

Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOCHA)

April GOCHA Board Meeting Minutes

Officers:

President – Bo Thornhill

Vice-President – Brian Hanchey

Secretary –Madeline McAndrew

Treasurer – Rodney Underwood

Officers and Board Attendees:

Rodney Underwood, Madeline McAndrew, Jimmy Clark, Mary Dommert, Justin Smith and Libby Ammon

Committee Chair Attendees:

Kay Keigley, Martha Austin and Beau Wolfe

The GOHCA met on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Treasurer Rodney Underwood. Quorum was present.

1. The Board wanted to acknowledge and thank Beau Wolfe for personally cleaning the Oak Hills III sign. It was very much appreciated.
2. Membership - Kay Keigley, Co-Chairperson of the Membership Committee informed the Board that she and husband (Charles Keigley, Co-Chairperson of the Membership Committee) are moving out of state. She also provided the following to the Board:
 - a. Currently the Keigley's have all the signs for the Socials.
 - b. The directories were printed in the month of June by the LSU Print Shop.
 - c. The Membership Committee is responsible for the following:
 - i. Maintaining the database of all residents in the neighborhood
 1. Name, addresses, and phone numbers of all residents
 2. Who paid
 3. Who wants to volunteer
 - ii. Providing information for the Phone Tree to Martha Austin;
 - iii. Block Captain Names to Ellen Elias, Block Captain Chair);
 - iv. Mailing of all "dues notices"; and
 - v. Mailing of "reminder" post cards.
 - d. Board discussed the need to formalize the Welcoming Committee function for the Association. It was recommended the Block Captains could identify any new resident from their assigned block(s) and notify the Welcoming Committee. It would be the responsibility of the committee members to visit the new residents and provide a letter of welcome from the President and welcome gift from the Association. Mary Dommert and Libby Ammon volunteered to co-chair this committee.

3. Decorating Committee

Board discussed the need to enhance the funds for the Decorating Committee and to establish a budgeted amount for this activity. The committee has not had a budget to work within in the past and the Board members believed it was important they knew with the addition of the Oak Hills III sign new expenditures were anticipated. The Board also wanted the Committee to know they wanted decorations for at a minimum, Christmas, Mardi Gras, 4th of July, and Thanksgiving.

4. Beautification Discussion– Beau Wolfe

- a. Beau provided an update on replacement of the wooden sign on N. Oak Hills Parkway.
 - i. The Board agreed it will say “Oak Hills” and be dark green.
 - ii. There will be no flag pole and it will be the same width as the existing sign.
- b. New flower beds have been planted at the Oak Hills III sign.
- c. Re-planting would be conducted during the coming week for all areas.
- d. Beau presented the beautification master plan for Siegen entrance (see attached)
 - i. He will be working toward completion of this Plan and working with the appropriate parties to allow GOHCA usufruct of the city owned property.

5. Budget – Rodney Underwood

- a. As of this date there is a balance of \$32,000.00 with reserve.

6. Security – Speeding in the neighborhood

- a. There is a lot of speeding on the streets in our neighborhood – Wyatt and Pasterview
- b. Rodney will have security look into the matter

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Madeline McAndrew
Secretary, Greater Oak Hills Association