

Text to be circulated via the EIS and to be posted on the website:

The Flower Estates Civic Association's Annual General Meeting for calendar year 2011 took place December 9, 2010 at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Board President John Burckell covered activities of this past year and outlined projects for the year ahead. Below is a summary.

Review of 2010 Activities:

**Metairie Bank built a fence between their lot and the park. Resident Mike Parandian built the rest of the park fence.

**The "flower" street signs are back up, thanks to resident Jerry Smolinski.

**The board worked with Colonial Pinnacle to have a fence installed behind houses on Begonia to screen them from the traffic and lights.

**Thanks to John Burckell working with Marty Dean, Hyacinth Drive was resurfaced.

**We turned off one street light by CPB, and Treasurer Ann Otis negotiated a reduction in the price of mowing the park.

**We have a site for a South monument sign, thanks to Joey Champagne, owner of the Shops at Nord du Lac (PJ's site).

**John Burckell worked with strip mall owners to get them to enclose their dumpsters and to clean up behind the strip malls.

**We have brought the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries into cleaning up the bayou. The Parish and DEQ will also be involved.

**Take 5 Oil Change, now building near Cafe du Monde, has agreed with Wildlife and Fisheries to install a weir to slow down run off into the bayou. They have also redrawn their building plans to fit the business into the look of the neighborhood.

**A Park Committee has been set up, headed by Board Secretary Nancy Wagner. They are defining what we want the park to be and getting sponsors to pay for items to upgrade the park.

**The new Electronic Information System is now in place. We used it to send out meeting notices for this meeting. It will be available to residents who pay their dues. Board member Chris Verdigets will manage the system.

**Zinnia and LA21 intersection: The board continues to lead efforts to establish a traffic signal at this location.

**Colonial Pinnacle update: They had a successful opening, they have more stores committed to

open, Olive Garden and Cracker Barrel are going to build, and they may open some of the area that is now covered with Tyvek(TM). The board remains committed to a “no big boxes” position.

**Election of board members. Don Alette, John Burckell, Dr. Dan Daniel, Maria Mire, Ann Otis, P.J. Stakelum, Rosalie Statham, Chris Verdigets, and Nancy Wagner were reelected.

Projects and Issues for 2011:

**Bayou restoration, headed up by Dr. Dan Daniel

** Monument signs for subdivision entrances

**Widening of Hyacinth to create a right turn lane onto LA21 northbound

**Colonial Pinnacle/WalMart; no big boxes

**Dogwood boat landing: curtailing speeding and littering

**Park committee, ongoing with activities to be announced during the year

**LA21 development

**Electronic information system; make sure you’ve paid your dues so you will receive important news and updates throughout the year!

The board of Flower Estates Civic Association continues its mission to keep your property values high and to do all we can to make Flower Estates a desirable place to live and a good place to raise a family.