

**Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOHCA)
Board Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2017**

Officers Present:

President – Brian Hanchey

Vice-President—Beau Wolfe

Treasurer—Rodney Underwood

Secretary—Emme Stansbury

Board Members Present:

Libby Ammon, Ellen Elias, Steve Toban,

Committee Chairs Present:

Martha Austin, Laurie Moran, and Jimmy Clark

1. President Brian Hanchey **opens meeting** at 6:40 pm with a greeting and the distribution of today's agenda. Brian addressed the board and explained that he will invite a guest speaker for a future meeting to speak on security/safety. He was approached by an attendee after the open meeting in July asking permission to do so.

2. EBR Sheriff's patrols—vs—Security Cameras

Sheriff's patrol— (sheriff's department at Burbank **(225) 389-5000**)

- a. Board member Rodney Underwood commented that they see the patrol car on Saturday and Sunday when most residents are home anyway. Could they possibly make their rounds while most people are at work?
- b. It was noted that the patrol is not seen in the area of Oak Haven as it is in the Pastureview/Oak Hills Parkway area.
- c. Laurie Moran volunteered to be the liaison with the Sheriff's Department on Burbank. The board would like to establish a log sheet and some sort of schedule of the patrols to justify the money spent on patrols.

Security Cameras—

- a. Jimmy Clark asked if the money spent on the sheriff's patrol was enough to purchase the cameras. The answer is no. Each camera setup would cost approximately \$6800 plus monitoring fees and we would need a minimum of 3 to cover the main entrances. The sheriff's patrol cost \$9840 per year.
- b. Brian Hanchey asked the board to get the names of companies and their bids for the next monthly meeting.

3. Crime discussion:

a. Brian Hanchey commented that the crime in our neighborhood wasn't as bad as it could have been this summer. He thinks residents are more aware of suspicious behavior in the neighborhood because of the Next Door website.

b. Crime Prevention Neighborhood—It was discussed again whether we want to become a crime prevention neighborhood (CPN). It would require approximately \$15,000 in legal fees because a Bill must be passed on the next election ballot. There is a lot of work involved and it will be wasted if the bill does not pass. The benefit of being a CPN is the collection of yearly dues. Payment becomes mandatory instead of voluntary and would ensure the funds to cover the security cameras and monitoring. The board was divided on the decision to pursue this as some have heard the struggles of other neighborhoods who went through the process.

c. Brian Hanchey will get a copy of the revised statues for our neighborhood and the board will discuss further what restrictions can and can't be enforced by the board.

d. Naughty List—The POD is gone from the residence on Twisted Oak and the battered shutters are down from the architectural firm on Oakdale, thanks to board member Kim Moore! The blue tarp is still on the Pastureview home and an Oak Hills Pkwy home still has posts jacked up on car jacks.

Ellen Elias will compose a letter to schools who require service hours of their students. Our elderly homeowners need help with yard work and minor maintenance/painting projects and this would be a good opportunity to take advantage of that.

4. **Membership Dues Summary:** As to date, 402 households have paid their dues. Our budget is based on 400 households for the year, so we are in good standing. There are almost 700 homes in our combined neighborhoods so we still have a ways to go with the collection of dues. Block Captain Leader Laurie Moran said membership letters will go out after the weather cools as it is too hot to go door to door right now.

5. **Real Estate Report** -- Libby Ammon handed out reports to officers and board members. She was encouraged with the movement of properties compared with the beginning of the year. Five properties were sold at an average sale price of \$382,200 @ \$145.98 per sq. ft. Three properties are pending, and five are still active. The Wyatt Drive property sold within a month of being put on the market.

The topic of flood insurance was raised. The average rate of flood insurance in our area is only \$400 per year as we are not in a flood zone. A show of hands revealed that most officers and board members do have flood insurance. All agreed the coverage was mainly for peace of mind.

6. The meeting **adjourned** at 7:25 with words of thanks from President Brian.