

CCCEOA Minutes
July 27, 2006
110 South Drive, 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Peter Deinken, Barbara Dodds, Sylvial Leibe, Yadi Mark, Patty Massara, June Murphree, Mike Murphree. We also had a guest, David Dauphin, a past president who is now serving on the Sewage Board.

Absent:

Max Chotto, Jeff Young, Bill Hunter, Darlene Peterson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 and was chaired by Barbara Dodds in the absence of the President and Vice President. The minutes were accepted by those present.

Katrina Recovery Issues:

Barbara did some research concerning regulations for FEMA trailers. She was told that Covington Country Club would be on the list for review next week. There will be a review of the three addresses submitted to Barbara. The parish will determine if residents are in violation of the law. Residents are allowed to ask for an extension.

There are numerous houses that are badly damaged in the subdivision that have been left unattended. Many of these houses are not secure. In one, dogs and cats are using a house for shelter. These houses have debris in front of them and the lawns are not being cleaned or maintained. Slidell and Abita Springs have deadlines as to when houses must be boarded up and grass cut. Since we are in the unincorporated area we are waiting for the parish to establish guidelines. The parish is waiting for FEMA funds to hire people to identify blighted properties.

Several months ago, the board agreed that "polite" letters reminding residents that they need to secure and maintain their property should be written. Both Jeff and Max volunteered to write these letters. Wendy offered to help in this effort. Several of us volunteered to identify blighted property and submit a list to Max in June. The lists have not yet been submitted and the letters have not been written.

Treasurers Report:

Patty submitted a written report. We have a balance of \$10,721.63. Three hundred four residents have paid their fees. We were not billed for property insurance on the lots last year. The lot with our sign will not be insured because we cannot obtain insurance. The premium for the side lots is \$995.00 a year. Barbara suggested that Patty call Mike Champagne to ask him for suggestions. The cost of the board's liability insurance is \$1,700. Patty will also discuss the insurance issues with Jeff.

Communication:

June stated that forty newsletters were returned. The mailman wrote on them “moved.” Barbary suggested sorting out the paid list and Barbara thought it would be a good idea to address them to “resident” so that new residents receive the newsletters. June reminded us that she needs us to submit articles for the next newsletter. Peter asked about a deadline. It was suggested that the next newsletter be out for August because of the upcoming elections for the school board. The deadline for the next news letter is August 15th.

We were also reminded that we need to start looking for a location for the annual meeting. The status of the Country Club is that the FBI is holding the building till October.

The board wants to rethink the expense of our post box. Sylvia volunteered to look into getting a better price on the post box. While it is convenient to have a post office box in Mandeville, it would be more appropriate to have a Covington address. If we decide to go with the U.S. post office, Yadi volunteered Miles to pick up the mail. Yadi said Miles uses the Covington post office daily.

Architecture:

Mike and Peter gave a presentation concerning the 103 North Dr. address, where the Knickerbocker’s had their house demolished. They submitted a complete roll of architectural plans. They are not building on the additional half lot that they own. Mike and Peter measured the set back from the street at 60 feet. There was a long discussion concerning the ten feet owned by the parish and the fact that the ten feet couldn’t be included in that measurement. Mike and Peter were not aware that the parish owned the ten feet in front of the lots. They couldn’t find that information because the covenants referred to the “plott” and that information was not available. The new structure would be within the guidelines at fifty feet. The Knickerbocker’s are ready to start construction on their property. Their house will be 2,300 square feet.

Beautification:

Sylvia did not have anything new to report. She is still waiting to get several estimates from a landscape electrician to replace the light that illuminates the CCE sign. Yadi stated that the landscape looks very neat and that the service road looks good.

Zoning/Parish Affairs:

David Dauphin, currently serving on the sewerage board, answered questions from the board. Peter asked if the sewerage board had any particular problems. David stated that one problem that they have is with water intrusion when more rain water gets into the plant and it throws the system off but added that the system was in good shape.

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Issues regarding the water board were brought up. Howard Dearing, past president, who served many years on the water board resigned. His replacement lives in Riverwood. Peter asked about our water and phosphates in the water. This came up because of a complaint by a resident which was discussed at last month's meeting. David stated that while there are guidelines, phosphates in not one of the things they are required to test. Yadi asked about the fee that the water board collects every month. How much money do they have? When will they build their new water well? David suggested that we invite the water board to attend one of our meetings.

Elections and constitutional amendments are up for a vote in November. All residents of Louisiana have the opportunity to vote on the amendments, which also include the issue of seven assessors versus one, in New Orleans. The League of Women Voters will host an educational meeting in the near future on the amendments.

Meeting adjourned. **Next meeting: Thursday, August 17th, 7:00pm South Dr.**

Respectfully submitted by: Yadi Mark