

Braeburn Valley Civic Association

Sections I & II

Minutes

July 26, 2022

Braeburn Valley Civic Association Meeting

Location: Bayland Park 6400 Bissonet St

Board Members: Bert Ruiz President (present)

Darren Spriggs Treasurer (present)

John Loe Vice President (present)

Matt Williams At Large (present)

Barbara Haney Secretary (present)

- I. 6:40 pm Meeting called to order by Bert Ruiz.
- II. Review and Approval of May 18, 2022, Minutes. Approved by Dick Akkerman and Rita Willhite seconded it.
- III. Treasurer's Report by Darren Spriggs. Cash inflows for 2022 is \$26,353. Cash outflows total \$16,944.87. Cash balance as of July 26, 2022 is \$89,772.56. Three reports attached: Cash Flow Statement, Unpaid Dues Statement and Annual Budget through July 26, 2022
- IV. 6:45 pm Traffic Speed and Volume Control Project
 - Project Update. Traffic count has been completed and initial data has come back. Hot spot at Wanda and Braes Bayou Drive. Approx. 800 cars daily come through this intersection as opposed to an average of 60 cars on other streets in Braeburn Valley.
 - Next Step: Data will be presented at next stakeholder meeting led by the city. No official guidelines have been established on how to move forward. For instance, it is not clear whether a vote is needed in order to move forward or if general consensus will suffice, however, it has been stated by councilman Council Member Pollard it's important to have neighborhood support for whichever decision is made on a temporary structure. If Braeburn Valley I and II, Bonham Acres and other regional residents decide they want to move forward, a temporary structure will go up and additional data will be collected. Another meeting would then be held, after data is collected on use of the temporary structure, to determine whether a permanent structure would be put in place. The timeline for putting up the temporary structure is not known at this time.
- V. 7:05 pm Community Issues.
 - a. Discussion about putting up a traffic light at entrance of our neighborhood at Bissonnet and Braeburn Valley. Dick Akkerman has mentioned issues getting out of Braeburn Valley, proposes this issue be brought up to Mike Pollard. Rita Willhite brought up the fact that visibility to the right is limited by telephone poles and trees.
 - b. John Loe spoke about the 8 unrepaired, uninhabited houses. John Loe states that these are depreciating and ongoing discussions have been going on between John/Bert and homeowners of these houses, addressing the issues of neglect and that those discussions are ongoing.

- c. Braeburn Super Neighborhood #30 region had a meeting recently and received Crime stats from 2021 to 2022. Violent crimes are down year over year from 2021 (495) to 2022 (444). Non-violent crimes: 1,143 in 2021 verses 1,123 in 2022. Details attached.
- d. Problem renters on 7802 Valley View have been evicted from our neighborhood this month. Issues started in March and came to a head when the tenant was arrested in front of the house in June.
- e. One resident asked who should be called when gunshots are heard. Non-emergency number is 713 884-3131. If you are observing gun shots then you should call 911.
- f. John Loe made mention that the more calls that come in to address gun shots will result in more casual patrols coming into our neighborhood by HPD.
- g. Next civic meeting is last Tuesday October, 25th, 2022 and will be held at Bayland Park community center.
- h. Notice will go out for the Traffic Study when that is known.
- i. National night out will happen again this year and be hosted at Bert Ruis's house.
- j. Two long-time residents have died. Grace Hollaway, former resident, and Mr Ramirez, current resident. Mass for Mr Ramirez will be held St Vincents Church at Buffalo Speedway and Holcombe at 9 am on Friday.
- k. Website for Braeburn Valley section I and II will be up by next meeting. It will contain basic info, deed restrictions, trash pickup and will be where meeting information, reports and community information can be shared.

VII. 7:40 Move to adjourn by Chris Sullivan, and motion seconded by Rita Willhite.