

TARA CRIME PREVENTION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Goodwood Library
7111 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, La.

On Monday, September 26, 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 third quarterly meeting of 2016.

The following commissioners were present:

Fabian Blache
Bill Kipf
Dale Songy
Lisa Catalanatto

The following commissioners were absent:

Ross DeNicola

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dale Songy

A motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of the second quarterly meeting from June 27, 2016.

Crime Incident Report:

Fabian Blanche provided a brief summary of the incident reports since the June meeting, including:

June, 2016:

- 9 alarms reported
- 2 residential burglaries reported (Trudeau & Tara Blvd.)
- 3 vehicle burglaries reported (Tara Blvd., Oakley, & Bayside)
- 2 thefts reported (Oakley)

July, 2016:

- 6 alarms reported
- male observed taking pictures in the parking area near the Tara Club pool, but was gone by the time police arrived.

August, 2016:

- 8 alarms reported

September, 2016:

- 5 alarms reported
- 3 vehicle burglaries reported (Shades, Wakefield)
- 1 theft reported (Oakley)

Thus far for 2016 there have been 76 alarms, 4 residential burglaries, 22 vehicle burglaries (3 locked and 19 unlocked), and 5 thefts.

Fabian also related the current schedule of police patrol hours would be maintained "as is" for the near term with a likely increase in hours during the holidays.

Budget Report:

Lisa Catalanatto reported expenditures to date include \$21,360 paid for the security patrols; \$100 per month paid to Officer Alisha Kuhn for coordinating the patrols; and \$2,500 for the new security patrol signs.

We are currently paying approximately \$3,200 per month for security patrols.

Lisa raised some reservations and concerns regarding the ability to pay the patrol officers in the first month or two after the first of the year due to late invoicing by the Tax Assessors office originating from the extensions granted by the August, 2016 flood event in the metropolitan area. This situation will be monitored.

New Business:

Dale asked that a copy of the budget be forwarded to each board member to prepare for discussion at the next meeting.

Dale reported the new Commission members (Estelle Rome and Fred Gwin) will assume their positions in December.

Dale related a desire to review and update the subdivision entrance signs at the boulevard. He related he will be looking at a couple of design ideas and we'll review associated cost and incorporate the potential changes and updating into the budget review.

Dale proposed we consider the opportunity to increase the dues 10% for the coming year. The ensuing discussion included questions regarding the deadline dates to implement such a change and what other sort of protocol and notification is necessary to properly affect an increase. The discussion focused on outlining the primary purpose for requesting an increase is to more quickly secure the funds necessary to accelerate the installation of the security camera. The motion to increase the dues by 10% was placed by Lisa, seconded by Fabian, and the motioned was passed by unanimous vote.

Estelle Rome noted the light poles along the boulevard are inconsistent in color (black, white and aluminum) and inquired as to what might be done to increase consistency. Dale related the street lights are owned by Entergy and that requests for changing them would need to be directed to Entergy.

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