



October 28, 2017

Board members in attendance were:

Vernon Gibbs

David Champaign

Melder Burton

Cheri Mirgaux

Board member Michael McIntosh was absent

Meeting Location was at 42656 Spanish Oak Ave.

A total of 22 adults attended, representing 16 households

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM

Board members introduced themselves.

It was explained that an amendment to the bylaws has been recorded expanding the board from 3 to 5 members.

A brief explanation of the difference in the Haven HOA and Community Management was given. Community Management was hired by D R HORTON and contracted until sometime in May 2019.

The budget for 2018 proposed by Community Management was raising HOA fees to \$375 yearly from the current \$300 per home. Without raising yearly HOA fees, Community Management would create an approximate \$7000 DEFICIT in 2018, most of which are the cost of common areas mowing and their management fees.

The board sought out bids for common area mowing. Several companies submitted bids, Grass masters, the company contracted by community management did NOT bid. When Grass masters contract expires in Oct. A new contract was issued to Domestic Lawn Care Which will save about \$5000 annually in lawn care expense.

On 10/04/2017 the board sent, via certified mail a letter of intent to terminate the contract between Community Management and the Haven HOA.

The expense of buying out the remainder of their contract was \$3612.46

Continuing the remainder of the contract would have cost \$14,449.68

A savings of \$10,837.22

WE, **the board**, terminated Community Management contract on 10/ 20/ 2017 it will take 30 days to complete the process which would bring us to 11/ 20/ 2017.

We are seeking homeowners to get involved in our community:  
Melder Burton, board manager will head up the following committees:

Safety

Decoration

Compliance

Signup sheets for the committees were available and the following individuals volunteered.

**Safety**, Anthony Cole and Lawrence Mirgaux

**Decoration**, Amanda Baxter & Jordan Nethery

**Compliance**, Katie Lagasse & Carolanne Callison

Phase 2 of the Haven was not built due to being " wet lands".

The "wet lands" and pond were turned over to the HOA from D R HORTON on 10 /26/2017 for \$10.00

Mr. Kiley Bates, Tangipahoa Parish drainage is working towards doing a study to see if creating a retention pond in the wet lands area would be beneficial to the flooding issues experienced in the past.

D R HORTON will be placing a fountain for aeration in the existing pond. Future expense maintaining fountain will be the responsible of the HOA.

Possible future Neighborhood improvements mentioned were lighting in the park, more playground equipment, electric service to pavilion.

The standing water at the entrance to the Haven is in part due to a blockage along 445 This is a state issue. Kiley Bates (parish drainage) is trying to assist with this issue.

Homeowners dues: there are currently **9** homeowners, delinquent.

Please email [thehavenhoa@gmail.com](mailto:thehavenhoa@gmail.com) **The board wants to help.** Everyone needs to pay their fees.

Signage for the park concerning parking and rules for the playground area was proposed. This is necessary for liability reasons. The park is for Haven residents, not a public facility. Verbiage for signage was taken from the Landings playground. Melder Burton is researching a vendor in Baton Rouge to print signs. Katie Lagasse mentioned an individual named Paul Krumwiede in Ponchatoula that does signage.

Billie Kimball acknowledged and thanked the board for their time and efforts in keeping our neighborhood a pleasant place to live for everyone.

Meeting concluded approximately 5:15 PM

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