

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, July 15, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Scott Giurintano at 6:35 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present:

Patrick "Pat" Cormier

Joanne Cowgill

Lloyd Gavion

Scott Giurintano

Melanie Sims

Two 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 June 17, 2021 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasury Report

No partial fees were received from the EBR Sheriff's office for the past month. A total of \$675.00 was spent for this month to Southern Turf for lawn care. We currently have a balance of \$16,683.41.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Liability Insurance for Board Commissioners

Pat Cormier reported that the Chubb Group declined the board's application because they no longer write D & O policies.

Navigators Insurance Group. has given tentative approval for coverage for a premium of \$799 annually. An application will be submitted and reported at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the application was made by Pat Cormier and seconded by Scott Giurintano.

The motion passed unanimously.

Flock Security Cameras

The two cameras have been up and working for 60 days.

For the last 30 days approximately 133,000 license plates were read with the highest daily on July 1 with 5, 395.

Camera usage is by both the Baton Rouge Police (BRPD) and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO). In the last 30 days, each has used the cameras approximately 100 times with 70% by the EBRPSO and 30% by the BRPD.

Two arrests were made as a direct result of information provided by the cameras.

Pat Cormier reported on a national security camera program – Project NOLA – through the University of New Orleans. Cameras attached to buildings are provided free with installation paid by the customer and an annual monitoring fee. Cost depends on the level of camera.

Security Patrols

Deputies volunteer for a shift to patrol. To date, no deputy has volunteered, probably due to only 4 hours per shift. The preferred shift is 8 hours. Once the board has the funds needed to pay 8 hour shifts we will recommence. Pat Cormier reported that until that time we can request the Moving Violation Department of the EBRPSO to patrol S. Flannery Ave. for speeding and running the stop signs.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

This committee will be headed by Thomas Shuff. He was not present due to illness. It was reported that he had established an email account for the committee – fcpidwatch@gmail.com. He has names for block captains in Sherwood Manor and will report on that at the next meeting. Lloyd Gavion will meet with Thomas to discuss block captains for Fairwood Estates.

Security Incidents in the District

In the last 30 days:

3 home alarms have sounded

A crash with injuries

A noise complaint

A report of a domestic issue

A report of an improper phone use

Pat Cormier reported that the EBRPSO's website has a link to look up where incidents have occurred.

Adjournment

There being no further business Scott Giurintano motioned and Lloyd Gavion seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Joanne Cowgill

Secretary