



**Lake Bullard Neighborhood Improvement District
Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2024 Board Meeting
New Orleans East Hospital
5620 Read Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

- ✓ Bryan Jourdain
- ✓ Velma Johnson
- ✓ Mtumishi St. Julien
- ✓ Brenda Hogan
- ✓ Ira Thomas
- Aaron Jordan
- ✓ Dr. Jeffery Ambrose

Quorum was met

Dr. Jeffery Ambrose was sworn in to the Board of Commissioners by Mtumishi St. Julien.

III. Approval of March 30, 2024 Minutes

Minutes were read by Bryan Jourdain. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Velma Johnson and seconded by Ira Thomas. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

a. 2025 Budget

Mtumishi St. Julien presented the budget, which is required annually by the City of New Orleans and is approximately the same every year and will be available on the website.

The current Lake Bullard fee will be renewable next year. A special meeting will be held to get feedback from residents. Ira Thomas made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Dr. Jeffrey Ambrose seconded, and the motion passed.

b. Security Update

There had been only one crime report since the last meeting. The day before the meeting someone on Fernley tried to get into a backyard. SEAL sent someone out but didn't find them. There are reports that SEAL still is not working, but crime seems to be down and residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and look out for your neighbor. Additional crime reports will be provided when the reports are again available. At a prior meeting it was stated that SEAL no longer accompanies people during the night. In June SEAL did assist someone returning home at 2:00 AM. This was after Bryan Jordain discussed the issue with SEAL. There were concerns that SEAL provides only one security officer for Lake Forest, Lake Bullard, Lake Forest Estates, Eastover, and McKendall Estates. SEAL is supplemental to NOPD, so residents should call 911 first, then SEAL, as SEAL does not have policing powers.

c. Open Forum

It was reported that there is algae in Lake Bullard, but we are unable to deal with this issue currently because the budget does not allow for it, and because of legality. The property line goes into Lake Bullard 20 feet. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries stocks the lake with fish periodically, and chemicals would affect this, possibly causing a fish kill. Algae has happened before when it got very hot and there was little rain, but the lake corrected itself.

The Berg Canal has a lot of vegetation growing in it and needs to be dredged to help with Lake Bullard drainage. S&WB was responsible and if not done it would cause backup into Lake Bullard.

Part of the street is sinking on Fernley and should be reported to 311. Changes have been made in the past.

A house on Asphodel had seven vehicles parked outside during the week of the meeting, including a large work truck. While this is not in violation of city codes it does violate Lake Bullard's restrictions, as it is a quality of life issue.

The Lake Bullard sign is missing letters. Image 360 will repair it soon at a cost of \$445. Entergy removed the meter at the sign and it is unknown why.

Night Out Against Crime will occur at Ira Thomas's house in October.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ira Thomas. The motion was seconded by Velma Johnson. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.