

April 27, 2024 | MINUTES

Meeting date | time Apr 27, 2024 | 2:05 pm CT | Meeting location Scotlandville Library and via Zoom

Meeting called by Angela White @ 2:06 pm
Type of meeting Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting
Presiding Officer Angela White
Secretary Marquetta Cheeks / Angela White
Timekeeper NA
Prior Meeting Minutes Status Approved

Participants Lynn Emery
Brenda Harris
LaTasha Walker
Tanya Robins-Witherspoon
Ann R. White
Angela D White
Zoom (2)

AGENDA TOPICS

Time allotted | 2 minutes | **Agenda topic** Adoption of Agenda | **Presenter** Angela White

Discussion Meeting agenda was reviewed. Treasurer's Report of Q1 Financials was tentative due to Treasurer illness.

Agenda

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order• Prayer• Approval of Minutes – Feb 2024• Officer Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none">– President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee Report<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Membership– Beautification• Traffic Study• Open Discussion / Announcements• Adjournment
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Conclusion Meeting agenda approved by majority voice and zoom vote.

Time allotted | 5 Minutes | **Agenda topic** Prayer | **Presenter** Ann White

Time allotted | 5 Minutes | **Agenda topic** Approval of Nov 23, 2023 Minutes | **Presenter** Angela White

Discussion

Meeting minutes were reviewed in meeting. No changes to minutes were noted.

Conclusion Minutes were approved as read.

Meeting minutes submitted by Marquetta Cheeks, Corresponding Secretary

Time allotted | 15 minutes | **Agenda topic** President's Report | **Presenter** Angela White

Discussion

Property Taxes

- Property valuation will be reassessed in 2024 and a rise in taxes is expected.
- Homes under \$600,000 tend to be undervalued while
- Discussion focused on programs (Homestead, Veterans, Special Assessment, Restoration Tax Abatement) that allow residents to lower their tax burden. Information on the programs and how to utilize them are on the EBR Tax Assessor website (<https://www.ebrpa.org/>).
- Information on the Restoration Tax Assessment is on our website and on the LA Discussion included ways to counter tax increases - make certain that property factors are correct, consider cost/benefits of getting property valuation. New tax valuations are due in August and homeowners should review and refute any tax disputes between August – September 2024.

Group Homes

- Rumors that a group home is being placed in Southern Heights without our knowledge. Group homes are a federal program. The type of home being planned is not known. SHPOA will monitor the situation and, if present, ask neighbors to monitor their compliance with LA & EBR laws & regulations as well as SH CCRs (as with any home in the neighborhood).
- Please contact SHPOA when you believe a group home is being established in the neighborhood. If there are any issues or law violations, please notify the police and SHPOA.

Upcoming 2024 SHPOA Meeting Focus

- Finalize CCRs
- Harding Blvd Rezoning (50% distribution with 2% response to date)

Time allotted | 15 minutes | **Agenda topic** Treasurer's Report | **Presenter** NA

Q1 Financials

- Q1 Financials not provided or discussed due to illness of Treasurer, Sheila V Sims.

Time allotted | 10 minutes | **Agenda topic** Committee Reports | **Presenter** Angela White

Discussion

Membership Drive

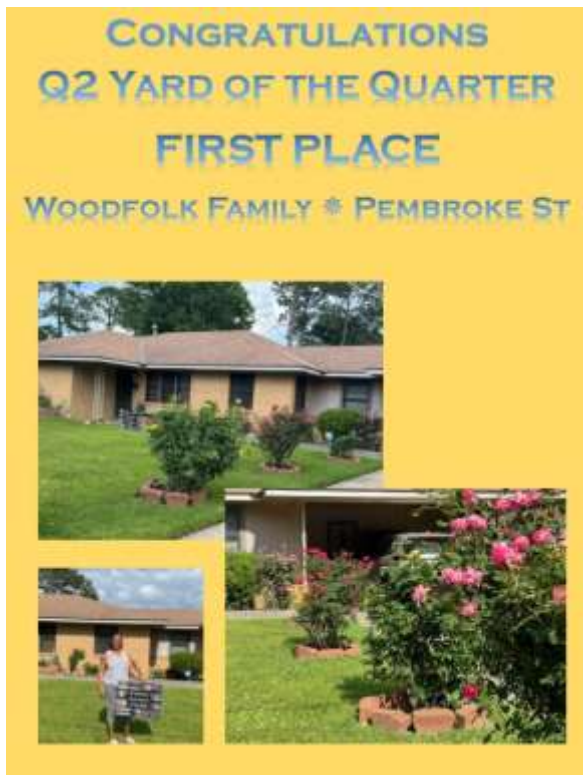
- Slated to begin in May
- Effort delayed due to website changes to better support membership process.
 - Members will be able to access their membership/household information; view their payment history and make payments via check or credit card online. Checks can also be submitted manually for payment.

- Members are asked to update their household information, especially emergency contacts; and document any vacant houses and contacts
- Due to the 2024 dues increase from \$25 to \$40, residents who paid future dues may have a balance due.

Conclusion Membership Drive will be executed once website changes are completed..

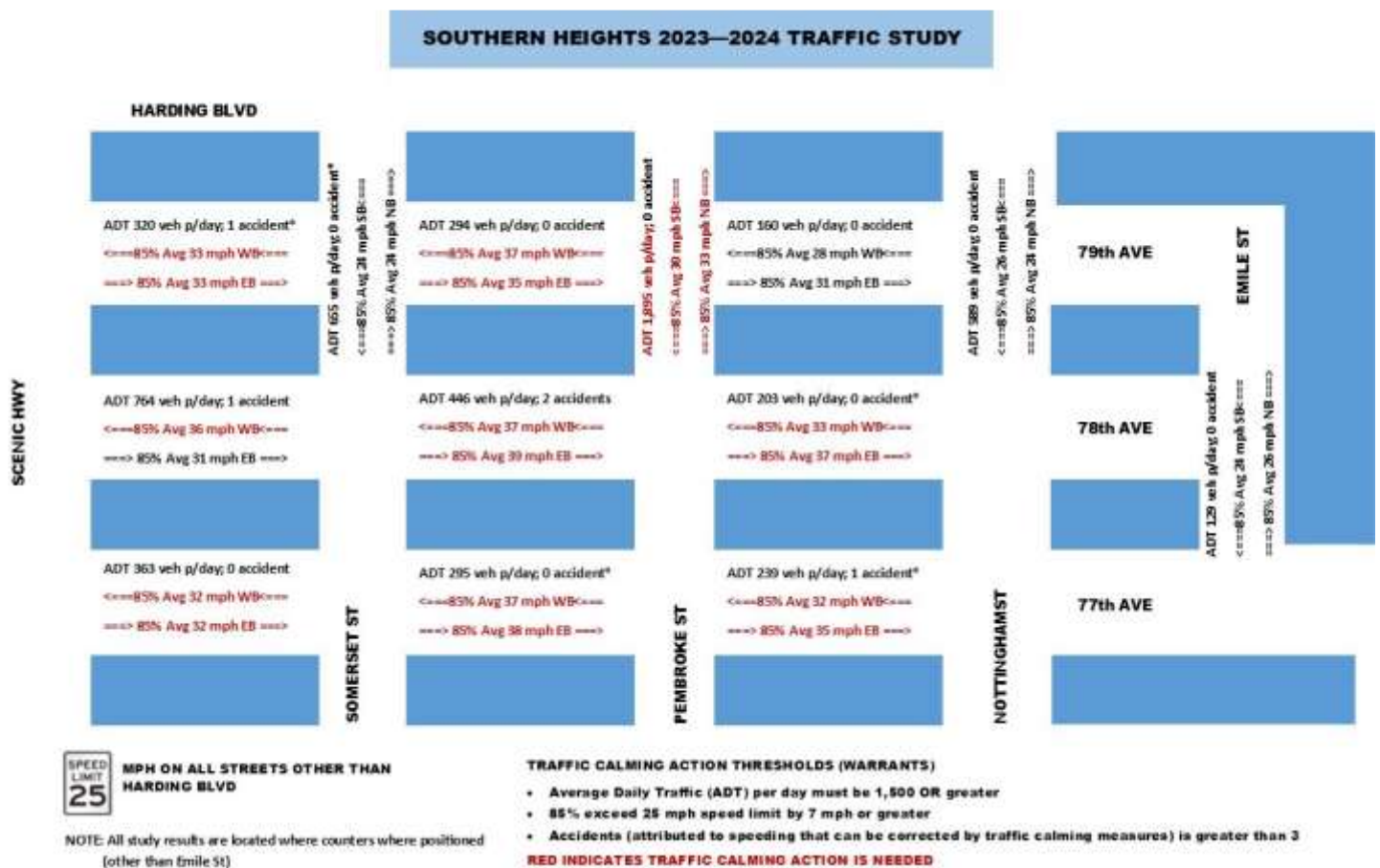
Action Items	Person responsible	Due Date
Complete website membership changes & execute membership drive.	Angela White LaTasha Jones	ASAP

Beautification Committee - Q2 Yard of the Quarter



Discussion

- Traffic Engineering expanded the Traffic Calming Study to include all streets in Southern Heights.
- The report details were reviewed and ideas given on possible solutions:
 - Increased use of Stop Signs
 - No Truck Route Signs
 - NOTE: Page 2 was updated to reflect the suggestions made in the meeting.
- Meeting requested with EBR Traffic Engineering and Real-Time Crime Center to review resident suggestions and other options they may propose. Residents who are interested are encouraged to join to create a Traffic Study Committee.



SOUTHERN HEIGHTS 2023—2024 TRAFFIC STUDY ANALYSIS

TRAFFIC STATISTICS* - AVG DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUME (BY STREET & BLOCK), SPEEDING & SPEED RELATED ACCIDENTS					
STREET NAME	BETWEEN CROSS STREETS	AVG DAILY TRAFFIC	DRIVER SPEED (85%)	ACCIDENTS	HOA FEED BACK ON TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS AND CRIME CONSIDERATIONS
PEMBROKE	79TH & 78TH	1,895	33 MPH NB 30 MPH SB	0	Speed Reduction Measures Traffic Volume / Crime Reduction
78TH AVE	SCENIC & SOMERSET	764	36 MPH WB 31 MPH EB	1	Speed Reduction Measure (WB) Traffic Volume / Crime Reduction
SOMERSET	79TH & 78TH	655	24 MPH NB 24 MPH SB	0	Traffic Volume / Crime Reduction
NOTTINGHAM	79TH & 78TH	589	24 MPH NB 26 MPH SB	0	Traffic Volume / Crime Reduction
78TH AVE	SOMERSET & PEMBROKE	446	37 MPH WB 39 MPH EB	2	Speed Reduction Measure
77TH AVE	SCENIC & SOMERSET	363	32 MPH WB 32 MPH EB	0	Speed Reduction Measure
77TH AVE	SOMERSET & PEMBROKE	295	37 MPH WB 38 MPH EB	0	Speed Reduction Measure
79TH AVE	SCENIC & SOMERSET	294	33 MPH WB 33 MPH EB	1	Speed Reduction Measure
77TH AVE	PEMBROKE & NOTTINGHAM	239	32 MPH WB 35 MPH EB	1	Speed Reduction Measure
78TH AVE	PEMBROKE & NOTTINGHAM	203	33 MPH WB 37 MPH EB	0	Speed Reduction Measure
79TH AVE	PEMBROKE & NOTTINGHAM	160	28 MPH WB 31 MPH EB	0	
EMILE ST		129	26 MPH NB 24 MPH SB	0	

CHART LEGEND & NOMENCLATURE

AVG DAILY TRAFFIC—Statistics are provided at street locations where counters were placed (other Emile St).

DRIVER SPEED — Reports 85% Driver Speed. Speeds in RED indicate where drivers exceed 25 MPH speed limit by 7 MPH or greater.

TRAFFIC SPEEDING DIRECTION GUIDELINE

- NB—Traffic driving towards Harding Blvd
- SB—Traffic driving towards 75th Ave
- WB—Traffic driving towards Scenic Hwy
- EB—Traffic driving towards Plank Road

ACCIDENTS Reports accidents attributed to speeding that are susceptible to correction with implementation of traffic calming measures.

SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES FEEDBACK

- Speed Radar Gun for CPID Use
- Speed Hump Usage (B)
- Increased use of STOP Signs
- One Way Streets
- Signage stating No Truck Routes

TRAFFIC VOL / CRIME REDUCTION FEEDBACK

License Plate Readers at SH Key Ingress Intersections

- Pembroke @ Harding & 77th Ave
- Somerset @ Harding & 77th Ave
- Scenic @ 78th Ave

Conclusion

Meeting with Traffic Engineering has been requested to assess reports and determine actions we can and should take to address speeding and other issues.

Residents interested in being engaged going forward can contact Angela White.

Action Items

Person responsible Due Date

Continue working to meeting with Traffic Engineering and Real-Time Crime Center to develop traffic calming options for Southern Heights. SHNCPID will be included in the meeting.

Angela White tbd

Traffic Committee can be formed with residents who wish to be engaged in the discussion. Persons interested can call 225-205-7566

Angela White tbd

Discussion

- Concern raised (continually) by Brenda Harris that residents were not informed of the changes in garbage, Recycling & Trash schedule and guidelines
 - Guidelines and cost changes were distributed in the water bills (where fees are billed) starting in July 2023.
 - Change in our recycling schedule were mailed to residents in August 2023.
 - Details are on the EBR government website and on SHPOABR.com
 - Details were discussed at the SHPOA meetings in 2023 and on robocalls.
- Schedule changes were reviewed
- When issues arise, SHPOA has provided the information to residents in writing.

- New guidelines were reviewed as shown in the slides below.

Garbage, Recycling & Out of Cart Trash Removal Options

Curbside Schedule

Republic

- Garbage on Wed & Sat
- Recycling on Sat only

Richards Disposal

- Out-of-Cart on Wed only

Self-Service Options

• Garbage & Out-of-Cart

- North Landfill – 16001 Samuels Road Zachary, LA 70791
- Mon-Fri: 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sat: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 225-389-5813

• Recycling

- Baton Rouge Recycling Facility – 7923 Tom Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70806
- Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 225-963-9170

Garbage Rules

- All garbage in closed kitchen or trash bags inside cart; **No grocery bags**
- Place cart no more than 5 feet from street
- Separate by 3 feet from other items
- Place at curb from 4:00 pm day preceding the scheduled pickup to 6 am following pickup (law).
 - Owners can be fined from \$125 – \$500 for violations
- **Pick up spilled trash as you place/remove your cart**



Recycling Rules

Place items in recycling cart

ACCEPTED MATERIALS
 THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

 PAPER & CARDBOARD Cardboard, Magazines, Junk Mail, Newspaper, Office Paper <small>♻️ PLASTIC</small>	 METAL CANS Aluminum, Tin and Steel Cans, Food, Soda <small>♻️ EMPTY AND RINSE</small>	 PLASTIC CONTAINERS Kitchen, Laundry, Bath, Bottles and Containers (Caps Attached) <small>♻️ EMPTY AND RINSE</small>	 GLASS Glass Jars and Bottles (Caps Removed) <small>♻️ EMPTY AND RINSE</small>
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NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING CART

NO Styrofoam <small>Styrofoam, Polystyrene, Foam # 6, 7, 8, 9</small>	NO Plastic Bags or Plastic <small>Place These in To Be Recycled!</small>	NO Cooking or Lube Oil <small>Drainage, Grease</small>	NO Tires <small>Automotive, Lawn, Snow, Shred</small>	NO Large Items <small>(Metal, Plastic, Wood, Glass)</small>
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WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT!
bria.gov/recycle (225) 389-5194

Out-of-Cart Rules

- Only 4 tires per household per year (per LA DEQ limits)

SOLID WASTE UPDATES



OUT OF CART SERVICES:

- Maximum of 10 out of cart items per collection day
- Maximum weight of 40 pounds per item
- Tree limbs must be no more than 6 inches in diameter and 5 feet in length
- Brush and lawn debris must be bundled or bagged
- Commercial tree removal companies are required to properly dispose of all tree debris
- Bulk Waste such as furniture, mattresses and box springs, carpet from a single room, bicycles, toilets and bulk recyclables will still be collected. A maximum of three items of bulk waste (excluding tires) shall be collected per collection under Regular Out-of-Cart Waste Services from a Residential Service Unit.
- Excluded Waste shall mean Hazardous Waste, Special Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, Eviction Waste, whole or partial trees, fence sections, and Commercial Solid Waste.

LEARN MORE AT BRLA.GOV/DES

Key Numbers to Remember on Collection Day

10 count max / 3 types bulk waste max / 40 lbs – OSHA

Too Much Out-of-Cart Stuff?

- More than 10 items OR more than 3 types?
 - BE FRIENDLY TO NEIGHBORS - Ask your neighbor to place valid items on their curb
 - SPREAD OUT REMOVAL OVER WEEKS – Put items at your curb over several weeks
 - Take items to North Landfill/Baton Rouge Recycling for free disposal
 - Call Richards Disposal at 225-775-3084
 - To agree to pay \$5-\$10 per extra bag (based on bag size) for removal
 - To get an estimate and pay via credit card for excessive OR removal of items not included in standard EBR out-of-cart service
 - Call your desired vendor for out-of-cart item removal

Time allotted | 5-10 minutes | **Agenda topic** Announcements/Open Discussion |
Presenter Angela White

Announcements

- Upcoming events were announced.

Open Discussion

- Discussion held on what we can do to maintain our neighborhood, maintain our property values, have a sense of community, etc.
 - Everyone needs to be engaged!
 - We need to follow EBR laws and good neighbor rules!
 - Introduce yourself to your neighbors (new and old neighbors)!
 - Individual behavior is important!
- We will look to have social activities to engage the neighborhood.

Time allotted | 1 minute | **Agenda topic** Adjournment | Presenter Angela White

Conclusion Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.