

LAKESHORE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
May 11, 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes

At approximately 7:10 p.m., Dr. David Myers, the Board President, called to order the meeting, which was held at 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., 2nd Floor meeting hall in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Present:

Frank Barrett, Scott Dittmann, Anna Hugel, Ray Landeche, Dr. David Myers, and Craig Trentecosta

Unable to Attend:

John Cashman, Jimmy Courtenay, David Geerken, David Jacobs, and Vic Landry

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order:

Dr. Myers determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Invited guests: Our District Councilmember Jared Brossett, At-Large Councilmember Stacy Head, State Representative Nick Lorusso, and State Senator Edwin Murray.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Introduction of New Board members: John Cashman, David Geerken, David Jacobs, and Craig Trentecosta
3. Our District Councilmember Jared Brossett discussed recent legislation and plans:
 - a. The permanent pump stations are approximately 50% complete.
 - b. The City budget has increased revenue due in part to increased sales tax from retail including new Costco and Walmart.
 - c. The NOPD officers will receive a total of a 10% increase in pay phased in on July 1, 2015 and January 1, 2016.
 - d. The two recent ballot initiatives regarding funding for the library and jail passed.
 - e. The Four Seasons Hotel plan for the World Trade Center site won approval after bidding process.
 - f. The Wisner Bridge will be replaced.
 - g. Due to Katrina damage, the FEMA Recovery Roads Program for street repairs in Lakeshore and Lake Vista are set to begin in 2015. View at <http://www.nola.gov/dpw>. The Sewerage and Water Board and the Public Works Department are working together.
 - h. The road repair work for Canal Boulevard between Robert E. Lee Blvd. and Amethyst St. is funded. Unfortunately, repairs have once again been pushed back another year. Now, the repairs are expected to begin in 2016. St. Bernard Avenue repairs are commencing in a few months.

- i. He suggested inviting Robert Jackson with the Sewage and Water Board to appear at the General Membership meeting.
 - j. LED street lights have been completed in area.
4. Presentation and update of Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps by representative Jay Proskovec:
- a. The permanent pump stations are approximately 50% complete. Completion is expected in early 2017.
 - b. A secondary asphalt access road will be built where Crystal loops into Amethyst. It will be used during a storm event. There will be some type of gate to block off road when not in use. The plans do not appear to be finalized.
 - c. Some trees had to be removed near Gen. Haig and Crystal St. because too close to levee and for the new access road. No more trees are being cut. No plan to replace trees that were removed.
 - d. The current work on Gen. Haig is for underground power lines. Once completed, the temporary limestone will be removed and the area returned to preexisting condition.
 - e. The very top of the roof of the pump station shelter is approximately 48 feet plus from the water level of the Orleans Ave. Canal. Gen. Haig is approximately +5 to +7 feet above water level.
 - f. The staging area on the Lake side of the levee will be returned to pre-existing condition but with improvements in grading due to flooding in area.
 - g. The temporary pump station removal is a separate contract. But it will not be removed until the permanent structure is fully functional in early 2017. It is anticipated that the temporary structure will be removed by 2018 if all goes as planned.
 - h. Photographs of PCCP were shown to members.
 - i. The construction impact hot line is 1-877-427-0345.
5. Treasurer's report/ Discussion of use of funds: The budget decreased by \$ 9,400 due to the expense of repainting the bus murals, the purchase and installation of the crime signage in agreement with the Crime Board, and retention of attorneys in connection with the short-term rental and other issues.
6. Lakeshore New Orleans Property Owners Association Facebook page: Board Member Craig Trentecosta set up a restricted access or closed Facebook page for Lakeshore members. It is designed to provide another source for information and communication about the neighborhood.
7. Crime cameras – Onyx break-in: Approximately six weeks ago, a home was broken into on Onyx. One of the new Lakeshore Crime Board's crime cameras across the street was able to ID the vehicle and assist the police in apprehending the criminal involved. LPOA

previously paid for the signage and installation of the signs advising of the crime cameras.

8. Short-term rentals – 800 Amethyst: Over the Christmas holidays, Dr. Meyers advised that he was contacted by many neighbors regarding the owner of 800 Amethyst who recently listed her home on Airbnb.com for nightly and weekly rental as a B&B for the holiday week and for the week of Mardi Gras. It was advertised at \$2,000 per week, with five bedrooms, sleeps many, has pool, and to bring friends.

No Board member wants any short-term rentals to continue in Lakeshore. Members are very concerned with the impact on the integrity of neighborhood, property values, and problems with short-term guests. The Board's position is that this violates the city ordinances and our neighborhood covenants. Also, issues with homestead exemption and insurance.

The City ordinance provides that no property shall be rented for less than 30 days (60 days for French Quarter).

Dr. Myers contacted the property owner and advised her of the violation. She removed it from Airbnb.com. The property is listed for sale.

Dr. Myers advised of his conversation with Meg Lousteau of the Vieux Carre commission. City Council hearings have occurred. While mostly an issue in French Quarter, Marigny, and Uptown, it is now also occurring in the lake area. One Lakeshore Property owner filed a lawsuit against the 800 Amethyst property owner.

Councilmember At-Large Stacy Head was invited to attend this General Membership meeting to discuss her proposed legislation to legalize these types of rentals. Board does not support her legislation. Stacy Head did not appear for this meeting.

9. FEMA funded street and sidewalk repairs: See our District Councilmember Jared Brossett's comments referenced above in section 3.

The Lakeshore recovery roads program will include multiple construction repair projects with a total estimated value of approximately \$6 million for roadway improvements design of the future road repairs is currently underway and is being closely coordinated with the sewerage and water Board of New Orleans. In Lakeshore, construction is currently scheduled to begin in late 2015 and last through late 2016. Road resurfacing work will be limited in some areas of Lakeshore. Completion of some service utility line improvements such as sewer and water lines will take place prior to road repairs.

10. The Board requests volunteers to become board members in 2016.
11. Dieter Hugel, a member of the OLD Non Flood Asset Board and a member of the LPOA, advised members to attend the OLD Non Flood Asset Board meetings that take place monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. He encouraged all to attend

these meeting and express their concerns about the increased activity on Lakeshore Drive and the lack of police presence.

With no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Myers adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:



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