

TARA CRIME PREVENTION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Goodwood Library  
7111 Goodwood Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, La.

On Monday, June 27, 2016 a quorum of the Board of Commissioners of the Tara Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District ("Board") met at the Goodwood Library for the second quarterly meeting of 2016.

The following commissioners were present:

Jeff Baudier  
Fabian Blache  
Ross DeNicola  
Bill Kipf  
Dale Songy

The following commissioners were absent:

Lisa Catalanatto  
Anna Hingle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jeff Baudier

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of the first quarterly meeting from March 28, 2016.

Fabian Blanche provided a brief summary of crime incidents reported since the March meeting, including:

- Break-in on Trudeau Drive where two white males were observed running from the residence and fled in a white truck driven by a white woman.
- Reported were additional instances where cars located in the driveway or carports of residences are being burglarized. It was noted that in most instances the cars were not locked.

Visitor Doug Allen provided a written summarized report obtained from [brla.gov](http://brla.gov) showing all reported incidents in Tara subdivision from January 6, 2016 through June 18, 2016. He informed the board this information is available to the public on-line.

Dale Songy reported he will be meeting with the company in charge of producing and installing the new Crime District signs to be installed at the entrance points to the subdivision with the additional news that the signs are to be installed within the next two to three weeks.

In response to a question regarding the timing and frequency of the private police patrols, Fabian Blanche related that we will monitor and adjust the patrol hours based upon a review of relevant activity in the neighborhood, including the closing of Tara High school for the summer, etc. He relates

the hours are scattered and typically include a more varied schedule in order to provide a less-predictable pattern to nefarious observers.

A visitor to the meeting brought to the attention of the Board a regular pattern of speeding by a Ford Mustang on Trinity Drive and asked for some assistance or suggestions in addressing the issue. Fabian Blanch related he would bring this to the attention of the patrol officers.

Jeff Baudier provided a summary of the Boards first year budget report from Lisa Catalanatto, which noted:

- the budget appears to be on track in the early going with some potential for carrying over some funds to next years' budget and earmarked for the purchase of security cameras.
- most of the expenses outlined in the report are allocated to the private patrols
- Dale Songy noted that it may be necessary to increase the patrols and attendant funding around the holiday season in conjunction with historically increased crime activity.

New Business:

- Fabian Blache outlined his research on the cost of the security cameras, and noted the least expensive of the reviewed cameras totals approximately \$5,375, but doesn't have all of the features included with some of the other systems (i.e. limited-to-no search capability). Another option, priced at approximately \$8,425 does have search capability while a third option includes a more sophisticated system with several features that could be leased at a fee of approximately \$5,500 per year.
- Fabian mentioned he had another meeting scheduled for this Wednesday involving the camera research.
- Jeff Baudier suggested it would be appropriate to include an agenda item for our next meeting with a follow-up report including any additional detailed information that might be helpful in formulating a potential plan to perhaps add a camera per year (or as funds allow), with the intention of maintaining compatibility over the acquisition period.
- It was noted that the cost of the technology appears to be decreasing while the quality of the images captured on the cameras is increasing, hopefully evolving into a circumstance where suitable cameras may be affordable for acquisition by the Board more quickly.
- Dale Songy suggested it might be worthwhile looking into acquiring a list of residences with cameras that might be willing to share relevant data with the security patrols in the event of an incident in the neighborhood.

A visitor to the meeting related an incident involving pack dogs apparently roaming the area. She reported she had called Animal Control, but they were unsuccessful in locating the pack. She also related she had contacted City Council members as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm