

## Minutes of the HSTCA Board Meeting

12 September 2011

Held at 8<sup>th</sup> St.

Minutes taken by June Pulliam, Vice Chair

Jeff Duhe called the meeting to order at 6:40

Present were board members June Pulliam, Gene Ranson, John Sykes, Travis Moore, Allan Williams, Jeff Duhe, Margaret Fox and Spanish Town resident Darryl Gissell.

Jean Ransom gave his treasurer's report . After many residents have paid their annual security dues and memberships, we currently have \$2822.78. John Sykes motioned that we accept the treasurer's report. June Pulliam seconded John's motion, which was accepted by all.

Jeff Duhe made a motion to thank Gene for his long service to the board, which was accepted by all. The board congratulates and heartily thanks Gene Ransom for his long time service to Spanish Town.

Travis Moore reported that the Beautification committee recently cleaned the pin oak trees on North Street for approximately 40 minutes before rain stopped the committee's efforts. Travis also announced an international clean up day at Baton Rouge Beach for Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful , Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-11:30. Gene dispersed to Travis the two checks for past two recipients of Yard of the Quarter so that the winners could finally collect their prize money. Travis also surveyed the rains and gutter situation on 7<sup>th</sup> and Bungalow during the most recent storm. He reported that that the drains seem to have been fixed since they were not flooding this time the way they have been previously.

Allan Williams reported for the Security Committee. The neighborhood has been informed of nearly all recent events via the Google security group. The only as of yet unreported incident involved an attempted car break in on North Street next door to the Potts House. The car alarm scared the would be burglar away. Jeff Duhe remarked that he intended to call the DDD yet again to prompt them to give us our security grant money. At present Beauregard Town's attorney Claude Reneaut is talking to the city attorney about whether or not we will be exempted from the unreasonable conditions that the DDD is attempting to place on the HSTCA and BRTCA. Jeff Duhe and Brian Goade, the Beauregard Town Civic Association President, agreed that we should negotiate the same terms for each civic association from the city. Margaret Fox motioned that the Board and the DDD urge and request that the city expedite contract negotiations to release promised funds to Spanish Town and Beauregard Town for the purposes of security. John Sykes seconded the motion, which carried.

Daryll Gissell suggested that we tell members attending the annual meeting about the security budget we were shooting for and what we plan on doing with the funds so that people have more faith in the system. We might also be able to get local nearby business to contribute if we promise to let our security patrol pass by their buildings as well. Daryll also suggested more systematic ways that we can fundraise to make sure that all residents pay their fair share of dues.

Jeff Duhe motioned that the Board endorse and pursue a fundraising goal of \$15,000 expressly for security in 2012 that will conclude in mid November, and that the Board in mid November shall set and adopt a security budget for the calendar year 2012. June Pulliam seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board then set about creating the ballot to be passed out at the annual meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. At this time, there were five board vacancies. Board members Travis Moore, Margaret Fox and Steven Carroll, whose terms are set to expire on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, expressed election. HSTCA members Daryll Gissell, Cherime Paitn, Femi Euba, Michael Beck, Marti Richmond, Derek White, Mary Jane Marcantel and Eunice Lavigne all submitted their intention to be on the ballot as well. Travis Moore made a motion to approve the list of candidates, and Margaret seconded the list of candidates. Hearing no objections, the motion carried.

Jeff Duhe made a resolution that we affirm our support for Tara Wicker's Metro Council proposal that would allow for the the managing of all problematic properties. June Pulliam seconded the motion as amended. Travis made a substitute motion to not vote on this motion at the present meeting. Margaret seconded Travis's motion to delay. Travis's substitute motion was put to a vote, where two votes were cast in favor of taking no action, and three voted to take action, and so the substitute motion did not carry. Jeff's motion was then put to a vote, with four members supporting this motion and one opposing. As a result, the motion that the Board affirm its support of Tara Wicker's Metro Council proposal carried.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.