

**Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOHCA)
Board Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2017**

Officers:

President – Brian Hanchey
Vice-President—Beau Wolfe
Treasurer—Rodney Underwood
Secretary—Emme Stansbury

Officer and Board Attendees:

Brian Hanchey, Beau Wolfe, Karen Underwood, Emme Stansbury, Libby Ammon, Kim Moore, and Justin Smith

Committee Chair Attendees:

Martha Austin, Mario Gannuch, and Laurie Moran

The GOHCA met on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Brian Hanchey. Quorum was present.

1. President Brian Hanchey opens meeting with a greeting to attendees and distributes the meeting's agenda. President Hanchey presents a motion to vote by email and it was approved.
2. **Oak Hills Perkins Road Sign Repair**
Bids came in around \$6900 and \$6300. The insurance company said that was too high and is sending their own adjuster. The cost will have to be negotiated.
3. **Membership Dues Summary & Thoughts for Improvement**
 - a. Around 390 households have paid out of the 680 or so homes in the combined Oak Hills subdivision. Our goal is for at least 450 households to participate in the association.
 - b. It was suggested to put the 'dues' signs back up at the entrances, but the location of the signs was unknown. Beau Wolfe volunteered to get new signs made and place them at entrances. President Hanchey agreed for the association to reimburse him.
 - c. More block captains are needed for door to door visits.
 - d. The use of the phone tree as a reminder to pay dues was suggested. President Hanchey volunteered to write a script for the phone message and asked board member Justin Smith to read it for the recording. Membership Chair Phyllis Montgomery will be notified to update the phone number list before the phone tree is used.
 - e. Notifying homeowners through the website's email system was also suggested.
 - f. It was suggested to list all homeowners in the directory regardless of whether they paid their dues or not. Currently, non-paid households are listed as "neighbor".
4. **Lot Improvement at Siegen & N. Oak Hills**
 - a. Board members discussed the email sent out for the vote for beautification of the lot at Siegen & N. Oak Hills.
 - b. Improvements will be a phased approach (1 – 3 years). A plan will be submitted to the city attorney (it is a city right of way). The proposal was by the local landscape firm GREEN UP at a cost of \$600.
 - c. The plan includes irrigation which will require a water meter at a cost of \$350 and back flow at a cost of \$750 installed by a licensed plumber.
 - d. The plan also includes beautification with the addition of sod, flowers, shrubs, and trees to

minimize the view of the fence and sewer pump.

- e. Mario Gannuch circulated a photo of possible median improvements for this project.
- f. It was suggested that any possible money left from the insurance claim after the Perkins sign is repaired be used for the beautification project.

5. Naughty List

- a. It was suggested that names and addresses of blighted property can be given to City Councilman Chandler Loup and the city will address the issue.
- b. Board members were asked to make notes of properties in question to be discussed at the next meeting.
- c. Posts can be made on "NEXT DOOR" for these property issues.
- d. The question came up about deed restrictions for our subdivision. It was stated that they are not enforced because we are a voluntary homeowners' association. Only City-Parish ordinances are enforced.
- e. President Hanchey moved to discuss this topic at the next meeting

6. Real Estate Report

- a. Libby Ammon distributed the real estate report for the first quarter of 2017.
- b. 1 house sold in the first quarter
- c. 7 houses are currently listed on the market (not including homes being sold by owner).

7. Crime Discussion

- a. Beau Wolfe got an estimate for a security camera system from SKY HAWK, INC. It was proposed to put a camera at each entrance, however, the security company recommended 24/7 monitoring at the Highland Road entrance and video recorded monitoring at the Siegen entrance. The Perkins entrance did not have as high volume.
- b. Each camera system will cost about \$9500 and a monthly monitoring fee. We would also need to pay for the power supply.
- c. President Hanchey asked board members to research and obtain quotes for other video monitoring companies.
- d. Dummy cameras were suggested but declined.
- e. The sheriff's patrol was discussed further. Each patrol is assigned by the Sheriff's department and we have no control or knowledge of who is assigned or when they will patrol. It was asked if a report was given on the patrols. The reply was 'only if it was requested'.
- f. The board decided to keep the sheriff's patrol for now because the substation is on Burbank Drive and they respond right away when a call is made.
- g. It was noted that Iberville Terrace has had issues with crime as well.

- 8. In closing, Martha Austin has volunteered to check with the Arboretum to make sure the doors to the conference room will be open for future meetings, as they were locked tonight.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.