

Braeburn Valley Civic Association

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Minutes

January 23, 2024

Braeburn Valley Civic Association Meeting

Location: Bayland Park 6400 Bissonet St

Board Members: Bert Ruiz President (present)

Darren Spriggs Treasurer (present)

Jonathan Soffar Vice President (absent)

Barbara Haney Secretary (present)

Christine McKeon At Large (present)

- I. 6:30 pm Welcome
- II. 6:35 President's Call to Order. Bert introduced the board. Approval of October 23, 2023 Minutes. Motion to approve by Ted Holubac and seconded by Dwight Lee.
- III. 6:45 pm Treasurer's Report
 - Budget Update: Darren Spriggs had forecasted from previous budgets that we expected to end the year with a surplus of \$6,791. However, as of now, we have a deficit of 2,611. Cash on hand is \$90,232 as of January 19, 2024. For 2024 fees, we have received 47 out of 97. Sixteen homeowners haven't paid 2023 dues.
- IV. 6:50 pm New Business Announcements/Announcements/Presentations
 - District J Patrol: www.districtjpatrol.com will handle any neighborhood issues, like parking on the grass or vehicles illegally parked. It's not for emergencies or to report criminal activity that needs immediate attention. Bert mentioned that he is rolling off the task force, and Jeannie Spriggs has taken over to represent our neighborhood.
 - Jeannie Spriggs mentioned that the task force would issue citations rather than educate the public. Christine Mckeon requested an example. Bert mentioned homeless encampments, junk motor vehicles parked in the street, graffiti, and mattresses dumped in the bayous as well. Bullet casings were also reported there. The District J website can also be found on our mybraeburnvalley.com website.
 - A resident on Valley View reported teenagers attempting to steal packages on doorsteps. This occurred at 7722 ValleyView around 3:30 on 1/22. They were seen last week as well.
 - Since FLOCK cameras have been installed, Bert mentioned that gunshots have occurred less.
 - Traffic Data on road closure temp barrier on Wanda. The counters were put up in October, and some improvements were noticed in some areas, but the traffic is worse in other areas. Residents request we move the barrier to another location: Lugary and Wanda. The thought is that it will eliminate the parking by apt residents. The committee is waiting on 'legal's response to this request. Braeburn Valley only has two areas of concern -the speed of people coming down Braeburn Valley and the quantity of traffic coming down Valley View. Decreased traffic from Wanda to Nairn was noted.
 - A bigger construction project is slated to launch on Bissonnet that could assist with eliminating cut-through traffic.
 - The next traffic study stakeholder meeting will probably be in March or April.
 - 7:00 Property updates: #1 Hideaway Circle is being sold to the city. The purchase is moving forward, and the house will be torn down within 90 days of purchase. Residents

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have mentioned putting up a neighborhood sign like the one at the front of the subdivision at Bissonnet and Braeburn Valley Dr. The city will only mow the grass twice a year. The city has assured Bert that it is not planning to buy other houses in the neighborhood. #5 Hideaway Circle: the house has been vacant since 2015. Property at Wanda and Braes Bayou, we don't know what's going on there other than a fence has been put up, which has stopped trespassers from entering. 7721 Valley View property is still vacant and was tagged by the city for an issue with the pool. It also has a broken window in the front of the house. 7810 Nairn Street: unoccupied house. The executor of the estate that belonged to a now-deceased owner has an attorney to dispute the ownership of the property.

- \$7k Grant- for Super Neighborhood beautification projects in the region. Jeannie Spriggs is taking suggestions. Bert mentioned street sign toppers but stressed that the amount of money is not a lot.
- George Mercado asked who was responsible for fixing the chain link fence along the golf course. Bert mentioned the club is exploring replacing the fence with a solid wall to provide a sound barrier. Jeannie Spriggs mentioned we would like them (country club) to keep as many trees as possible.
- District J will hold a press conference on Friday, January 26, at 1 pm to unveil a new project to add additional maintenance for the community.
- Rita Wilhite mentioned that the next Garden Club meeting will be in February. The club is in the process of collecting goodies/snacks for the police department and firefighters. Garden Club meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Spring picnic will be held in April.
- Bert paused for resident comments. Dick Akkerman mentioned seeing three coyotes being chased by a terrier in the middle of the night. Another resident mentioned hearing cubs on the golf course.
- David and Maricky are new residents to the neighborhood and introduced themselves.
- One resident who lives on Nairn asked if there's anything that can be done regarding fireworks and other issues caused by residents of Sharpstown Garden Apartments. Bert recommended we communicate with the apartment complex because of these issues. Another resident mentioned that the apartment complex security is not handling the problems. Bert committed to discussing with the District J Council Member office.

V. 7:25 Motion to adjourn by Dick Akkerman and seconded by Nicki Nikolaiou.