French Branch Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes

Date: <u>March 25, 2004</u> Time: <u>7pm</u> Location: <u>Grace Memorial Baptist Church</u>

Officers Presiding: Robert Broome-President, Ann Smith-Co-President, Gewel Beard-Secretary, Darlene Brennan-Treasurer (Dave Mannella- Vice President absent)

Homeowners Present: <u>15</u> (see attached attendance sheet)(count does not include officers)

Agenda for meeting as follows (see attached sheet)

Call to Order: Robert Broome called the meeting to order requesting Ann Smith to lead in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from January were approved.

Darlene Brennan went over treasurer's report. As of March 22, 2004 a total of 177 homeowners have paid their dues. Bank balance at the end of February 2004 was \$14,712.12. (See copy of treasurer report for all figures)

Robert introduced the quest speakers from the Parrish. Bill Oiler- Chief Administrative Officer and also Jean (John) Thibodeaux who is an engineer with the Parish.

Bill Oiler discussed in detail some of the issues he had received emails about.

*Paving of Rue Charlemagne- construction should begin on this in August.

*Park N Ride on Military Road and Rue Esplanade- This was a lengthy discussion with concerns from several members of HOA. This is in preliminary design stages now and will be discussed in greater detail in the final planning stages.

The discussion remained on the Park n Ride for some time and Rick Williams stated that he did not think this was a good idea and that he thinks that other areas will take advantage of this which means traffic problems in French Branch. Also wanted to know what determined it being at this location. Bill Oiler explained how it was decided to be at FB and does not agree that it will cause problems. The discussion continued between Parrish reps and two or three of the homeowners for some time regarding this issue.

Robert Broome then commented that the important thing for tonight is the get the Parrish to commit to hearing HO concerns about this issue at another time. When asked by a homeowner what it would take to shelve this project indefinitely Bill Oiler responded that is would take allot to stop it and asked that everyone be open mined about what the Parrish is trying to accomplish.

* Bill brought issues of the Parrish Annual Report for anyone interested. * Discussion about the Walmart/Lowes traffic issue. Parrish is continuing to do traffic counts on several streets. The traffic patterns are mostly the same as before. In another 2-3 weeks they will do another traffic count.

* Drainage issues- at this time the Parrish Engineer Jean Thibodeaux took over most of the discussion and answered questions and responded to concerns from HO. He had maps and models to show the drainage areas and some of the plans for addressing drainage in this area.

Robert asked of a meeting could be set up with the Parrish and some of the people in the HOA that are knowledgeable about the drainage problems here to discuss the drainage issue.

At this time the discussion with the Parrish representatives was adjourned.

Robert then continued on with tonight's agenda.

Robert gave the school board report.

ARC report- EJ reported that the white camper on Rue Holiday has finally been removed. A total of 5 letters have been sent out to different homeowners regarding covenant not being adhered to. Out of those five letters, three has brought results, one has had response but no action and one has had no response.

Ann Smith gave update on progress on new French Branch signs. Hope to have something going by June.

At this time Rick Williams and Debbie Foster were asked to give their Walmart/Lowes report. This discussion went on for some time. They also requested again that the HOA pay \$200.00 for an attorney just as a consultant and even though we did not have quorum at the meeting insisted we have a show of hands for those in favor of paying for this service. There were 13 homeowners still present and all voted yes to this. This did not include the board members. Robert Broome voted no and Ann, Darlene and Gewel at this time did not vote. (At a separate meeting earlier in the month, Robert Broome and Dave Mannella (representing the entire board) met with the Walmart/Lowes committee and at that meeting turned down the proposal for hiring and paying for an attorney).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

(Note: Any attachments referred to above will be with original copies of minutes in secretary's files)

Minutes by Gewel Beard.