

Greater Oak Hills Civic Association

AGENDA Board Meeting – Tues. August 20, 2019 6:30 PM Hilltop Arboretum Board Room

Ellen Elias ___X___ Jerry Satawa _____ Lindsey Litchfield ___X___ Rodney Underwood ___X___
Kim Moore ___X___ Mackenzie Shaw ___X___ Maddie McAndrew ___X___ Marty Lensing ___X___
Karla Raby _____ Steve Mercier ___X___ Steve Toben ___X___

Also in attendance: Martha Austin, Chris Payton, Jimmy Clark, Beau Wolfe

The presence in person of more than one-half (1/2) of Board members qualified to vote shall constitute a quorum necessary to conduct business. Each Board member shall be entitled to one vote.

- I. Call meeting to order and determine quorum
- II. Welcome all members & visitors
- III. Minutes for June 18, 2018 meeting were approved via email, Rodney Underwood approved, Kim Moore seconded.
- IV. Treasurer Report – Rodney Underwood
 - Hand delivered invoice for speed humps (paid GOHCA \$5000; remitted a check for residents portion for \$2500 has a list of all residents who contributed specifically for the speed humps)
- V. Unfinished/Old Business – Committee Reports and Discussion
 - a. Safety – Camera update - Marty + Mackenzie: we have been exploring options for security surveillance for neighborhood. Got bids/info/presentations from 3 vendors. Goal is to have options to vote on in October.
 - **LA Tec**
 - deputy presented details on this one – we would donate cameras to them and they would maintain;
 - Con –is a computer based system that can overheat etc (re: higher likelihood for issues)
 - 22K bid for high speed, interstate
 - 11K (per camera?) lower speed, neighborhood (would discount first camera to \$7539)
 - **Flok**
 - overpriced and don't have an actual local presence for services; contract it out, therefore adding extra costs
 - **Hebert Security** (Craig Hebert – owner - has relatives in the neighborhood)
 - Currently servicing a local neighborhoods, including Shenandoah Crime District; Shenandoah previously used LaTec years ago and had issues with their equipment so switched to Hebert.
 - User-friendly; mobotix system out of Germany; 5 yr. warranty (Shenandoah has 17 cameras)
 - 3 cameras (Siegen, Highland, Perkins)
 - \$5500 per camera
 - b. Federation of Civic Association – Chris Payton – brief report
 - **July 11th meeting – discussion around cell tower**
 - Big takeaway – idea to create a preferred location plan to give voice to residents on location.
 - They have a website called responsible5g.org (shows all neighborhoods who have contributed) have raised a little over 14k for the 17k law firm cost to represent
 - Flood – drainage plans
 - c. Beautification – Will stump be removed by city, RFQ template circulating

- Stump - Scott Courtwright notified the city of structural instability and the city took it down; who is removing stump?
 - Will contact Scott and/or City
 - Consideration for what will be planted to replace (some kind of oak)
 - Baton Rouge Green – Beau will call about having BRG plant a native tree
- Template for everyone to get consistent re-bid for the landscaping services for entrances
- Resident asked at Social about Pecan Grove cul de sac trees – can they be included in the fertilization bids? Board discusses whether it should just maintain entrances/oaks; decided entrances only for now.

d. Membership – Update on directory status, i.e. bids & ads –

Block Captain – no responses do we put name & phone number in directory

- **Directory –**

- Complimentary ad for Hilltop (voted yes)
- If residents specifically said no, do not list number; if they didn't respond at all list name and address (no phone number will be in directory)
- 8 people have submitted ads (Extending deadline to September 15th)
 - ❖ Can each board member try to get one ad in the directory?
 - ❖ Thank you cards for advertisers was suggested and approved

e. Volunteers still needed – Welcoming Committee, Social committee, 5 more block captains

f. Update on 946 Oak Hills

- **946 Oak Hills** – After many complaints about the commercial building being constructed in the neighborhood. Ellen made several unsuccessful attempts to discuss with homeowner. City Parish said the permit was issued by South Central Planning committee and property lines were measured and approved for placement. City Parish told Ellen Elias it was up to the Homeowners to sue the neighbor violating the neighborhood codes and restrictions.
- Special board meeting called and agreed to have a letter issued asking the homeowner to discuss the situation to have an amicable resolution.
- Our attorney received the neighbor's attorney letter stating that they are not in violation.
- A conversation between the two attorneys via phone where GOHCA's attorney asked if his client would sit down with several (not all) board members to come to some kind of agreement.
- No response from the resident with the commercial grade building

VI. New Business

- Advertisement update for directory; 5 per board member; print form from website
- Conflict of dates for the October meeting, discussion of possibly moving to Wednesday instead of Tuesday
Needs some more discussion
- Start process on proxy voting, the by-laws addresses this
Ellen has asked Karla Raby to work on this, would like this to be in place by October Meeting

All other agenda items tabled due to time.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM