

Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOHCA)

November GOHCA 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, Wendi Pounders, Mary Dommert and Jared Sullivan

Committee Chair Attendees:

Kay Keigley, Martha Austin and Beau Wolfe

The GOHCA met on Tuesday, November 15, 2015 at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Bo Thornhill.

1. General Meeting Recap
 - a. A general discussion was held on how we could improve on our general meeting.
 - b. Over 90 residents attended the event including some residents from the Oak Hills III subdivision.
 - c. There was a consensus that the jambalaya dinner was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the beautiful location and really good food. It was agreed Hilltop continues to be the best location for the event.
 - d. No new suggestions were received.

2. Status of Oak Hills III Merger
 - a. President Bo Thornhill informed the Board he is investigating into what documents are required of our Association for the merger. The next steps will be the responsibility of the Oak Hills III Association.
 - b. Kay Keigley, Membership Committee Co-Chairperson, stated that she had received the names and addresses of all the proposed new residents of the Oak Hills III subdivision and existing Towering Oaks Drive and Twisted Oak Lane residents and will be sending out the letter from Bo to all residents referring to our new Association members once the merger is completed.
 - c. Kay presented to the Board for comment a sample of the revised GOHCA 2016 invoice for distribution to the residents. A reference regarding Facebook was recommended.

3. Annual Membership Letter
 - a. Upon receipt of the President's letter from Bo, Membership Chairperson's, Kay and Charles Kegley and Ellen Elias, Block Captain Coordinator will get together to send the President's letter and new annual association invoices to all residents.
4. Budget Considerations for 2016
 - a. Rodney Underwood, Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting; therefore Bo Thornhill distributed the 2015 budget Re-Cap through 11-17-15.
 - i. As of 11-17-15 the Association has a surplus of \$10,705.37
 - b. A discussion was held of unfulfilled obligations/needs for proposed unspent funds. Some of the proposed projects included:
 - i. Lightning for Siegen Lane Sign
 - ii. Decorations for all main Entrance Signs (Christmas, Mardi Gras, etc.)
 - iii. Landscaping
 - iv. More Social Events
5. December Social Event
 - a. Our December Christmas Event will be on the 13th at the Hilltop.
 - b. Bo will get with Laurie Jones to schedule Santa and obtain food for the event.
 - c. Bill Austin will activate the phone tree to notify residents of the event.
6. Other Business
 - a. Martha Austin discussed "No Solicitation" and "Sheriff Patrolled Neighborhood" signs.
 - i. With the addition of Oak Hills III, we would have to add 1 sign (to be placed where Rue Lebouef (Iberville Terrace) enters onto Oakdale Dr. and move 1 existing sign from the intersection of Twisted Oak Lane onto N. Oak Hills Pkwy. to the entrance of Perkins Road onto Oakdale Drive.
 - ii. Changes would be made after Oak Hills III merges with us.
 - iii. Quotes would be obtained from the same company who made and installed our existing signs.
 - b. GOHCA will also have to approve making Oak Hills III part of the resolution and submit an updated, notarized resolution to the City-Parish, so that Oak Hills III will show up on the official list of No soliciting neighborhoods in Baton Rouge.
 - c. Yard Service
 - a. A discussion over the current yard service contractor and their performance was held. The Board members present were pleased with the current performance of the contractor and but due to the possible expansion of services would re-bid the contract next year.

President Bo Thornhill adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and encouraged every member to invite residents to attend the Christmas Social. Next meeting will be December 15th.

Madeline McAndrew Secretary