeks.
- B. Block Captains. Alice Kennedy (Kensington), Mr. Doucette (Wright), Ms. Dinvaut (Waterford & Foxcroft) and Mr. Badon (Winchester) reported on the status of the subdivision, including blighted properties, renovated properties, and those for sale. Members discussed particular properties with extremely high grass and one where construction was halted by the City.
- C. Bylaws. Kelly McNeil Legier reported that a draft of the bylaws are complete. She will ask Webmistress Carla Baker to forward the bylaws to the homeowners. That email will include a date on which comments should be received regarding the draft. The goal is to have a vote on the bylaws at the next meeting.
- D. Board of Directors. President Knott reported that the Board has not met.
- E. Community News. Alvin Cooley reported on information received during the Eastern New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission (ENONAC) meeting with Cesar Burgos regarding the development of the Plaza site. He discussed the status of the project and problems encountered. Burgos estimates that businesses will be opened for shopping within a year and a

half. Homeowners discussed developer accountability issues regarding the requested Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Additionally, the Walgreens on Lake Forest and Read Boulevards recently was purchased by the Chicken Mart.

- F. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Wayne McCormick gave a report on the Association and Board of Liquidation account balances as well as the checks drafted this year for security, the post office, and the cell phone bill for the security patrols. The Board of Liquidation account is short 43 properties that have not yet paid taxes this year.
- G. Security. Mr. Doucette reported that he has not been notified of any criminal activity in the subdivision. Members reported on car burglaries that occurred recently on Winchester Park during which GPS devices were taken. Ms. Dinvaut reported on instructions given to the security deputies, including following unfamiliar cars, not sleeping on duty, not staying stopped too long, and escorting members home after dark. Chelsea Napoleon and Lawrence Miller agreed to solicit RFPs to obtain bids from other security companies for the Board to consider.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Taxing District Resolution. President Knott reported that the security tax was approved during the May 1, 2010 special election.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Property owned by Franklin Avenue Baptist Church. Questions were raised about the future plans of the property on the I-10 Service Road. Mr. Cooley will attempt to obtain information from a church member.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENT

Renaissance Festival. The next festival is scheduled for May 22, 2010, and will have entertainment. Doucette asked members to support the effort. The festival is a testing ground for businesses who are considering investing in the area.

ENONAC. Members were encouraged to attend the ENONAC meetings. Those who are unable to attend should request inclusion on the ENONAC email listserv to receive information about the East.

Member Social. We will have donuts to encourage member networking before the July meeting. Mr. Badon volunteered to bring donuts and Mr. Doucette volunteered to bring juice/milk to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2010.

It was moved by Mr. Badon and seconded by Henry King to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

ACCEPTED BY:

KELLY MCNEIL LEGIER

Secretary

Date: _____

STEVEN KNOTT

President

Date: _____