

Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOCHA)

February 21, 2017 GOCHA Board Meeting Minutes

Officers:

President – Bo Thornhill
Vice-President – Brian Hanchey
Secretary – Madeline McAndrew
Treasurer – Rodney Underwood

Officers and Board Attendees:

Bo Thornhill, Brian Hanchey, Madeline McAndrew, Jimmy Clark, Tim Schowalter, Wendi Pounders, and Justin Smith

Committee Chair Attendees:

Martha Austin, Phyllis Montgomery, Ellen Elias and Beau Wolfe

The GOHCA met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Brian Hanchey, Vice President. Quorum was present.

1. Annual Dues Letter – Phyllis Montgomery
 - a. Brian had sent a draft to all Board members prior to the meeting for their review and input.
 - b. Final version was approved.
 - c. Letter and invoice will be mailed by Monday or Tuesday (27th or 28th)
 - d. Volunteers will be solicited to help stuff the letters/invoices for the mail out from the members list (from those who stated they would like to help with certain activities during annual membership drive last year)
 - e. Signs need to be posted at the entrances of the subdivision to remind residents to pay their dues
 - i. New signs may have to be purchased.
2. Annual Meeting – All Officers/Board Members
 - a. Date will be March 21st
 - b. Agenda for the meeting will include
 - i. Dinner
 1. Ellen Elias will contact the jambalaya provider
 2. Beau Wolfe will bring the water
 - ii. Presentation of Accomplishments
 - iii. Budget Presentation
 - iv. Election of Officers/Board Members
3. No Zoning Property Effort – Brian Hanchey

Brian recommended approaching the owner of the lot located at N. Oak Hills Pkwy and Siegen Lane to determine if any accommodation can be made that would benefit both sides. Brian will draft a letter and distribute to the Board for review and recommendations.

4. Homes that are in Non-Compliance
 - a. As discussed in the meeting with Councilman Chandler Loupe Board Member Ellen Elias is obtaining a listing and copies of pictures of homes that are not in compliance with city codes (i.e. Cars parked in yards, large containers left in yards for over a year without construction being performed on home, etc.) Councilman Loupe will work with DPW on these issues.
 - b. Residents that are aware of these issues will be encouraged to call 311.
5. Beautification Discussion– Beau Wolfe
 - a. Beau informed the Board the Association must submit a landscape plan for the area vacant opposite the Siegen Lane/N. Oak Hills Pkwy sign.
 - b. We will need to hire a Landscape architect.
 - c. Suggestion was made to contact Baton Rouge Green once the plan was approved.
6. Letterhead
 - a. Brian Hanchey stated there was a need to develop a letterhead for utilization by the Board.
 - i. Madeline will develop and forward to Brian.
7. Email Address
 - a. Martha Austin will develop and maintain an email address for the Association.
 - b. Once developed it will appear on the Board’s letterhead.
8. Crime Discussion
 - a. Board continued discussions of the various options the Association could invest in for the safety of our residents, including but not limited to whether to continue the contract with the Sheriff’s Department for the 6 hours a week of monitoring, video monitoring, or establishment of a crime district.
 - b. Justin will look into video monitoring cost.
9. Vacant Board Member Listing
 - a. For the General Meeting in March – a listing of those positions in which current Board Officers and/or Board Members are interested in remaining in their positions will be developed - Madeline

Meeting was adjourned.

Madeline McAndrew
Secretary, Greater Oak Hills Association