

## GDCA Board Meeting – March 19, 2019

The first Board Meeting after elections was hosted by Joy Couvillion. Present were John Williams, Claire Pittman, Chris Suba, Joy Couvillion, Mike Schexnayder, Justin Kozak, Heather Day, Willie and Mary Fontenot and new board members Ted Magee, Michael Myers and Anne Trapp. Not present were Eric Troutman, Ari Kocen and Liz Spaulding.

The meeting officially started at 7 p.m. There was a discussion of the primary role of the board with a future commitment to write a mission statement, including, but not limited to overseeing patrols, putting on events to get neighbors together to continue to build a feeling of community, diversify the events to aim at different age groups, improve communication and preserve all the attributes that make us appreciate this neighborhood.

John gave each board member a list of all the jobs that are done over the course of the year and asked us to come to the next meeting with a list of jobs that we are willing to do.

The board was pleased with the outcome of the annual meeting. The speakers were all interesting and informative, the meeting didn't last too long and the food was good. Thanks to the chefs, Mr. Day and Mr. Pittman. The attendance could have been greater, however.

Mike gave a report on the yard sale. Fifteen families have signed up so far. The classified ad will run Wed. through Saturday. Every participating house will have maps to distribute. The Salvation Army will come at 3:00 on Saturday and only pick up items on the curb, not on porches. They will have a map and go to participating houses.

Mary gave an Easter Egg Hunt report, asking for someone to be in charge of hiding the eggs. Michael Myers offered. Thank you, Michael! Chris offered to buy the cookies. The Hunt will take place on April 7, 2019 at 2050 Terrace Blvd, on the southwest corner of Camellia and Terrace.

John briefly brought up the preservation of the trees.

Security was discussed. Patrols will continue with some months having more patrols than others due to more crime (summer & holidays). Claire wants to remind everyone that knowing your neighbors is the best deterrent, so you will know when something is amiss. Officer Stafford has been giving regular reports. Thank you, Officer Stafford! Trimming hedges and bushes in the neighborhood to improve visibility was recommended. Because crime is at a low John moved to cut back on patrol hours. Heather seconded it. Eric will talk with Officer Stafford about this. There was a unanimous yes vote and it was decided that any funds saved will not be spent. They will be re-evaluated this summer. One possibility is to start preserving some of the trees. One large branch fell on a car and another tree died.

John moved that we pay \$100 to join Baton Rouge Green, after which they will be able to give us free landscaping advice and perhaps be a great help. Justin and Mary seconded it. The vote was a unanimous yes.

John volunteered to handle the Crawfish Boil. The Board agreed that last year's caterer did an excellent job and should be invited back.

Landscape architect, Jess Cole, offered to re-landscape around the subdivision signs. The board voted to allot \$300 for the annual expense for plants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Fontenot, March 20, 2019