

Covington Country Club Estates Owners Association

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2017

Mr. President, Mel Baiamonte, called the annual meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

The President welcomed everyone in attendance. He thanked the Board for their service during the past year. Mel went on to introduce himself and say that he has been the President for the past few months.

Special Guests:

Councilman: Mike Lorino

Mr. Lorino introduced himself and indicated that he would leave his card if anyone should need to contact him. He noted individuals can call him directly.

During the year the Association approached Mr. Lorino about installing "speed bumps" on the streets of our subdivision. However, not much more than 50% was interested in the project. After researching the matter, it was determined that "speed bumps" could cause legal issues; and so, the project was dropped. Instead, "rumble strips" will be installed on Country Club Dr. to see if they affect the speeding. They will create noise but cause no damage to vehicles. Please let the Association Board know if you think they are helping or not. The Board will report back to Mike.

Lighting: In order to place street lights in the subdivision, a lighting district would have to be formed. There are two ways to accomplish that: 1. There would have to be an election and, if approved, we would pay for it in the end. 2. If it were done for District 4, we could possible piggy-back on their project. That would be the cheaper way to go. The placement would be up to us.

Highway 22: Currently, the bridge opens on the hour, but not during peak hours.

Service Road on 190: The State is working on the fencing along the service road. Mike is trying to get the State to replace the fence with a nicer one, similar to the one being installed shortly along portions of Hwy. 22 near Franco's.

Economical District: Mike expressed his feelings about the controversial votes. He feels the Parish was penalized because the majority of our voters supported Vitter and it is predominantly republican. He voted for the tax because he thought it would help the Parish; i.e., beautification of the Causeway.

Causeway Bridge: The Southbound lanes are not safe. They were not built to today's standards. There are a lot of misconceptions on the reasons for the rising amount of accidents on the bridge. He noted there will be another ballot on April 29th.

Justice Center: Additional tax money was not approved for operation of facility. There are not enough funds for additional construction.

Restrictions on golf course: Mike has agreed to act on our suggestions. There may be a need for re-zoning but would consider it if necessary. We need to form a panel to address situation.

Recycling: If it can be done by the Parish, he will look into it.

A questions and answer period followed.

Sewer District: Mrs. John Burden

Mrs. Burden will take over her husband's position. Jay Kahn of Country Club Estates has also volunteered. The Parish has determined it will be too costly to have an election to fill the position, and they will allow Mrs. Burden to fill the position.

Pete Lee: The Board needs two members. Sue Burdon will replace John on Board. The Board meets one time each month.

Water Board District #3: Brent Cordell

The new well is down. They have awarded three of four contracts necessary to install the pumps, generators, etc. The well should be on-line by the new year. There should be good water in the lines. The Board still needs to bid out the work on distributions lines. The prices on connecting homes to the new lines will be piece-meal, but will be done.

Question and answer period followed.

Board Reports:

President, Mel Baiamonte:

Mel addressed the ATV's and Golf Carts in the neighborhood. He emphasized it is illegal to drive them on our streets since they are not privately owned, and that it requires a licensed driver to operate said vehicles. Drivers or owners of the vehicles are also subject to being ticketed.

He noted there are 410 residents in the neighborhood and 62% are dues paying members of the association.

Mel stressed there are openings on the Board which need to be filled as quickly as possible: Architectural Review, Communications, Social, Streets & Utilities, and Secretary. There is one meeting each month beginning at 7:00 p.m., and it lasts for 1 - 1-1/2 hours.

Treasurer, Miles Mark:

Miles submitted the annual financial report to members in attendance. He noted that the budget for the upcoming year has been accepted by the Board.

Architectural,:

No report.

Communications,:

No report.

Beautification, Sylvia Leibe:

Mel complimented Sylvia on the effort she puts in to keep the signage area clean and beautiful.

Social:

No report.

Streets & Utilities, Kathy Daggett:

No report.

Zoning and Parish Affairs, Barbara Dodds:

- Barbara noted this is an assessment year. If you think your bill is high, be sure to contact the assessor's office for property re-assessment prior to the billing going out.
- Economic Development Districts were formed because there are no residents and do not require a vote.
- Re-Zoning - There are new professional condos on the service road at the entrance to Beau Chene. The property management of Beau Chene has requested the parcel of land fronting the service road along the par-3 hole at the west entrance be re-zoned. We need to keep an eye out for new development there.
- Mike Fitzpatrick of Helis Oil has withdrawn their request for a drilling permit in the Parish.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

The slate of officers was presented to the floor, with a request for nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, John Barlow made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Yadi Mark seconded the motion. The slate of officers passed unanimously.

Laura Ragusa is looking to form a card group and asked anyone interested to contact her.

There being no further business, Barbara Dodd made a motion to end the meeting. Daryl Mura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Duvernay, Secretary

Mel Baiamonte, President