

NORTH SHORE BEACH ASSOCIATION, INC.

Homeowners Meeting Saturday, July 14, 2007

Minutes of Meeting

Signing in from Carr Dr.: Howard Moreaux, Marilee Pye, Margaret Gros, Richard Pearsall, Benny Baehr, Robert & Betty Pagaragan, Christine Landry, John Bonomo, Wayne & JoAnne Mo, Jane & Charlie Clelland, April & Donald Meyer, Gwen & Darrin Johnson, Moe & Camille Schwandt, Roy & Janet Eichhorn, Kerry & Pam Weilbaecher, Loel & Patty Hofmann, Sharon White, John Lopez

Signing in from Clara Dr.: James & Ke Li Bates, Tom & Arletta Cotton, Scott Leonard, Danny Clavier, Judy Borne, Barry Gravois

Signing in from Evella Dr.: Bill King, Billy King, Arthur Quick, Sr., Sharib & Wayne Sandoz, Ronnie & Cindy Provensal, Don & Margaret Richard

Signing in from Jacqueline Dr.: Russell & Eileen Borne, George & Judy Hill, Jeff & Martha Seeber, Kathy & Mike Over, Floyd & BJ Norris, John & Janis Cogan, Don & Becky Retzer, Gary & Charlotte Hendricks, Pat & Chester Domingue, Donald Sierra, Joe Harvin

Signing in from Terry Dr.: Allen Brush, Merlin Saacks, Robert & Stephanie Evans

Signing in from Debbie Dr.: Charles Falanga, Waide Galle

The meeting was opened by NSBA President, Dianne Lipps, Also in attendance Kathy Over (VP), Judy Hill (Sect.) Buddy Mayfield (Treas).

Volunteer Fire Department Building – FEMA has declared that our building is unsafe and that we should not be using it. However, an engineer has reviewed the building and said that it can be renovated. Plans are being drawn up to put it back in to service as a volunteer fire department facility and can be used for other community activities. At present the VFD has secured enough money to rebuild it to a point we can use it. Not exactly the same as before but very usable. The VFD also got some monies for contents to replace pumps and other items needed. Joe Harvin is working on Traveler's Insurance to get something from them. This will likely not be enough and various members of the NSBA are working to increase those numbers from the respective groups. Mo Schwandt is getting the drawings ready for bids as required by the Parish. The FEMA amount was decreased due to our not having flood insurance on the building. Six or seven thousand has been used for debris removal and the engineering report and \$3900 for the fence that was put up just before the 4th of July crowds on the beach. It did help with trash on our property.

Several felt that it was unlikely that the St. Tammany Fire Department will ever put a truck back in our VFD building due to a number of reasons, but one being the railroad crossing being blocked by train and the truck being delayed in response. Additional volunteers are needed for the VFD to learn how to operate our pumps. The Fire Department has been out several times to demonstrate and there are several in the neighborhood who are knowledgeable in the operation.

Coastal Waste has agreed to put a couple of garbage cans on the beach, but someone has removed them, perhaps to their own residences. Suggestion was made to paint a large yellow stripe on the beach trash containers so that they can be identified easily if they should disappear.

Dredging – Jim Bates, a new homeowner, has done a lot of work towards getting a new dredging permit. The previous permit had expired shortly before the storm. We never had enough money to do the work anyway. The bids given verbally went to \$35,000, the renewal was forgotten. However, Jim reports that we have around \$11,700 in the dredging fund. He has found a person with the proper equipment who is known to him and whom he believes will follow through on the project. Jim will be a volunteer on the crew for the dredging and others are encouraged to add their names to the list once the project is approved. In addition he also has a contact who will haul the debris away, to anyone's lot who needs some fill dirt. Much could be used at the community lot for filling in the low areas where water sits since the storm. He estimates that with the information he has, the project can be done with the amount currently allocated.

The project would actually remove the dirt and debris from the dredging area rather than scoop it to the sides of the project. The EPA has said that NO debris of any kind can be put into any wetlands area. Charles Falanga voiced concern about the proximity of the dredging area to his bulkhead, as he believes that an earlier dredging project had created a situation where his bulkhead was weakened. The previous permit called for 40 feet distance, but Jim believes that there is not that much room in the area near the opening onto the lake to make the proposed dredging width.

Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting when further measurements and details will be presented.

Fundraisers – Dianne Lipps said that we need homeowners dues paid as soon as possible to get the NSBA treasury back to operational levels. Dues are \$75 per year, payable July 1st of each year. Dues for the current year – 2007-2008 – are due now. Forms are available on the web site – www.nsbha.org - along with mailing address. Homeowners were asked to fill out an information sheet to update their current mailing address and email address. Also use this sheet to suggest additional fundraisers. A Fish Fry was suggested for a quick fundraiser. Dianne will contact Coastal Waste for a porta-potty for that event should we be able to get it scheduled before the building is renovated.

Local Problems – Many homeowners have complaints about various issues in the neighborhoods, including FEMA trailers not in use, trash on the beach, debris removal,

contractor vehicles blocking the fire equipment, and others. Dianne recommends that individual homeowners call the Parish President's office to get the proper telephone number and contact name for the department to handle each type of problem. She has been getting calls from homeowners requesting that she do this and her single voice is not making enough noise for handling some of these problems. She suggests that numerous calls from different people will give more credibility to the complaints and status of responses. The various numbers will be posted on the web site for homeowner's to use. Anyone who doesn't have web access should contact Dianne for the information. Name and address of Parish President is published in the Times Picayune paper that is delivered locally.

FEMA was supposed to make another trip though this area for additional trash removal, but nothing has been done so far. Contractor trailers that were parked on the community property blocking the fire equipment container were threatened with \$100 per day fee and were removed. It is important that the community VFD be able to respond quickly to any fire emergency with our equipment.

A suggestion was made for major problems to bring a letter of petition to the next homeowners meeting and get all the neighbors to sign it for submission to the Parish for response to the problem.

Homeowners Meetings – Dianne will try to schedule homeowners meetings every two months. The group would like to get back to the social events that were once part of every homeowner get-together and we will try to make that, at least partially, possible at the next meeting.

The meeting was addressed by Richie Artigue, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Council. He remained in the area for questions and comments with homeowners following the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.