

Greater Oak Hills Civic Association
Board Meeting Minutes –Date: 02/18/2020
Hilltop Arboretum Board Room

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

NOTE: 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 a quorum
Quorum was present

- II. Welcome all members & visitors: Martha Austin, Chris Payton, Beau Wolfe, Gerrie Penn subbing for Lindsey Litchfield

- III. Minutes from previous meeting
Marty Lensing made a moment to approve and Steve Toben seconded.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report- Rodney Underwood
 - a. We have \$5,735.00
 - b. We have 6 residents who have paid their dues. Fiscal year for the Corporation begins January 1, 2020; however, the Board had voted to wait to mail out dues letter after the holiday season.
 - c. The 2019 Corporation’s taxes were filed as of February 18, 2020.

- V. Committee Reports and Discussion
 - A. Membership Committee – Martha Austin, Chairperson
 - a. Membership letters are being mailed out today.
 - B. Beautification Committee – Beau Wolfe, Chairperson
 - a. Oak tree is on hold until Scott is ready.
 - b. Had a conversation regarding the type of mulch Scott is recommending and can get for the entrance (all) trees. Ellen had question about if really necessary to pull all the sod up at the Perkins entrance. Beau will discuss with Scott.
 - c. Beau recommended we soft wash the entrance signs. He informed us that pressure washing will remove the paint. Beau will get a few bids so it can be added in the budget in the future.
 - C. Security Committee – Marty Lensing & Mackenzie Shaw (Chairpersons)
 - a. Ellen asked if there had been any reports filed and explained that a neighbor posted on Nextdoor that he wanted access to the cameras for a fraud issue. She informed the neighbor that he should contact the police and they can access it if they felt it warranted. Mackenzie informed us that a report had been filed.
 - b. Marty reminded us that if anyone has inquiries about getting access to the cameras they/we should direct them to the sheriff’s office.
 - c. Steve put up the “Surveillance Camera” sign on the pole with the camera by the entrance on Siegen Lane.
 - d. Marty spoke about the car break in at the Fire Stations and other places in the city. He believes the Major and other officials will be putting more resources on the issue.
 - D. Block Captain – Kim Moore, Chairperson – Unable to attend meeting

E. Federation of Civic Associations – Chris Payton, Chairperson

Chris attended the Federation’s meeting and passed on the following highlights:

- a. Passed around information on touring the Police Precinct. There is a RSVP requirement. We will post this information on Nextdoor.
- b. Gave information regarding presentation by Fred Raiford on “Move BR” about improving roads & drainage. It gives information about areas they are making bike lanes, sidewalks, and general planning. He recommended we put the video on our web site. It is located on the Federations face book page.
- c. Encouraged us to utilize Crime Stoppers call-in number to file confidential reports such as graffiti, etc.
- d. Out of the 400 traffic lights that have fiber connections only 200 are hooked up. An effort is being made to hook those up, main focus is Florida and Airline.
- e. Pecue Lane interstate entrance and improvements are being done with \$25 million in Federal funding.
- f. There is \$15 million in federal funding to improve drainage and \$255 million to complete a Snag and Drag project and concreting upstream Jones Creek & Ward Creek. 25% of the funding is from the city parishes.
- g. Board of Adjustment approves most of the variants. They spoke about the Board of Adjustments notifying the Associations during the approval process to inquire about further neighborhood restrictions or recommendations.
- h. Commented that the GOHCA does not have liability insurance for the Board members as many of the other Associations to carry. He recommends that we look into get it and thought it would not be too large of an expense. Board agreed we may look into the necessity for obtaining for our Corporation verses those Associations that are HOAs and have assets such as club houses/ swimming pools.
- i. Chris passed around a Federation Member Input-Short Term Rental survey from the meeting. Chris completed it and asked us for input and consensus on his answers on the survey questions. The Board was not aware of any short-term rentals in the neighborhood and it is not prohibited.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Beau Wolfe informed us that a Real Estate Broker was telling him that the value of the property on Siegen and Oak Hills Parkway has dropped in price so they believe there will be interest in a business purchasing the property. The Board will be watching this closely.
- b. March Membership Meeting
 - i. Nominations needed for President and Vice President and 3 Board Members
 1. This was mentioned in the letter with the dues notices that have been mailed.
 - ii. Notification will be provided to residents in the following methods:
 1. Phone tree
 2. Post on Facebook and Nextdoor; and
 3. Email-blast.

Ellen will collect all nominations and will follow up with the potential nominees to insure they are interested in volunteering.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.