

# Eden Isles HOA Membership Meeting

December 10, 2019

Tammany Yacht Club

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

Meeting began: 7:06pm

## Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

### Guest Speakers:

**Michele Blanchard**, outgoing St. Tammany Parish Council Rep.

- Rep for last 4 years, district 13, serves until Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Boundaries: Walmart on East Gause toward Winn-Dixie to 190, over to Pearlington, then to Rigolets, across to Lakeshore, the southside of Eden Isles Blvd to the lake, Rat's Nest Rd. to the marsh.
- Approx.. 33 coastal communities
- Largest coastal district in St. Tammany Parish
- Has achieved:
  - Worked with DOT to get Paving of 190 from Hooper to Military Rd.
  - \$24 million + in federal grants for parish money
  - \$2.8 million infrastructure for Eden Isles and surrounding marina area
  - 2.4 million toward Oak Harbor
  - \$1.6 million toward Moonraker/Clipper
  - Initiated ongoing project with school system to have student observer each month as a reminder of significance of government service as improvement for children's lives.
  - Began inviting local ministers within parish to attend monthly meetings and perform prayer.
- There are some ongoing projects that she will be passing on to Jake Airey
  - Project at Fremeaux Town Center
  - Study being initiated on service road by Walmart
  - Rerouting traffic at slip road exiting I-10 Gause near Walmart

**Jake Airey**, incoming St. Tammany Parish Council Rep.

- Will begin January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Will leave contact info with Tim, our President, including email in order for our members to be able to reach out with their concerns.

## Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting

- Motion made to waive the reading. There is a second.
- Tim waives the reading of the minutes

## Treasurers Report

- Enrae has provided us with Treasurer's Report thru Dec. 10, 2019
- 246 paid members, down approx.. 50 from last year.
- A few members have prepaid for the upcoming year,
- Inflow: \$50, 560
  - This includes the \$ obtained from Coastal Environment
    - Payments received from June 2019 through November 2019

\*(Thanks to Deb for all of the hard work and perseverance to make that happen for us.)

- Outflow: \$47, 878
- Net income: \$2,682
- Total funds: \$77,966 including savings
- Upcoming proposed Budget, to be voted on:
  - Shows: estimated 2019 income, actual income/expenses (through Nov. 30, 2019), estimated proposed budget for 2020
  - Most items are the same with some adjustments:
  - Additional money for beautification and security cameras
- Tim calls for motion to accept budget
  - Motion made to accept.
  - It is seconded.
  - Voting is unanimous, no objections.
  - Motion is approved.
- A volunteer will be needed early next year for a review of finances as per the bylaws.
  - Kenny LaNata has agreed to do that for us again.

## Report of the Standing Committees

### Suzanne, Neighborhood Watch

- Second year for Neighborhood Watch (Night Our against Crime-October)

- Coordination with block captains had parties throughout the neighborhood:
  - Anita Pl.
  - 2 on Eden Isles Blvd.
  - Pebble Beach
  - Ondine Ln.
- Approx. 100 people participated
- Anyone interested in becoming a block captain, see Suzanne.
  
- Sgt. Scott Meyer
  - Officer that Suzanne corresponds with about our police details
  - She addresses the need for us to have this patrol:
    - While there is a deputy that patrols our area, having a dedicated patrol gives us an officer that is not subject to be called away to fulfill another need outside of our neighborhood during the designated time we have prearranged. This officer can monitor neighborhood traffic as well as address calls that have been made from within the neighborhood.
  - 6 patrols were to have been arranged between Thanksgiving and New Year's.
    - So far, patrols have taken place on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 8-midnight, and Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - 4 more to be arranged.
  - Plans will be made for next year to have 2-3 patrols a month.
  
- Chris Carvers, Project Manager for road project on Eden Isles Blvd.
  - Weather had caused delays in the ongoing paving project
    - Rain, wet roads and temps below 50 have caused delays in paving and stripping.
  - Expected to finish within next 2 weeks depending on conditions.
  - Remainder of work to be done:
    - Backfill behind new curb on EI Blvd.
    - Stripe roadway
    - New curbing at Hwy. 11 entrance
    - Cleanup side area

*Questions from attendees pertaining to money for additional security as well as safety issues:*

- ⇒ Enrae explained that while it is already included in the budget, we need to determine what is needed in the way of additional security before a decision is made for what to spend.(more patrols or upgrades to security cameras, etc. )
  
- ⇒ Tim addresses the request for camera reviews and the fact that the current set up does not include all angles coming in and out at both entrances/exits. That

brings up further issues and would use additional budget money. Therefore, it is something that would have to be looked at further.

- ⇒ Question pertaining to additional security: If we hire someone to patrol isn't that just letting a routine monitor officer just go somewhere else?
  - Answer that when we have a dedicated patrol, they cannot be called away to answer a call somewhere else during that designated time as well as a presence within the neighborhood and this doesn't necessarily cancel out a routine monitor.
  
- ⇒ Question: Could we request the turn on Eden Isles Blvd. turning at Marina Dr. be remarked to have a turning lane and a thru lane? Another question/concern as to if there is enough room to have both a turning lane and a thru lane. Question of feasibility of stop sign here Suzanne will address this with Chris if there are plans to do this.
  
- Justin Bilbo, project engineer Hwy 11 Bridge, Suzanne researched to get more info on project.
  - Found info: Estimated completion: spring 2022
  - Will reach out to get more info and post on Nextdoor

## **New Business**

El Hoa Board does their best to attend the Levee Board Meetings in order to stay aware, make our presence known and keep neighbors informed. **Tom Thompson** has been a very active neighborhood representative and gives us a report on the latest information:

- Excited about new Parish President. Outgoing President was not supportive of progress in levee protection for us in this area. Local residents and HOA leaders are the ones that actually worked to get a study done to determine needs.
- Study has been going on for three years. They have completed up through the gap analysis.
- Tom has met with Neel Schaffer, consultants for projects. They have come up with a very preliminary plan.
  - Some details include moving structures into the lake, including a gate, and tying this into the railroad levee and into the parish levee system, in and out of the lake following the natural terrain on the west, and tying into the Torres levee on the east side and elevate Hwy 90
- This would be a very expensive project but could be done in pieces, rather than all at once and is expected to take years.

- Levee Board member, Suzanne Krieger, former State Senator, is affected by the need for this protection. She is working with Steve Scalise to get funding for this project. She is also on the incoming Parish President, Mike Cooper, new transition team.
  - Corps of Engineer has been asked to do a study. Theirs is a 3-3-3 plan.
    - 3 years, \$3 million, will have 3 board reviews
    - This will cause some confusion, but we hope they will work with us.
  - Recent news: Corps of Engineers to spend \$3.2 billion to elevate levees on south shore. This may mean we never get money for such areas as Rigolets and Chef Pass.
  - No prior coordination between Corps, Levee Board, Parish
  - Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) is a state agency and is also involved in the process.
- ⇒ Question of how long this will all be going on when Katrina was so long ago. The involvement of the Corps of Engineer, even though studies have already been done, will bring new studies but will hopefully bring a solution to focus on the Northshore.

### **Voting on EIHOA Board**

- Thank you from Tim for our current board and all the har work they've done this year.
- There will be four vacancies that will need to be filled.
- One volunteer, Carol
- Tim calls for nominations for board members, there are none.
- Time calls for volunteers, there are none.
- Cindy makes a motion to be able to elect into office, those persons that come forward, to volunteer, after this meeting. The motion is seconded.
- Tim asks everyone to spread the word and let neighbors know that the HOA needs more volunteers. There is a certain number needed in order to have a quorum and hold meetings. In addition, he would be willing to talk to anyone interested or with questions after tonight's meeting.

### **Grass contract is due for renewal.**

- Current company is due for automatic renewal if there are no other bids.
- Several other parties/companies have expressed interest but so far none have submitted bids.

**Special meeting to be held, January 28, 2020 at 6pm. A vote on bylaws will be held.**

**Announcements:**

- Deb announces the annual **Fire Station Christmas held by the Eden Isles Garden Club**, this Saturday (December 14). Characters including Santa ride on the fire truck through the neighborhoods. There are a couple of stops where candy is given out. The last stop is the gathering spot at the fire station on Marina Drive. Our HOA donates money to this event. Kids in our neighborhood participate see Santa, go on the fire engine and receive gifts. Food is provided and the kids even get hot chocolate. The event starts at 10 and the gathering at the firehouse is approx. 1 or before.
- Mary DuBuisson, our State Representative and neighbor sends her regrets that she could not attend. She is already back to work in Baton Rouge.
- Levee Board Meeting for December has been cancelled.

**Door prizes:**

- Donated by Cindy Franatovich
- Three winners from ticket pulls.

**50/50 Raffle**

- \$58 collected, Winner, Bob James received \$30.

Adjournment at 7:58pm.