

TARA CRIME PREVENTION AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Goodwood Library
7111 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, La.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 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 2017.

The following commissioners were present:

Fabian Blache
Bill Kipf
Lisa Catalanatto
Fred Gwin
Ross DeNicola
(Estelle Rome & Dale Songy were delayed in attending)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Fabian Blache

A motion was made by Lisa Catalanatto to accept the minutes of the first quarterly meeting from June, 2017. The motion was seconded by Bill Kipf and passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

-Lisa Catalanatto reported that Will Mercer will be completing the audit report in review of our budget, after which he will issue the audit report to us and then submit to the legislative auditor.

-Currently, we have approximately \$70,000 in the bank account.

Incident Report:

Ross DeNicola provided a brief outline of reported incidents thus far in 2017 and provided a written hand-out summarizing the reports (copy attached).

Security Research:

-Fabian related the patrol hours will be maintained consistent with the current schedule.

-Discussion regarding the installation of security cameras included:

Estelle questioned whether there were available statistics showing the effectiveness of security cameras and the strategy of having only two cameras; Fred Gwin related that the two proposed security cameras were intended to be the initial installation as restricted by current available funding with the plan to provide additional cameras to be installed at other locations as funds become available. The ensuing discussion was related to the hope the cameras will serve as an effective deterrent, although it is also noted that while it may serve as a deterrent to some, it will not deter all malicious activity.

Discussion continued related to the necessity of removing pine trees at the camera installation sites on Tara Boulevard at both entrances to the subdivision entrances and the attendant potential concern of some residents. Members of the Tara Civic Association (Jim Bob Ourso and Suzanne Fiske) were in attendance and related that it was the feeling of the TCA that the organization was in favor of the cameras in spite of the removal of the trees. Discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of removing the trees and the TCA representatives related that they did not receive as much resistance to the proposal as initially anticipated. It was also noted additional landscaping will be planned for the areas of the tree removal.

A motion to move forward with the camera project was made by Lisa, seconded by Ross and approved unanimously.

It was reported that Saia Electrical has submitted a proposal to donate the services necessary to provide electrical service and connections to the camera sites.

New Business:

-A resident has requested information on how to direct an e-mail requesting a vacation check.

-Fabian related he will suggest to patrol officers to drop off notes at various houses along the patrol route in response to some residents who report they have not personally witnessed patrols; the intention being to increase the evidence and profile of patrol activity.

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