

# FAIRWOOD CRIME PREVENTION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Fairwood Branch Library

12910 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

The Fairwood Crime Prevention and Improvement District ("District") held a meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Melanie Sims at 6:31 P.M.

The following Commissioners were present (Lloyd Gavion was absent):

Patrick (Pat) Cormier

Scott Giurintano

Thomas Shuff

Melanie Sims

Four members of the public were in attendance.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Pat Cormier to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting. This was seconded by Thomas Shuff and passed unanimously.

## **Treasury Report**

The District received \$268.27 in parcel fees from the EBR Sheriff's Office during March and April.

Expenditures since the March meeting totaled \$3,504.90. This includes payments for security patrols and lawn service. The current balance is \$24,607.59. Currently outstanding is the \$46.00 fee for website renewal over the next 2 years - this is not currently captured in the budget.

Melanie Sims motioned to move \$46.00 from the "banking services" budget category to cover this expense. This was seconded by Pat Cormier and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the report was made by Pat Cormier and seconded by Thomas Shuff.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Bid for Grass Cutting**

Quotes were requested and received from the following 4 grass cutting services (costs listed annually): Green Seasons, LLC (\$17,376.00); RCI, LLC (\$11,243.51); Southern Turf Lawn & Landscape, LLC (10,949.40); & Creek Valley Lawn Care & Pressure Washing, LLC (\$9,900.00). The bids listed herein were shared with the public.

Melanie Sims motioned to select Creek Valley, which was seconded by Thomas Shuff.

Public commentary included discussion relating to termination options for the finalized contract, which was clarified (contract may be terminated for performance issues). The motion passed unanimously.

### **Flock Security Cameras – March 2024**

During March 2024, there were 186,239 license plates read.

There were 131 users of the system – 35 by the EBR Sheriff's Office and 96 by the Baton Rouge Police Department. 8 of the plates read were on the "hot list."

### **Flock Security Cameras – April 2024**

During April 2024, there were 176,742 license plates read.

There were 145 users of the system – 35 by the EBR Sheriff's Office and 110 by the Baton Rouge Police Department. 3 of the plates read were on the "hot list."

### **Security Patrols – March 2024**

In March 2024, there were security patrols every 4.4 days, with times ranging from 4:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. During this time period, citations were written for 12 stop sign violations and 1 parking violation.

### **Security Patrols – April 2024**

In April 2024, there were patrols every 4.3 days, with times ranging from 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. During this time period, citations were written for 9 stop sign violations and 2 red light violations. The officer parked on W. Fairview drive after numerous reports and complaints were received with individuals loitering and damaging property.

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### **Fairwood Estates H.O.A. Parking Bay Parking Limitation Proposal**

Fairwood Estates H.O.A. is continuing to work on a proposal with the East Baton Rouge Parish attorney. Discussion centered around who would monitor and enforce parking limitations, as well as how signage would be funded. A small committee will be formed by the H.O.A. to continue brainstorming.

### **General Comments**

Discussion with the public attendees included sharing how to view neighborhood crime data through the BRLA.gov website (District 8 page; "open neighborhood" link). Additional discussion included reports to 311 for long grass/weeds needing to be cut as well as the increase in traffic recognized via the number of license plates read by CPID cameras. Commentary also included complaints surrounding animal feces left in common areas and possible signage/bag stations to correct the issue & the possible death of birch trees in common median areas. Trees may need to be removed prior to hurricane season.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Melanie Sims and seconded by Pat Cormier to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.