

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

Officers:

President – Brian Hanchey

Vice-President—Beau Wolfe

Treasurer—Rodney Underwood

Secretary—Emme Stansbury

Officer and Board Attendees:

Brian Hanchey, Beau Wolfe, Rodney Underwood, Emme Stansbury, Mary Dommert, Libby Ammon, Ellen Elias, and Steve Toban

Committee Chair Attendees:

Martha Austin, Laurie Moran, Rosalind Fronczek, Lucie Gannuch and Mario Gannuch

The GOHCA pizza and ice cream general meeting was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. Attendees signed in and attached name tags upon arrival. Attendees were encouraged to sign up as block captains for their streets. Attendees mingled and ate pizza and ice cream. Children who attended were entertained by “Bubbles” the clown, who did face painting and made balloon toys. The meeting was called to order about 6:45 p.m. by President Brian Hanchey.

1. President Brian Hanchey **opens meeting** with a welcome greeting to attendees and expresses his gratitude for their participation. He congratulated the group for the highest attendance for a general meeting. He spoke briefly on the need for all to pay their dues and explained how/where the money is spent.
 - a. **beautification project** for the main entrance at Siegen/N. Oak Hills.
 - b. **Upcoming security project** of installing cameras to monitor the entrances. We don't currently have enough money to make the purchases necessary.

2. **Crime discussion:** Crime has increased over the summer due to summer vacation. Most surrounding subdivisions are reporting this increase as well. Until we have enough dues to install the security cameras, we are depending on residents to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and to notify the **sheriff's department at (225) 389-5000**. The sheriff's department is still contracted to make their patrols for now. Also, the group was encouraged to join the website, “**Nextdoor**”, for current neighborhood news.

Mary Dommert reminded residents that **Oak Hills car decals** are included in the welcome packet and help to identify those vehicles that belong to home owners. She offered extra decals to those who were interested.

3. **Guest Speakers:**
 - a. **Scott Courtwright, Arborist** —Formosan termites have come to Oak Hills. Many residents have reported infested trees and even the Arboretum has had an infestation. He encourages everyone to have their houses treated for any/all termite species, as they can move from your trees to your home. A simple thing you can do to keep them away from your home when they are swarming is to turn off your outside lights. Scott also talked about the fox/coyote sightings in our neighborhood. He cautioned to keep small pets inside and to monitor them closely when they go out. A question was asked about carpenter ants and whether they can kill your trees. Scott answered that they usually attack already weakened trees and generally do not kill a healthy tree.

b. **Home Security Representative** President Brian Hanchey introduced his home security person, Kevin Burke, who is a representative of **Gulf States Security, LLC**. He spoke briefly and passed out brochures and offered to speak individually to anyone interested in home security after the meeting.

4. The meeting **adjourned** at 7:25 and everyone was invited to continue eating pizza and ice cream.
5. **Real Estate Report** --No report was given in the general meeting, however Libby Ammon did hand out reports to officers and board members. Four properties were sold at an average sale price of \$339,625 @ \$138.48 per sq. ft. Five properties are pending, and 3 are still active.