



# Federation of GBR Civic Associations *Meeting Notice & Newsletter* April 2022

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## **April Meeting:**

This will be a **Federation virtual** meeting (*Planning May meeting as first in-person*)

**(April 14th, 7:00PM)** Pre-read documents —> [Pre-read link](#)

**Please register** here for the virtual ZOOM Meeting: [REGISTRATION](#)

*You will then receive an email confirmation with the actual ZOOM meeting link embedded.*

### **AGENDA:**

- **Special status update on La State Legislation impacting HOAs and Homeowners**
- **Results of the 2021 Financial Review**
- **Recurring Federation Business items.**

## **2022 Membership Drive**

We are pleased to announce that **104** associations across East Baton Rouge Parish are now members of the Federation! To date, we are nearing 100% renewal of current members (a big Thank You!), and, we are delighted to welcome nine (9) new or former members. We hope the online system of membership renewal has been helpful. The Federation welcomes membership throughout the year. Our new members for 2022 include:

Country Club of Louisiana

Country Manor

Five Oaks Estates

Hickory Ridge

Knox Hill

Laurel Lakes Estates

Sharpstowne Homes

Southside

Windermere

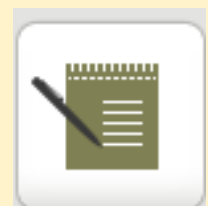
## **Key - Recurring City Parish Meetings:**

Metro Council: April 13th, 20th, 27th

Planning Commission: April 18th

Metro Board of Adjustment: April 11th

Agendas may be accessed at this link: <https://www.brla.gov/AgendaCenter>



# Federation Activities –2022 Focus Areas

## Governmental Affairs

### 2022 Louisiana State Legislature Bills - **STATUS UPDATE**

The Federation has devoted two virtual meetings in March to the topic of 2022 Legislation impacting HOAs. The HOA Legislation Task Force, consisting of Ed Lagucki, President; Sherry Guarisco, Vice President; Adrienne Bowser, Board Director, Gary Patureau, Fund raising (and past President) along with Legal Counsel, Jim Bradford and Jennifer Dietz, Magnolia Woods President, (and an attorney) have been meeting to discuss analysis of the bills as well as strategy to approach the authors of each of these bills with amending language. The meeting on Mar 29th also had participants from the Shreveport area and we are building our coalition network of HOAs in that part of the state. Several other HOAs from that area have contacted us for more information and to be part of the solution. We also have acquired a contact listing for multiple HOAs located in the North Shore area—where the author of most of the bills resides. Our fundraising effort is progressing nicely due to the generosity of our members. As of issuance of this newsletter, we have accumulated \$16k+.

**BREAKING NEWS!** One of the bills is scheduled for committee hearing, HB 387, dealing with providing of community documents to prospective home buyers—which we support in principal with some amending language. We have been collaborating with the La Realtors Association and provided our input to language for amendments they were proposing. The next step is reaching out to our HOAs with some talking points to share with committee members who will be hearing these bills. We are also planning to schedule meetings with both Legislators to discuss our concerns with the bills and offer suggestions for consideration. We have included a page in our website under Advocacy>> [Louisiana Legislature](#) where you can find all the information we have collected to date and a new dashboard on this page to track progress of these bills. See link to [DASHBOARD](#)

## Infrastructure Activities

### [Stormwater Master Plan Stakeholder meetings: \(message from the project team\)](#)

The project team is in the tail-end of Phase 2 of development of the East Baton Rouge [Stormwater Master Plan](#) and would like to give our key stakeholders (HOA leaders) an update and share the new Public Meeting schedule. We are offering several meetings via Zoom, and we hope you will be able to join us for one of them! Please reply to this email, let me know which meeting works best for your schedule, and I will add it to your schedule.

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 7, 2022, 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM**

If you can make it, please let Claire Pittman know, [cpittman@franklinassociates.com](mailto:cpittman@franklinassociates.com) and she will send the Zoom information and add the meeting to your calendar. Similar presentations will also be available to the general public. See link [Watershed Public meeting](#)

# Federation Activities

## Infrastructure—continued

### I-10 widening project.

The Chamber of Commerce of EBR has produced a short video on a proposed alternate approach to the current widening project. A recent article in the BR Business Report suggests that this project will ultimately cost \$1.8-2B and many years of traffic delays. We are tentatively trying to pull together this topic for the May Member meeting. Link to the video; [I-10 widening](#)

## Blight Committee activities

**Does your neighborhood have issues with blight or litter? Does your neighborhood have a solution that works? Is your neighborhood planning solutions to address its blight or litter challenges?** Let us hear about your existing blight issues as well as any insights or solutions to combat blight challenges. Submit your issues, solutions and insights on the Federation's Blight webpage!

The Blight Committee has added two new members - Marie Constantin, LA Stormwater Coalition and Jennifer Richardson, Keep Tiger Town Beautiful.

## City-Parish Teams—Federation Participation

**Short Term Rentals Study Team** met on March 18th, to review feedback provided by the public (during February) on the initial draft proposal of the City-Parish ordinance. There were about 150 individual comments, mostly in opposition, many from the Spanish Town community and many from AirBnB hosts who are opposed to any regulations. The study team made some changes to the proposed ordinance based on this feedback and will regroup on April 22nd to outline the next steps. We anticipate that the ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission by mid year and then to the MetroCouncil shortly thereafter. We have also reached out to several Council members to understand their level of understanding of the proposed ordinance or any feedback from their constituents. We will discuss the final proposal at an upcoming Federation meeting. If you have any questions on proposed ordinance, please contact Ed Lagucki, 225.315.1206.

## **NEW!**

**5G Preferred Location** GIS map for the City Parish may be access from the following link: [Preferred 5G Sites](#) If you have not done so, please submit your locations to the Planning Dept. Only one new 5G residential site permitted in 2022 was located next to the Catholic Life Center. For more info on the 5G preferred locations, visit our website: link [5G preferred locations](#)

**Neighborhood Registry** If you have not done so, please update your HOAs contact information at the City Parish online [Neighborhood Registry](#). This will ensure your association receives notification about future planning/zoning activities adjacent to your neighborhood as well as notification of 5G permit applications and MovEBR projects.