

EIHOA General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2017

Location - Tammany Yacht Club

Time - Started at 7:05m - 9:00pm

Note Taker - Suzanne Bertoniere

Attendance - Board Members - Deb Horrocks, Suzanne Bertoniere, Tim Sykes
Eden Isles Community (listed on sign in sheet)

Agenda Items

Deb Horrocks called the meeting to order

Members stood and said the pledge of allegiance

In the absence of our meeting sponsor, **T Le Blanc's Cajun Kitchen**, Deb Horrocks personally recommends them.

Guest speaker was **Dianne Cashio with the LA State Attorney General's Office**. Dianne had numerous brochures available. Dianne visits schools to talk to the kids against smoking cigarettes, and opioid overdose. Kids are getting into their parents/grandparents medicine cabinets. Dianne also goes to facilities for the elderly to discuss scams, identity theft, and what they can do to prevent them. She recommends if you do not recognize a phone number on your phone, DO NOT ANSWER IT. She has a wealth of safety information to provide.

Deb introduced Bonnie Peyroux from the Moonraker Assn., who spoke about **Flood Protection**:

For those who did not know, she said Moonraker never was a part of Eden Isles HOA - Moonraker was created in 1980. Bonnie pointed out that Tom Thompson, in our neighborhood, stores a lot of information regarding our neighborhood. Regarding possible future flooding, Bonnie stated with the drainage and changes that have been made in the area, and water will always go to the lowest level, this would be toward Hwy 11 and the Eden Isles entrance. The Corp of Engineer said we have a litigation, but no attorney will take the case. The next step is for neighborhoods to band together and be a part of a **consortium** - we have to all work together to make change happen. After 10 years of empty promises from different departments, Bonnie went to DC and met with Megan Miller, she works with Representative Steve Scalise. She said Steve Scalise has a soft spot for our area as he visited here when he was growing up. Scalise made a meeting happen between St. Tammany Parish, the Levee Board, the Army Corp of Engineers and the CPRA. Scalise said he can find the money that would be required if a plan to protect our area from flood waters was decided on. At some point he will come down and talk to us. Bonnie said the choices shouldn't be to leave or raise your house. She also mentioned there is no money left in FEMA.

Bonnie also mentioned that after three years, the **bridge to Clipper Estates** is being repaired. She said our bridges in Eden Isles will also need support as they also do not have steel rods. Bonnie said to get anything done, you have to fight for it, and she will continue to as she plans to continue living here.

Bonnie spoke about the history of **Santa in the Isles** - it was developed 30 years ago by the Eden Isles Garden Club. It has evolved over time. Deb mentioned over 100 children attended where food and hot chocolate was served. Each child received a toy from Santa.

Deb Horrocks asked Tim Sykes to speak about the **green spaces**. With less neighbors paying their dues, we have been concerned about how to maintain the green spaces. There are options to reduce the contract costs. The current lawn company is willing to reduce the contracted amount. Thankfully, we get a nice check from Progressive Wastes, and we are thankful for the neighbors that use them as their garbage collector. Please talk to your neighbors about our grass cutting situation. We currently have 303 neighbors paying dues to cover costs, out of over 900 neighbors. Deb said a decision will need to be made very soon.

Regarding our **security cameras**, Deb Horrocks stated the Sheriff's office can view the cameras at any time. Deb feels strongly that only HOA members have access to view the cameras as only members are financially supporting the maintenance of the security cameras.

Deb Horrocks asked Suzanne Bertoniere if she had anything she would like to add about the **neighborhood's safety**. Suzanne mentioned she continues to work on starting up a Neighborhood Watch in Eden Isles. We have **5 block captains** so far: Vickie Richardson for Carina Circle, Sherri Davisson for Constellation Dr., Suzanne Bertoniere for 101-150 Eden Isles Blvd, My Hua for Southern Star and Sandy Marks for Valiant Lane. Block Captains' main responsibility is to inform their immediate neighbors of crime, and safety information that is given to us by Corporal Vathier. Instead of using Nextdoor, the Block Captains would inform their neighbors through email, etc., of any crime concerns.

Suzanne spoke with Cpl Vauthier today about **neighborhood vehicle stickers**. From a policeman's point of view, the stickers do not make the neighborhood any safer. It is more for the neighbors to feel connected with their neighborhood. Deb reminded everyone that she does still have neighborhood vehicle stickers, but they say "homeowner" on them. Suzanne mentioned the neighbors could make a car sticker and be sold pretty inexpensively to homeowners/renters. Nothing was decided.

Suzanne also asked Cpl Vathier what to do about **Solicitors** coming into the neighborhood - He said to not confront them, but to call the Sheriff's Office and they will come out to check if they have a permit. This should dissuade them from coming into the neighborhood, but neighbors have to call and give them a location.

Corporal Vauthier informed Suzanne other neighborhoods have chosen to **hire patrols to reduce crime** in their neighborhoods, and it has been effective. He suggested in the beginning, possibly have patrols 4 times a month, and then should be able to go down to 2 times a month. And schedule them at different times and different days. The cost will be going up as of Jan 2018 to \$38/hr and must be a 4 hour shift, so \$152 a shift. The question is, how would we pay for the patrols? No one gave suggestions.

Deb Horrocks said the **Christmas Party** was great and enjoyed by all!

Elections to the 2018 Board were held, adding Nicki Connolley, Beth Applewhite, Cindy Franatovich and LaTanye Black. A new vice president is needed.

Deb went around the tables at the meeting to allow neighbors to pull winning tickets for the 4 gift cards: Home Depot, Olive Garden, Bed Bath and Beyond, StarBucks.

\$45 was collected for 50/50 - \$42 to the winner and \$43 for HOA.

Meeting was adjourned.