

Braeburn Valley Civic Association

Sections I & II

Minutes

April 25, 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.
- II. 6:40 pm Review and Approval of January 2023 Minutes. Approved by George Mercado and seconded by Rita Willhite.
- III. 6:50 pm Treasurer's Report by Darren Spriggs. Two reports are attached.
 1. The Year End Report:
 - i. Total collected revenue should have been \$38,894 however the actual amount was \$3,6199 due to nonpayment of 11 homeowners maintenance fees.
 - ii. Year-end surplus from all revenues collected and fees paid through the year was \$3,832.
 2. First quarter 2023:
 - i. Budget or total revenue for 2023 is forecast to be \$38,496 based on full participation of 97 homeowners maintenance fees, city reimbursement and reimbursement from Braeburn Country Club for landscaping the fence line.
 - ii. However, as of the first quarter, 22 homeowners have not paid their yearly maintenance dues, which is a variance of -\$7700
 - iii. Projected expenses is \$9736
 - iv. Projected surplus based on current revenue is \$21,175 for the year, barring unforeseen expenses.
- IV 6:45 Election of new officers
 - Introduction of current slate of officers and their desired commitment to the following positions:
 - Bert Ruiz will continue as President
 - Darren Spriggs will continue as Treasurer
 - Barbara Haney will continue as Secretary
 - John Loe is retiring from the position of VP
 - Jonathan Soffar is leaving his position as Officer At Large to take on the role of Vice President
 - Christine McKeon is electing to take on the role of At Large position
 - Candidates were uncontested and unopposed so decision to move forward with these candidates was made through the process of acclamation.
- IV. 7:00 pm Traffic Speed and Volume Control Project Update
 1. Project Update: city has sent out a letter with stakeholder meeting information for April 27th at the University Park Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. What will be presented are the city findings/data. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns. Homeowners will then be tasked with voting on whether to move forward with the

temporary structure. Should the vote be to move forward, the temporary structure will be erected at Wanda and Fondren for 6 months, and then another traffic study will be conducted by the city to determine whether the temporary structure will come down or a permanent structure will be erected. Bert Ruiz says he believes the Bonham Acres property owners have mixed feelings about the decision of the city to erect the barrier at the decided location versus the location on Wanda at the entrance to Braeburn Valley I and II. John Loe expressed that this barrier will have a negligible effect on Braeburn Valley and a negative effect for Bonham Acres because the actions taken are not the ones that they originally wanted to have. The committee's inclination is to test it and compare traffic counts before and after the implementation of the barrier. The timeline for the temporary barrier is 6 months. It will not prevent walking traffic. But Bert Ruiz said the one thing we need to make sure of is that the process needs to go as proposed and that it doesn't change to where a permanent structure is put into place without the due process taking place as discussed. Stakeholders include property owners within a mile radius. We do not know at this time if the apartment residents are included in the census. Bonham Acres will be affected more than Braeburn Valley, is the general consensus. One of the issues expressed by multiple Braeburn Valley residents is the number of parked cars along Wanda by the apartment complex which will make it very difficult for cars to turn around and basically clog the area.

V. 7:20 pm New Business/Announcements/Presentations. Maplewood resident James Troutman attended the meeting as a representative advocating for District J candidates Ivan Sanchez for District J City Council Member and Holly Villaseca for City Counsel At Large position. Troutman expressed enthusiasm for the installation of the Flock camera system installed in his Maplewood neighborhood, saying that the crime rate has been significantly impacted with the implementation of this system. This system takes pictures of license plates and offers direct communication with HPD, and he mentioned there's another system that can tell the exact locations of gunshots.

VI. 7:28 pm Braeburn Crime and Safety Report:

1. One resident expressed a desire to put in a street light by the retention pond by Braes Bayou.
2. Christine McKeon said the city has a trashcan over by the bus station at Bissonnet that is full and needs to empty it.

VI 7:30 pm Motion to adjourn by Lance Rosborough and Dick Akkerman seconded it. Submitted by

Barbara Haney
Secretary, Braeburn Valley Civic Association

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