

Lake Barrington Homeowners Association

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to Order**- the meeting was called to order @ 10:10 am by President Clarissa S. Evans
- II. **Reading of the April 10th General Meeting and the May 10th Board of Directors meeting** was done by Board Member William Lloyd. Both minutes were approved and seconded following identified corrections needed.
- III. **Treasurer's Report**- Ida Boutte reported as of May 31st there is a total of \$2523.18 in the treasure. There will be additional deposits following amounts collected today.
- IV. **New Business** (* Guest Speakers)

1. Road Home/LLT-blighted properties-* Maddie Trepanier

Our scheduled speaker was unable to attend the meeting so Clarissa Evans gave an update. Because of the importance of the blight issue, a special meeting may be called before our next scheduled meeting in September. We would like to include guest speakers from the Louisiana Land Trust and Road Home. Anyone interested in purchasing the LLT/Road Home identified properties through the Lot Next Door Program should review the website below for additional information.

The list of blighted and LLT/Road Home properties previously compiled and distributed by Clarissa Evans, was amended (June 2010) and distributed to residents in attendance. The amendments reflected the corrections of those properties that were either incorrectly listed or were no longer considered blight (which was defined as properties needing a grass cutting and generally unkept based only on a visual inspection April 2010).

(www.noraworks.org) and a list of the blighted and LLT/Road Home properties involved in the Lake Barrington Subdivision can be accessed through the Lake Barrington website: lakebarringtonhomes.org.

2. **Methodist Hospital Update**-* **Alicia Plummer** - Ms Plummer represents the Hospital Services District and is Chair of Board for District A (which is east of the Industrial Canal). She reported that the HSD is in the process of purchasing Methodist, Lakeland and Lake Forest Out-pt. which is being sold as a 3 package deal. UHS made a decision not to come back to the area but agreed to sell the property. They are currently in the 4th extension granted since this acquisition process began. She reported the initial deal for the sale of the properties was initiated by Ed Blakely at an amount of \$60million and Mayor Nagin agreed upon \$40million. Several appraisals were done all with various amounts as to the value. Approximately 18 months ago with a population of over 88 million in east New Orleans, studies done have proven there is need for a hospital and even more so now with over 100,000 populating the area an acute care, full-service hospital is crucial. It was noted

that Chalmette has less than 35,000 residents and they are in the process of getting a hospital.

It was stressed the need to have our voices heard and let the Landrieu administration know we would like to have the monies released to fund the purchase of these properties.

Calling, emailing or visiting the Mayor's office is encouraged. **The deadline (4th extension) for the purchase is July 15th.** An **on-site tour/press conference** at the Methodist Hospital is scheduled **Monday, June 28th which Clarissa and Myron will attend.**

3. **Plaza Update-** M. Angel/C. Evans- Myron and Clarissa attended the ENONAC May 13th meeting and reports that Mr. Cesar Burgos and Senator Duplessis stated the June 15th time frame for the tax credit vote went through and the city is currently in the process of selling off bonds (which can take 3-6 months) in order to purchase the property. The plan is the development of a 150,000 sq. ft. outdoor mall which is done in 4 phases. Phase I (Lowe's) has already taken place with Wal-Mart, a police sub-station, restaurants, retail stores and 2 hotels are in the plan. A parking garage and movie theatre rounding out the 4 phases. There are no definite when the completion will be however, approx. 6 months to draw up the plans another 6 months to secure permits and 2-3 years to complete.
4. **Lake Barrington Website-** Derius Harrell (Vice-President) reports a contract is established and the website is free of charge and up and running. The new website is: www.lakebarringtonhomes.org. Currently there are links to Louisiana Land Trust/Road Home Houses and blighted properties in the subdivision. He has asked for pictures (especially from the last night out against crime and other neighborhood events) to put on the website. Mr. Harrell was applauded for an excellent and much appreciated job for the association.
5. **Lake & West Barrington Merger-** Clarissa reports she has had dialogue from Mrs. Jerrelda Sanders (Councilman J. Johnson's Community Liaison) regarding the possible merging of the two subdivisions. West Barrington consists of homes on Bullard and across from Wright Rd. Members suggested that collaboration would be most fitting since both subdivisions are growing and have somewhat separate issues/concerns. It was noted however, that there are certainly "joint efforts" that could be explored. Clarissa will follow-up with Mrs. Sanders.
6. **Meeting location-** Ms. Tipton motioned and Mrs. Lloyd seconded that there be a vote on a new meeting location. A vote was taken and agreed upon to continue meeting at Cornerstone United Methodist Church. Meetings will take place quarterly on the last Saturday of the month from 10am-12pm.
7. **Crime Prevention - * NOPD - tabled**
8. **Quality of Life Issues- * NOPD -tabled**
9. **Night Out Against Crime-** Clarissa has been in contact with Sheriff Gussman and requested 2 tents, and their usual red beans and rice. She will send out request for donations and volunteers to help make the event a success. The date is **Tuesday, August 3rd** and will be on the Homeowners Lot.

10. **Lake water quality**-Corinne DuCre who lives has lived on the lake prior to Katrina reports a change in the water quality. She stated previously irises and other greenery was utilized as a neutralizer and since the hurricane there is little or none present on the lake lots. She reports a significant amount of algae bloom is killing fish and turtle and causing a horrid odor. She suggests pools containing chlorine and salt water being pumped into the lake as well as fertilizer from lawns could be contributing to the problem. She stated she contacted an expert from UNO who suggest draining the lake after November and replanting irises. It was suggested by one homeowner to have the lake accessed before attempting to drain it. Ms. DuCre will follow up on with her contact in the fall.

Ms. DuCre invited input from members on the “Force of Law” and “Capital Improvement Plan.” She meets with the Re-Zoning group on Wednesdays @ 3pm @ Goretti Church.

V. Old Business

1. **By-Laws Final Draft**- Odile Ramsey reports the final draft will be posted on the website within the coming week. She noted several of the changes (particularly articles 2&3) regarding voting rights of ALL members of the association. She also made note of the changes in the number if Board of Directors (no less than 5 and a maximum of 7). The increase in annual dues from \$20.00- \$150.00 was also an item discussed.
2. **Lake Barrington’s Non-profit status**- Clarissa reported 501-3c status is still being explored.
3. **Delinquent Taxes status**-Clarissa reports there was a delinquent amount of over \$3,000.00 was due on the homeowner’s lot since 1984. In speaking with assessor Mr. Errol Williams, the amount was reduced to \$1,000.00 pending the association obtaining the non-profit tax status. The lot is currently owned by the city. ** it was recommended by one of the members to follow-up on the liability insurance for the lot (is the city responsibility for any damages, etc. that occurs on the lot?) It was suggested by Mr. M Johnson to ask the city to secure the property by fencing it.*
4. **Collection of 2010 \$20.00 dues at the end of the meeting**-Ida collected dues from those present and these monies will be added to the recent treasury report.
5. **Block Captains**- sign-up sheets were available at the meeting.
6. **Resident’s Contact Information Update** (Email address/phone numbers) - members were asked to update their information on the form circulating in the meeting.

VI. Possible Guest Speakers

1. Councilman Jon Johnson (not present)
2. **Alicia Plummer** (see report above)
3. 7th District NOPD officers (Came but had to leave)

4. Maddie Trepanier- Pine Village Subdivision(LLT/Road Home Initiative) (not present)

VII. **Closing Remarks**

Next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, 2010.**

VIII. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm. Minutes submitted by: Jo Thompson in the absence of Ms. Williams.