

# Eden Isles Membership Meeting

March 12, 2019

Tammany Yacht Club

7:00pm – 8:34 pm

Board Members present: Deb Horrocks, Tim Sykes, Enrae Lanfredi, Catherine Hammel, Suzanne Bertoniere, Beth Applewhite

## Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

### Food Sponsors:

- Janna Hammond and Keith Hanks, from Champion Insurance,
  - Homeowners, flood, auto and commercial insurance types
  - Sell for Excalibur
- Steve Lasky from Papa John's Pizza
  - Provided food for our Christmas Party last December
  - Asked to come to our meeting so we could publicly thank him and he generously brought more pizza for us tonight.

### Guest Speaker: Michelle Blanchard, St. Tammany Parish Council Rep.

- \$4 million in road improvements coming to the area, Eden Isles Blvd is on the list as well as Marina Dr., after the Clipper bridge is complete, which is expected to be in June. She asks for our patience with the construction in order to have a better finished product in the end.
  - Eden Isles Blvd.: \$1.2 million
  - Marina Dr.: \$400,000
  - Bike lanes will stay on El Dr.
- Appeal of Millennial Group vote will be on 3/14. Not a decided vote yet but have not been good neighbors due to such things as zoning, HUD etc. (The appeal of the Millennium Group appealing the Zoning Commission Denial to rezone 6.873 acres)
- Section of Gause Blvd. near Race Track will be getting a light
- Slip road on east Gause to be improved/cleaned up
- 2% sales tax St. Tammany goes to roads

### Guest Speaker: Corporal Matt Cleland St. Tammany Sherriff's Office Traffic Division

- Has been on motorcycles for 20 years
- Largest complaints from our community is traffic problems.
- They are present daily, even if we don't see them and are very aware of the traffic problems. (Speeding, not stopping at stop signs, passing in bike lanes)
- Goal for traffic stops (warnings and tickets for speeding, etc.) is to ?effect a change.
- Asks for our help in setting an example to other neighbors.
- Contact Sherriff's Office for violations, ask to speak to deputy, provide as much info as possible, (license plate etc.) and don't wait until time has passed.
- Best forms of contact:

- Website: stpsso.org
  - **St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Facebook monitored** page
  - Dispatcher: 898-2340/898-2339 (24/7) (This is also the number for water patrol)
- Captain Brett Hardaker (also present) patrols this division, contact phone number on website
- Question pertaining to parking on the street. If there are signs indicating NO PARKING, contact S.O. for enforcement. Without signage, hard to enforce.
- Traffic study, radar trailer, usually found not to be a true representation.
  - Average speed 27mph
  - High speeds of 30mph
- Suggestion: Have radar sign posted in neighborhood (?permanently). Would need to negotiate this with Rep. Blanchard and would use HOA funds.
- Question pertaining to specific parish ordinance for time limitations.
  - HOA Covenants supersedes parish laws. We don't have that so that falls to the S.O. to enforce. In some cases, Parish Code Enforcement.

### Guest Speaker: **Mary Dubuisson, Louisiana State Representative**

- Introducing a bill to rename Hwy 190 from Hwy 11 to Northshore Blvd in honor of Jason Seals (Slidell Police Officer who died in the line of duty). This will be Officer Jason Seals Memorial Road. Also, a trust fund in the form of a pension has been requested.
- She has been in contact with DOTD about the Hwy 11 bridge. The New Orleans DOTD is in control of the bridge. Some concerns from local businesses. The company is doing a full makeover; lighting, electrical, drawbridge station, etc. The company is doing a good job and is expected to finish ahead of schedule. Contact Mary with questions pertaining to this situation.
- The next session begins in three weeks and she is happy to be representing us.

### Guest Speakers, St. Tammany Parish Levee Board Members

#### **Suzanne Krieger, Levee Board Member**

- Working on scope one, information gathering. Accumulation of studies from drainage districts, parish, surveyors, etc. These studies are a part of a long process to determine the facts and determine the next steps.
- Next Levee Board meeting, tomorrow night in Mandeville, Koop Dr. At 6:00pm. *Normally* the third Wednesday of the month. Will be voting on the contract with Neel Schaffer (Engineering) for scope two.
- As the board moves forward, she requests that we all get more vocal about our needs for protection.
- Attended CPRA (Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority) meeting recently. Expressed concerns over current plans of the Slidell ring levee and the lack of comprehensive protection.
- Senator Hewitt, Louisiana State Senator for our area is on board with action.
- Suzanne requests attendance at future levee board meetings.

- We are getting the money for our area. We need to make sure it is used for the right plan.

### **John Faust, Levee Board Member**

- Task One, identifies projects and community areas that need flood protection.
- Task Two, gap analysis of current flood project. This determines what areas or measures are left out of current plans.
- Every area has plans, but south Slidell needs protection due to various issues; being closest to the lake, the outbound storm surges.
- Requested an Environmental Impact Study. Suggested this be done before beginning task two. Has requested the study determine the following:
  1. Show quantity of surge beyond what is normal (because of protective measures outside of our area)
  2. Duration of the water being held before receding.
  3. Cause?
- Requested governmental study.
- If projects prove theory, other projects will be handled through mitigation to correct the problems.
- Task Two will apply what has been learned to determine the next steps.
- Community support is necessary. It is a political process.
- What can be done?
  - Tom Thompson has presented a basic plan for protection that is feasible.
  - Raising the road bed, mechanical devices, levee structure in the lake are some of his suggestions for building the levee in the water/marsh areas.
- Original project began by the Corps of Engineers in 1987, when there were approx. 300 homes. There are now 3,000+ homes and businesses. The original plan is no longer feasible.

### Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

- Deb makes a motion to waive the reading. There is a second.
- Tim waives the reading of the minutes

### Treasurers Report

- Enrae Lanfredi provided a copy of the 2018 end of year Treasurer's Report.
- The 2019 Budget was voted in at the last membership meeting.
- 2018 had increase in membership which gave us a boost.
- Inflow of \$62,448, expenses \$50,187, net income of \$12,463.
- Additional savings \$46,953
- Total funds \$75,084
- With just under 400 members last year we were able to add some things into the budget.
  - Beautification
  - Increased security
- Currently, we have just under 250 paid members so far.
- Financial review performed by Kenny LaNata. Thank you to him.

- Completed the audit of the final 2018 Treasurer's Report. The report appears to be accurate and complete. All income and expenditures are accounted for. The 2018 final membership of 393 paid members appears to be accurate with all incoming money having been deposited into chase checking and savings account. Finally the end of year bank statement and end of year treasury report are all in balance.

## Report of the Standing Committees

### **Suzanne, Neighborhood Watch**

- Neighborhood watch signs have been purchased for each entrance and will be put up as a deterrent to potential crime.
- Currently there are 12 block captains and are always looking for more. See Suzanne if you are interested in becoming one. What block captains do:
  - Relay information about what is going on in the neighborhood.
  - Helps people to get to know one another.
- Block parties are encouraged to create familiarity with neighbors and awareness of what is going on around us.
- Only one alert this past quarter. Unknown man knocking on doors trying to sell magazines making people feel uncomfortable. Resulted in police being called and coming out to talk to him.
- Reminder to reach out to law enforcement and let block captains know what is going on as well.
- No wake signs are available for purchase. Let us know by March 31<sup>st</sup> if you would like one.
- Let us know if you have any events/items for the website or newsletter. There is also a facebook page.

### **Catherine, Welcome Committee**

- If you know of any new residents, buyers or renters, let her know.
- She will inform them about the HOA and activities in the neighborhood.
- Contact her by email, text, or voicemail.

### **Deb, Membership**

- Currently 263 members plus some additional at this meeting.
- Garden flags are now available.
- Crawfish boil is booked for the firehouse on Carr Dr.
  - Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon event, approx. 1 or 2 pm.
  - Tony Lanfredi and friend will be cooking for us.
  - Looking for volunteers to help plan kids activities and adult entertainment, as well as set up and break down.
  - Events are covered by your ticket sales. \$20/pp adults. \$10, ages 5-15.
  - Requesting: Neighbors helping neighbors. Local businesses donating items for raffle. Additional source of income for HOA

### **Announcements:**

- Tim requests volunteers for us:
  - Event coordinators, looking for a person to take over the position or even help with individual events.
  - Website manager

## New Business

### Bylaws Voting

- Distributed previous to meeting, in newsletter. Proposed changes are highlighted.
- Suggestion by Paul Titus pertaining to Article 5, section G-7. There should be a monetary limit on emergency expenditures.
- Tim raised the question to the floor, what is a reasonable limit? There is a discussion but no consensus on an amount to an unknown emergency.
- Deb asks the question to anyone present who has served on the board in the past. What has been the case in the past?
- Kenny informed us that when he was on the board, \$500 was the limit of board spending. There was discussion to increase it during his time on the board but it was never pursued. Currently if it is in the budget it can be spent otherwise it must be brought to the members in which you need a quorum.
- Paul Titus suggested a new amount of \$5,000, with the inclusion of what defines the emergency.
- Tim suggested we add a statement, “up to \$5,000 for emergency repairs only”.
- No vote can take place because the bylaws currently state that there must be a majority vote and we do not have enough members present to do so. Only one proxy form was received prior to this meeting.
- We will have to table changing the bylaws in order to review the requirements for changes and determine a course of action.
- Paul has suggested getting people to sign, in agreement to the changes while delivering the yard flags. He offered to help us get this done.

### Door prizes:

- Donated by Cindy Frantovich
- Four winners from ticket pulls.

### 50/50 Raffle

- \$81 collected.

Adjournment at 8:34.