

## **CCCEOA ANNUAL MEETING OF 2004**

### **Sunday January 25, 2004**

The 2004 annual meeting of the Covington Country Club Estates Owners' Association was held on Sunday, January 25, at the Covington Country Club. Present were a majority of the Board of Directors and approximately sixty members.

After calling the meeting to order at 2:15 pm, president David Dauphin began by thanking everyone for attending the meeting.

David introduced St. Tammany Parish President Mr. Kevin Davis who mentioned the following;

- The parish is soon going to collect mandatory impact fees on new construction.
- Street widening on US 190 to Harrison will start soon.
- St. Tammany road congestion is complicated by the fact that all major roads in the Parish are state highways and therefore controlled by the state budget process. After paying \$24,900,000 in gasoline taxes, the parish received \$4,000,000 back for road improvements. A solution would be a more balanced repayment, and he urged residents to contact our legislators, Rep. Diane Winston and Sen. Tom Schedler, and encourage them to address this imbalance. The widening of US 190 in Mandeville has been delayed again to 2007.
- Park-N-Ride lots are being added at the rate of about one every year.
- The parish has surveys in progress for several parish road projects, including the Fairway Drive extension.
- A very sophisticated parish-wide computer model completed by U.N.O. and the Univ. of Alabama is now being used to predict the impact on drainage of all new development, street construction, etc.
- The parish is strongly considering franchising garbage collection throughout St. Tammany.

David introduced council member Ms. Pat Brister who spoke on the following;

- The parish will be hiring a Public Works Director to upgrade services.
- Drainage work between highway 22 and the lake will be contracted soon.
- The Corps of Engineers has a moratorium on clearing obstructions from Bayou Tete L'Ours for now.
- North St. sewer problems will have to be addressed on "patch" basis for now, until the full project can be planned.

David Dauphin mentioned some areas the Board worked on in 2003;

- The association's Articles of Incorporation were amended, adding a key provision that a 2/3 majority is now needed for the Board to buy or sell property.
- The Water Board will not buy or expropriate any Association owned lots for the new well and storage tank. Rather, they will be placed on property owned by the Country Club.
- Proposed changes to the Covenants have been tabled until revisited by a future Board.
- Grass cutting at the entrance to the neighborhood remains on a moving schedule in order to follow the State Highway Department's irregular cutting schedule.

David introduced the current board members and thanked the members of the board who were retiring; Mike Champagne, Kirsty Nunez, Tom Miller, Craig Meier, Stephanie Wright and himself.

He also thanked Pam Franke and Linda Hebert for helping during the past year when called on.

Then he introduced nominees for the next board; Jim Talley-President, Wendy Touchard-Vice President, Alana Cruse-Treasurer, Patty Massara-Secretary, Max Chotto-Streets and Drainage, Mike Murphree-Architectural Review, Barbara Dodds-Governmental Affairs, Yadi Mark-Beautification, Darlene Peterson-Social, June Murphree-Communications. The floor was opened for nominations. There being none, the nominees were accepted as presented, moved, seconded and approved on a voice vote.

David Dauphin gave the chair to Jim Talley who, on behalf of the Board and the neighborhood, thanked David for his hard work and leadership during the last three years.

The budget report was passed out to the attendees and discussed. The Association pays taxes on its interest income, and Donald Hentz has prepared the tax return gratis. A member suggested that the Board look into the possible benefit of tax free status for the Association. A member asked how many homeowners in the subdivision usually joined the Association. Outgoing treasurer Mike Champagne stated that about 75% joined every year. The proposed budget was passed on a voice vote.

Jim Talley spoke about the need for better communication between the board and the members, and asked if anyone had any comments.

1. Joe Huffman spoke about curbside versus back door trash pick-up and problems with construction project trash control. The Board will explore the possibility and potential benefits of forming a garbage collection district.

Mike Murphree stated that the architectural review committee could, in its contact with anyone seeking approval for construction or remodeling, add a suggestion that debris be properly stored and disposed of. Some members expressed the opinion that greater enforcement might be called for. Jim Talley stated that in his opinion, the members really didn't want the board to act like a law enforcement agency. Ben Motion, after adding his thanks to David Dauphin, opined that problems between neighbors, whether they concerned refuse disposal, barking dogs or anything else, were best solved between the neighbors.

Without further comments the meeting was adjourned on a voice vote.

**Patty Massara, Sec'y**