

Eden Isle Homeowner's Association Minutes from March 10, 2009 Meeting

Liz called the meeting to order at 7:15pm and welcomed everyone. There are 2 new members present 114 Constellation and 108 Anita Place.

Minutes from the last two Board meetings (February 4 and 26) were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Bill Baldwin and 2nd by Joe Montalbano. Motion was carried unanimously.

The 2009 Board Members were introduced:

President: Liz Hoffman

Vice President - Cindy Franatovich

Secretary- Anne Nash

Treasurer- Jerri Candebat

Greens Force - Cathy Drolla

Meeting/Speaker Coordinator: Jeannette Commerge

Welcoming/ Newsletter coordinator: Denise Montalbano

Director-Ralph Grimaldi

Director -Tommy Candebat

Advisory -Tom Thompson

Guest Speaker: Richie Artigue, Councilman

The treasurer, Jerri Candebat, read the treasurer report. She reported that she has received 149 dues payment for 2009. The total assets are \$39,636.88. A motion was made by Mark Culotta and 2nd by Blake Nash to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. New Street Sign- This idea will be tabled for now.
2. Walking Path- Richie Artigue, Councilman announced that the walking path-striping job for Eden Isle Blvd has been approved, but it may not be accomplished this year. He said he received a call from Parish President Ken Davis that the parish is in a budget crisis and the budget may be cut. A member asked if the neighborhood could paint the stripes themselves and Richie said yes, this was OK with the Parish. Liz asked for this in writing from the Parish.
3. Property Taxes-Richie Artigue- There was 326 appeals to the Parish Council for reduction of 2008 property taxes. The Assessor has filed an appeal to the State Legislators to overturn the Council's recommendations. The parish receives revenues from building permits (numbers way down), sales taxes (also decreased) and \$25.00 per taxpayer. The remaining monies are allocated to school, law enforcement, etc.
4. Casino-Richie Artigue- The location for the Casino is proposed east of the Oak Harbor/Eden Isle I-10 exit between I-10 and Lakeshore Estates. There was much discussion. It is estimated that 8-11 million dollars will come to the parish coffers. There is a state law prohibiting a casino and video poker on the north shore so prior to anything happening, this would have to be rescinded. The results of the Casino feedback requests is 44-yes, 38 - no, and 5 undecided.
5. Members asked the councilman to investigate the problems listed below and report back when information available:
 - Valiant Street is still black topped. This street needs to be resurfaced to bring to community standard. There is a depression in front of 214 Valiant mailbox.
 - The fire hydrants need blue reflector delineation in the neighborhood.
 - The street was resurfaced recently on Pebble Beach. A large pothole developed at 118 Pebble Beach. The repair was poorly done. Richie said he would contact Jerry Binder, councilman for Pebble Beach and give him the information.
6. Membership Drive- Invoices for dues went out to every resident in Eden Isle. The Board reported that the most frequently asked question asked is "What can the Homeowner's Association do for me?" The Board will meet and compose a list of things happening in the neighborhood.

New Business:

1. Conveniences of Eden Isle- the bylaws were updated 2008. The EIHOA is not part of the Architectural Committees throughout the neighborhood. These are separate entities. There was discussion of forming an Architectural Advisory Subcommittee within the EIHOA board to meet and discuss changes requested by the homeowners.
2. Code Enforcement- The board is constantly reporting infractions to the parish Code Enforcement Department, Shannon Davis, Cindy or Leslie at - 985-898-2363. Use the scripted words "I am _____, I live at _____, I need your help _____". The most recent communication is regarding the halfway houses on Pebble Beach Dr. and Eden Isle Blvd. Eden Isle is a single-family dwelling community and these are in direct conflict.
3. EIHOA website is currently expanding to allow questions from the members to be posted. Liz Hoffman, President or another Board member will answer each one as quickly as possible.
4. Public Works was contacted about the recent insect infestation. They said the low tide has allowed gnat and mosquito insects to hatch and overwhelm us. They promised to spray this week.
5. The board has asked for \$150.00 to purchase decorations for the entrance signs so we may participate in the St Tammany Parish Neighborhood Decoration Contest. Denise has volunteered to head the committee. A motion was made by Mr. Culotta and 2nd by Mr. Marks and passed unanimously.
6. The association is in need of an inexpensive laptop to store all EIHOA business, including membership information, treasurer reports and all minutes, communications emails with parish offices. Mr. Montalbano made a motion to approve and 2nd by Bill Baldwin. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Coastal Waste Garbage Company is behind on payment for Beautification of Neighborhood. Liz placed a call and was assured the payment would be sent within the week. There was discussion of the three trash companies now in the neighborhood, Coastal, STD and Waste Management.
8. Greenforce- it was reported that there are trailers, trash on Rampage Loop and Ranger Place green spaces. These will be reported to the parish. The homeowners refuse to move the trash and trailers.
9. John Faust updated the members of the work regarding the flood protection efforts on the Northshore. The politicians working for the protection include Greg Cromier, and AG Crow. The Northshore did not receive any of the money allotted after Katrina. Vitter has gone back to the Congress to request more money. The Homeowner Associations throughout the area are joining to pressure for protection.
10. Hazardous Waste- Saturday March 28th, the parish is hosting another Hazardous waste collection at Harbor Center from 9 to 12 noon.

J. Montalbano won the 50/50 drawing. Three door prizes were awarded, including an umbrella, lunch kit with the Eden Isle logo and a tote bag with the Eden Isle logo.

There was a motion by Mr. Montalbano and 2nd by Bill Baldwin to adjourn the meeting. It was carried unanimously.