

Braeburn Valley Civic Association

Sections I & II

Minutes

January 31, 2023

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)

Jonathan Soffar Interim At Large (present)

Barbara Haney Secretary (present)

- I. 6:30 pm Meeting called to order by Bert Ruiz. Introduction of the board and neighborhood resident attendees. Also in attendance was Brian Pendleton, from the office of the new County Commissioner Leslie Briones
- II. 6:40 pm Review and Approval of July 22, 2022, Minutes. Approved by Christine McKeon, George Mercado seconded it.
- III. 6:50 pm Treasurer's Report by Darren Spriggs. Two reports are attached:
 1. Annual Expected Operating Budget for 2023. \$43,734 expected revenue verses expected expenses of \$36,943. Should end 2023 with a surplus of \$6,791. See sheet for details.
 2. Annual Budget Summary of 2022: Actual Revenue: \$30,286 verses actual expenses \$32,367. Ended with a deficit of -\$1845, but we have not received COH reimbursement for the 4th quarter of 2022. See sheet for details. Darren mentioned that we have about \$80,000 in the bank.
- IV. 7:00 pm Traffic Speed and Volume Control Project Update
 1. Project Update: City is reviewing the committee recommendation of the two temporary barriers concept: one full barrier for vehicles (foot traffic will not be hindered) at Wanda and Lugary and another partial barrier on Braes Bayou between the church and Braeburn Valley Dr. For this partial barrier, cars will be able to exit the neighborhood south towards Braeswood, but not enter the neighborhood.
 2. Next Steps: If current recommendation is approved, a letter from the city will go out to residents of Bonham Acres and Braeburn Valley I and II, and regional stakeholders, with notice of a second stakeholder meeting, and opportunity to vote on the concept on line. The second stakeholder meeting, the matter will include an overview of the recommended concept, and provide attendees an opportunity to share comments and ask questions. Residents and stakeholders will have a few weeks to submit their vote using the online portal provided by the city. There needs to be 60-70% approval for the temporary barriers to be installed.
 3. Timeline – If the two neighborhoods decide to move forward with the temporary structures, then the structures will be installed, and tested, for 6 months. After the trial period, new data will be shared, and residents/stakeholders will vote to determine whether to put in place permanent structures. District J paid for the study, has committed to funding the temporary structures but it is unknown at this time whether the district will fund the permanent structures.
- V. 7:10 pm New Business/Announcements/Presentations.

1. Brian Pendleton passed out cards from County Commissioner Leslie Briones office. These cards contain two websites for our neighborhood to submit requests for service. They are: hcp4.net/assistance and service@hcp4.net.
2. Bert mentioned that there is a discussion about putting up a stop light at the front of the neighborhood at Braeburn Valley and Bissonnet. There was discussion about whether additional stop signs and/or speed bumps are needed.

VI. 7:20 pm Braeburn Crime and Safety Report:

1. 7 vacant houses. Another letter will go out to the homeowners requesting that they take action to either fix up or sell. Christine McKeon mentioned seeing a UHaul being loaded at the house on Nairn where squatters have been living. sightings in the neighborhood.
2. Christine McKeon also mentioned seeing a young man going through cars at 8 am in the morning on Valley View across the street from her. Nothing was caught on camera.
3. District J has a new two-part anti-crime initiative: 1) a website to report neighborhood disturbances and non-violent violations such as parking in the yard, vandalism, graffiti, etc. and 2) a polaris patrol vehicle that will patrol several neighborhoods. Additionally, Bert has been given a District J Patrol sign that will be placed somewhere in the neighborhood so that passers through the neighborhood will see that it is being actively patrolled by police. Attendees mentioned that there has been very few Polaris sightings in Braeburn Valley section I and II.
4. Tagging was found on a home on Hideaway Circle and in an area near Sharpstown High School. It has been taken care of however Bert mentioned that anyone seeing any tagging should be sure to report it as soon as possible so that it can be covered quickly. For questions about how to report or to which dept to report that to, Bert directed meeting attendees to go to the Braeburn Valley website.
- 5.

VI. 7:30 pm Motion to adjourn by Derek Hee and seconded by Jeanie Spriggs.

Submitted by

Barbara Haney
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