

FAIRWOOD CRIME PREVENTION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Fairwood Branch Library
12910 Old Hammond Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Meeting Minutes

The Fairwood Crime Prevention and Improvement District (“District”) held a meeting at Fairwood Branch Library, Thursday, May 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Scott Giurintano at 6:32 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Patrick “Pat” Cormier
Lloyd Gavion
Scott Giurintano
Melanie Sims

The following Commissioners were absent:

Commissioner for Country Ridge

Attorney Katelin Varnado and three members of the public were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Lloyd Gavion and seconded by Pat Cormier to accept minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Commissioner for Country Ridge HOA

Country Ridge HOA has not appointed a new commissioner. According to the state statute, the Board can appoint a new commissioner.

There was a motion by Pat Cormier and seconded by Lloyd Gavion to accept Thomas Shuff as the interim commissioner for Country Ridge HOA.

The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Varnado administered the oath of office to Thomas Shuff.

Kathy Allen as President of Country Ridge HOA can nominate someone else at any time to fill the commissioner position.

Liability Insurance for Board Commissioners

Pat Cormier received a quote from Indian Harbor Insurance for \$3,020.73 for liability insurance. This is too much for the Board to pay. The next option would be to check with the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) about insuring the Board. A presentation would have to be made to the LMA and then to the state legislature. The LMA would have to cover all the crime districts. It will be difficult to try and schedule a meeting with the LMA before the current legislative session ends.

The Board is not required to have liability insurance. Scott Giurintano made a motion to reject the quote received from Indian Harbor Insurance and revisit the idea of liability insurance next year. The motion was seconded by Pat Cormier.

The motion passed unanimously.

Flock Security Cameras

Two security cameras have been installed. One is at the corner of S. Flannery Road and Millerville and the other is at Old Hammond Hwy and S. Flannery Road.

The cameras failed the first inspection by the City because they needed to see how deep the hole was for the camera pole prior to it being installed.

There will be a building inspection on 5/14/2021. There should not be any problems with the cameras passing inspection.

The cameras are not being monitored constantly. The cameras take a picture of the license plates as cars pass. Police are notified whenever the camera picks up the license plate of a stolen vehicle. The cameras can be reviewed by police when a crime has been committed in the area. The footage from the cameras is retained for 30 days.

Pat will ask for a report of any incidents reported from the cameras.

New Business

Treasury Report

Parcel fees for the month of May for Fairwood CPID have not been received. A total of \$1,339.00 was spent in expenditures for the month. This included payments for legal services (\$514.00), City of Baton Rouge permits (\$150.00), and Southern Turf (\$675.00). The current balance for the CPID is \$19,651.31. See detailed treasurer's report attached.

A motion was made by Scott Giurintano and seconded by Lloyd Gavion to accept the treasurer's report presented by Melanie Sims.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Scott Giurintano and seconded by Lloyd Gavion to move \$77.00 from utilities(water) and \$50.00 from security patrols to permits.

The motion passed unanimously.

Security Patrols

Officers are usually paid \$30.00 -\$35.00 per hour for security patrol. The shifts are normally four hours.

The cost of security patrols could be shared with other smaller crime districts.

Park Forest Crime District has a block captain program to report different crimes.

Pat Cormier will gather more information to present at the next meeting on the cost for security patrols.

Security Incidents in the District

Pat Cormier will ask for a report of any incidents reported from the cameras.

Newsletter

Scott Giurintano will check on the cost to mail a newsletter since the Board already has all the addresses for the CPID.

Adjournment

There being no further business Scott Giurintano motioned and seconded by Pat Cormier to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Melanie Sims
Treasurer