

**Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOHCA)
Board Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2018**

Officers Present:

President—Brian Hanchey
Vice President—Beau Wolfe
Secretary—Emme Stansbury

Board Members / Chair Persons Present:

Steve Toben, Ellen Elias, Libby Ammon, Martha Austin, Jimmy Clark, Mario Gannuch

Guests:

Keith Miller, Madeline McAndrew, Gerrie Penn, Charles Penn, Jennifer Scott, Lisette Charmichal, Nick Toben, Marty Lensing, Ara Arman, Pam Fontenot
Meeting began at **6:35**

1. Speed humps on N. Oak Hills/Oak Hills Pkwy....Discussion from recent Parish financing option.

President Hanchey reviewed the progress thus far with attending guests. The question was asked, “Why did this happen in the first place?” Jennifer Scott answered with the explanation that she and others on North Oak Hills Parkway were worried that their children’s safety was in jeopardy because of speeders using Oak Hills as a cut through to avoid Perkins traffic.

Keith Miller adamantly opposed the speed bumps. He lives on West Lakeview and doesn’t see the need for them. He said it will slow down all traffic. He had statistics from several studies which he read out loud, but did not provide copies. The studies basically said that speed bumps don’t deter speeders and cause damage to the vehicles. President Hanchey explained the speed “humps” would be like the ones in Homewood and Southdown subdivisions and would not damage the cars.

Keith Miller suggested radar activated speed signs instead, but the consensus was that the sign would be ignored. Ara Arman said the data shows it slows down EMS from reaching the emergency in time

The discussion became quite heated and after heated discussion between Keith Miller and various others attendees, Mr. Miller left the meeting after 15 minutes or so.

President Hanchey asked for an informal vote for or against the speed bump project. The majority voted YES and 3 or 4 voted NO. He then stated that he would send out an email asking for Board direction on the issue.

Jennifer Scott continued the discussion with the information she had on costs. Each (3) would cost \$5,000 (total of \$15,000) and EBR wants \$7,500 up front. President Hanchey asked if the project would be started right away. She didn’t know. He asked Jennifer to inquire on the GOHCA’s behalf.

Someone asked if the project could be scrapped for now. The answer was that now that the survey was completed by EBR and the speed bumps were deemed necessary, they would be liable if the project wasn’t completed. In other words, if a child was injured/killed by a speeding car, EBR could be sued.

It was suggested to have a special meeting just for the speed bump issue. VP Beau Wolfe suggested getting an EBR representative to our next open meeting.

2. Greater Oak Hills Civic Association dues update

Discussion was put off until the next meeting because of time constraints.

3. Naughty list update

The Verdun/ W. Lakeview triangular plot needs sprucing up. Ara Arman agreed that it is an eye-sore.

Brian Hanchey and Beau Wolfe both said they could plant flowers there easily without using the landscape service.

4. Real Estate report--Libby Ammon distributed her report, but there was no time left to discuss it.

5. Open discussion from Board members— No time left for discussion.

the meeting adjourned at **7:05**.