

**PARKWOOD TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES**

Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m., Baker, LA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia D. Miller at 6:35 p.m. Officers present: Cynthia D. Miller, Tasha Elbert-McClain, Vallory Hills, Gloria Johnson, Eddie Young, and Cherryl Montgomery. Officers absent: Rose Cusic and Bridget Riley.

2. Invocation – Gloria Johnson

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Gloria Johnson to approve the Agenda with corrections [move Old Business item: Letter from Neighbor to New Business item]. Seconded by Elouise Thomas. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2023

It was moved by Gloria Johnson to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023. Seconded by Vera Hollins. Motion passed.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (3 minutes each)

A. Correspondence - Vallory Hills

Elaine Phillips sent a thank you card for expressions of sympathy acknowledging the death of her sister, Nettie.

B. Old Business

1. Dues – President Miller

PTIA is still accepting dues for this fiscal year. Dues are \$50.

2. Re-Stain Gazebo – Eddie Young

It was moved by Harry Horton to accept the lower bid of \$1668 (which will include a slight increase due to the bid being over 30 days) to Re-Stain the Gazebo. Seconded by Tasha Elbert-McClain. Motion passed.

3. Garbage Can Issue – President Miller

President Miller suggested that PTIA wait on the ACC/Compliance Committees to make a recommendation regarding the Garbage Can issue.

4. Parking – President Miller

Illegal parking will be enforced by City of Baker Police Department.

5. PTIA Directory – President Miller

Special thanks to Cherryl and Vallory for updating the Directory.

C. New Business

1. Letter from Neighbor – President Miller
PTIA received a letter of concern from a neighbor. PTIA replied with a Certified/Return Receipt letter which asked the neighbor to attend the zoom meeting. There was no reply to the letter nor the zoom meeting invite. President Miller will reach out to our neighbor in person.
2. Stop Signs – President Miller
Stop Signs have been installed to curtail speeding. The last set of 3-way stop signs will be installed at Ector/Azie.
3. Traffic Calming Devices / Speed Bumps – Eddie Young
Eddie stated that there is a process to request the Speed Bumps. To have speed bumps installed in the neighborhood 85% of the residents must approve it. More information will be given at the November meeting.
4. Welcome New Homeowners – President Miller
President Miller officially welcomed Curtis and Monica Williams, who have resided on Alba Drive for 6 years.
5. No Soliciting/City of Baker Ordinance – President Miller
Solicitation is prohibited in the City of Baker. Persons or companies who solicit in our neighborhood can be reported to the City of Baker Police Department. Contact President Miller, Vice President-Tasha Elbert-McClain, or Secretary-Vallory Hills if you are solicited.
6. Committee Reports
 - a) ACC / Compliance Committees – Eddie Young / Vallory Hills

Violations/Fines/Fees – Vallory Hills
Vallory stated that the ACC and Compliance Committees are in the process of reviewing violation letters/fines. A presentation will be made at the November meeting.

Concerns from Neighbors – Vallory Hills
 - 1) Tarps on Houses – Find out what your neighbors' needs are; help them
 - 2) Neighborhood Clean-Up Day (purchase roll-off dumpsters for Neighborhood)
 - 3) Overgrown Tree Limbs/Bushes on Sidewalks – it is the responsibility of the owner to cut back limbs/bushes. If tree limbs are obstructing the streetlights the City of Baker will cut them.
 - b) Activity Committee - Tasha McClain
The City of Baker will host a Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2023 at the MLK Park. Residents may drop off their candy at the Gazebo, Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The City of Baker will hold the annual Christmas Parade on December 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Health and Wellness Expo and Toy Giveaway (at the Municipal Building).

It was moved by Tasha Elbert-McClain to set aside \$300 (1 bicycle for a girl, 1 bicycle for a boy) for this event. Seconded by Tammie Forbes.
Motion passed.

c) Hospitality Committee - Elouise Thomas

The following residents received gift cards and/or sympathy cards for the death of their loved ones: Zenobia Harbor's son; Elaine Phillips' sister; Rev. David & Etta Alexander's daughter; Dr. Leroy Davis' sister; Dorothy Herbert's sister and Clara Brook's son-in-law.

Three new families were welcomed to the neighborhood and received a gift card: Mr. Randon Green (Alba); Mr. Wilfred Mack (London); and Ms. Althea Thomas (Cayuga).

d) Newsletter Committee – Vallory Hills

The October/November Pipeline will feature our Veterans and their children/grandchildren who have served (or who presently serve) in the military. An email will go out requesting military pictures and info. Deadline is Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

e) Street Captains - Jerri Booker (not present)

Barbara Allen has retired as Street Captain of Cayuga. President Miller thanked Barbara for her tremendous service to Parkwood Terrace, having served in this capacity for close to 50 years! Elaine Phillips will remain Street Captain for Cayuga.

f) State of Baker Reports

- Councilman, Dr. Charles Vincent (not present)

- Baker School Board, Linda B. Perkins

The following 2022 statistics from the Louisiana State Department of Education were presented:

- 1) LA Statewide District Performance Score: F
- 2) Baker School Board District Performance Score
 - a. Baker Heights, Baker Middle & Baker High: F
 - b. Park Ridge Academic Magnet School: C
- 3) Louisiana LEAP Results by School System: 8%
(The average score Statewide is 33%)

Bakerfield Elementary School was closed permanently. The middle school was moved to Park Ridge. Park Ridge students were moved to Baker Heights. High schoolers remain at Baker Middle School until the completion of the new High School.

New expected date for Baker High School completion is mid-June 2024.

The Superintendent Search for the Baker School District continues. The public will be invited to attend scheduled forums. Emails will go out to our neighbors. Everyone was encouraged to attend the forums as well as all Baker School Board meetings (held every 1st Tuesday, at 6pm, Baker School Board Office).

7. Financial Report – Rose Cusic (not present)

The Financial and Budget Reports were presented on the screen for review.

It was moved by Linda Perkins to accept the Financial Report. Seconded by Elouise Thomas. Motion passed.

It was moved by Morgan Watson to accept the Budget Report. Seconded by Tasha Elbert-McClain. Motion passed.

8. Announcements - None

9. Other - None

Next Meeting Date: November 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.