

**Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOHCA)
Board Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2018**

Officers Present:

President – Brian Hanchey
Treasurer—Rodney Underwood

Vice-President—Beau Wolfe
Secretary—Emme Stansbury

Board Members Present:

Laurie Jones, Ellen Elias, Kim Moore, Steve Toben, Mary Dommert

Committee Chairs Present:

Martha Austin, Laurie Moran

Guests:

Gerry and Charles Fina (Came to the meeting in favor of speed humps because of young grandchildren)
Jennifer and Woody Scott (collected signatures for the initial step of the speed hump project)
Liz Smith (New homeowner with a complaint of a neighboring property)

1. Speed humps on N. Oak Hills Pkwy....Petition drive progress and costs.

President Brian Hanchey takes a few minutes to catch the guests up on traffic study that was done by EBR Parish. The study showed a need for 4 speed humps but the Parish is only willing to place 3 humps due to costs.

Jennifer and Woody Scott have been collecting signatures on North Oak Hills Parkway for the required neighbor approval. They collected 80% approvals and forwarded the petition to EBR. No time frame was given to the Scotts for the placement of the speed humps because EBR hasn't the funds to proceed.

President Hanchey recommended the gradual cement humps like the ones in Southdowns. Their cost is unknown. EBR suggested reaching out to councilman Chandler Loup for help raising funds for the project.

Board member Ellen Elias asked if GOHCA would be liable for possible car damage if we paid for the speed bumps. President Hanchey's response is that GOHCA is not in the position to pay for them so the parish would have to pay for them. He suggested asking Councilman Loupe for that answer because he is a lawyer.

2. Other traffic topics.....Vice President's report, Oak Hills Parkway study, stop sign painting.

Vice President Beau Wolfe's beautification report:

A. Highland Road Entrance Sign—the light has been replaced. The photocell was receiving too much light from the street light above so it wouldn't come on. After some adjustment of the photocell, the problem has been fixed.

B. Flowers—next flower bed planting and mulching will take place in early spring.

C. Adding Street Signs—Have calls into the EBR sign shop for installing more speed limit signs and No Parking signs at the Highland Road entrance. Parking at this entrance is an issue during the holidays. Will follow up on these signs this week.

President Hanchey suggests the next streets to be addressed for the speed study will be Oak Hills Parkway and Pastureview.

The stop sign painting project will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Crime Prevention....recent car break-ins

According to reports, our neighborhood has no dramatic difference from other surrounding neighborhoods as far as the number of break-ins and method of operation. Most hits are due to unlocked cars which are easy targets.

The subject of **Crime Prevention Neighborhoods** came up again. It would allow us to collect mandatory fees from all homeowners and allow for much better security. Board member Ellen Elias suggested to talk to other CPN subdivisions (Goodwood and Shenandoah) for pros and cons of becoming one. Board member Kim Moore said the City Association President suggested not to pursue it.

4. Real Estate Report

Board member Libby Ammon was not present today. Board member Laurie Jones, a real estate agent with Gardner's out of New Orleans, reported that property values have gone up for our subdivision. If you update your home, you will be able to recoup your money when you sell and it will sell quickly. Homes that have not been updated are not selling at the higher values and are staying on the market longer.

5. Naughty List

Board member Steve Toben is concerned with cars parked under tarps and in yards.

President Hanchey will offer to cut down dead trees from the overgrown property on N. Oak Hills Pkwy at Pastureview. He will remind the homeowner of the dangers of termites in dead trees. He will also send a letter to the house on Pastureview with the tarp covering.

6. Budget—

Treasurer Rodney Underwood gave the budget report for 2017. We had 410 members in 2017 which is down from 425 members in 2016. With 700 homes in the association, we will try for 70% membership in 2018.

7. Annual Meeting Reminder—

The meeting will be in March. Board member Mary Dommert will put signs at the entrances to advertise it.

The meeting **adjourned** at 7:30.