

Eden Isle Homeowner's Association  
June 9, 2009  
General Membership Meeting

Liz called the meeting to order at 700pm.

Present:

President: Liz Hoffman

Vice President - Cindy Franatovich

Secretary- Anne Nash

Treasurer- Jerri Candebat

Director-Ralph Grimaldi

Advisory -Tom Thompson

Greens Force – Cathy Drolla

Meeting/Speaker Coordinator: Jeannette Commerge

Welcoming/ Newsletter coordinator: Denise Montalbano

Director- Tommy Candebat--Excused

Guest: Richie Artigue, Councilman

1. New members were recognized. Liz gave a huge apology to all members who were inadvertently left off the member list in the recent newsletter. Our numbers are growing and as of June 9, EIHOA has 331.
2. The members are asked to give feedback on the meeting venue at the highschool. The Harbor Center charges \$350 per meeting. The high school is free.
3. News letter was sent to residents last week. A ballot to vote on each member's choice for projects was enclosed. We need them returned by June 12th
4. Liz introduced Richie Artigue, councilman of Eden Isle area. He announced that the walking path will be completed by the Parish.
5. Moonraker Bridge was resurfaced 4 months ago to repair the dip. The parish is surveying the bridge for structural integrity. Liz will report on the findings.
6. Captain Brad Hassard spoke to Liz about the crimes in Eden Isle. There were robberies reported in our area. Liz stressed the importance of getting to know your neighbors and watching out for each other. "Night out against Crime" is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>. An activity will be planned and members notified.
7. Treasure report was presented by Jerri. At present we have \$53,000 in the checking account and 15,000 in the money market.
8. We have a flag for the Eden Isle entrance on Hwy 11. It was received from Congress and flew over the capitol building. It will be raised by the Fire Department. We are also receiving a state flag from Senator AE Crowe and an Eden Isle flag so all flag poles will be filled.
9. Cindy presented the poster with information for signage around the neighborhood. There are 42 street signs through out the area. Each sign would cost \$442 dollars for a total of \$33,000. There was also information on the poster for signs at Moonraker entrance and Eden Isle Boulevard.
10. Cindy also had copies of St Tammany Parish work orders from the parish web site and encouraged homeowners to use to report street repairs needed and any other

- parish problem. The board also received 2 bids for the Moonraker and Boulevard signs.
11. Ralph shared the water quality report authorized by the board for \$300. The analysis includes 90 parameters and results showed no hazardous water containments. There are some elevated minerals such as copper, magnesium and alkaline components. Our water is not unsafe to drink but not the highest quality.
  12. It was suggested that a representative from Coastal Water come to the next meeting. Concerns we want addressed is the odor of sulfur, high chlorine levels, turbidity and etching staining problems. There was much discussion.
  13. Cathy Drolla gave the Greenspace report. There has been landscaping at the entrances with Beautification moneys from Coastal Waste. One of the projects we are asking for is mulching around the trees on the boulevard and landscaping around the signs. The boulevard is being cut each week, and greenspace every 2 weeks. Greenspace is asking for homeowners not to put grass clipping on the greenspace because it kills the grass and makes mowing very difficult.
  14. Cathy also spoke about the fishing rodeos and poker runs the EIHOA sponsored years ago. She hopes that we can start some of these activities again.
  15. Denise presented a poster showing the information about purchasing a Digital sign that would be placed at the entrances. Paper and banner signs are currently used to notify homeowners about upcoming event but the digital sign would allow very quick methods to get information to the neighborhood such as alligator sighting or storm info. The digital sign would be easy to program and change via computer. Some homeowners felt this may be too commercial. Discussion continued.
  16. There was discussion about the convents, trash, Richie said that the abandon house issue is all over the parish. It is a lengthy process for the parish to accomplish demolition but it is a priority. Liz reported that Chamale Cove Homeowners Association president has contacted her for help establishing coalition to get neighborhood's covent mandatory.
  17. Liz reported that alligators in the waterways are being addressed by the St Tammany alligator man. He has captured several and relocating them. Discussion of increase sighting of nutria, otters in the canals.
  18. Tommy Candebat could not be at the meeting tonight. Liz presented his report. The security detail proposal would cost \$30/hour with minimum of 4 hours. Several bids were obtained to have electricity restored to I-10 entrance. The job has been completed and a light was installed to illuminate the sign at night. The area has been landscaped.
  19. Richie Artigue spoke to several homeowners concerns. The striping of the bilk path will happen soon. The state will begin pick up derelict boats and canal debris. If a boat has a rope tied to it, the state can not touch it. It does not matter if it is submerged. There are over 50 blighted houses in the parish. It is a lengthy process and the parish does not have the money to demolish them nor hire attorneys to fight. They are looking for federal money to help with the ongoing problems of Katrina.
  20. John Faust spoke briefly about the upcoming meeting at Harbor Center with the Corp of Engineers. It is important that all north shore residents attend so our voice

will be heard. It was recommended to send emails to your friends to get the word out. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, legal representative of AE Crowe, senator was present. She assured the homeowners that Mr. Crowe is 100% behind this initiative. Parish and state officials have been invited to attend and our hope is they will be able to. It is very important to keep the focus on St. Tammany parish because it is very easy for the discussion to stray. The cost estimate the Corp is saying is 18 billion. This would equate to \$150,000 a linear foot. John said that this figure is totally bogus. It is predicted to cost 20,000 per linear foot for the MRGO work. The Southeastern Flood Authority has 8-10 professional engineers and need concerned citizens to serve. Signs have been put on roads and fliers in businesses to get turn out. We are also asking for the parish dial service Monday night to remind everyone of the meeting. Web site [www.floodprotectionforsttammany.com](http://www.floodprotectionforsttammany.com).

21. Ralph and Tom Thompson researched the proposal of installing Camera surveillance equipment. They solicited bids from 4 companies with three responding. The proposal would include 4 cameras able to read license plates, back up battery power, a computer that will record a rolling month of information and 1 year warranty. The cost will be \$15,000 for installation, and \$2400 yearly for DSL hook up. This system can be expanded in the future to include cameras showing the lake. The live feed will be accessible on the EIHOA web sight.
22. The board has requested if anyone has pictures of Eden Isle in the early years to submit for the Webpage.
23. Door prizes were drawn and included 2 monogram gift certificates, a pot plant in an alligator vase, a month pass to Slidell Fitness Club and Massage from \_\_\_\_\_ . The 50/50 prize was drawn and \$50 was awarded.
24. The meeting was adjourned at 915pm.