

**Greater Oak Hills Civic Association (GOHCA)
Board Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2017**

Officers:

President – Brian Hanchey
Vice-President—Beau Wolfe
Treasurer—Rodney Underwood
Secretary—Emme Stansbury

Officer and Board Attendees:

Brian Hanchey, Beau Wolfe, Rodney Underwood, Emme Stansbury, Libby Ammon, Mary Dommert, and Steve Toban

Committee Chair Attendees:

Martha Austin, Jimmy Clark, Phyllis Montgomery, and Laurie Moran

The GOHCA met on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. by President Brian Hanchey. Quorum was present.

1. President Brian Hanchey opens meeting with a greeting to attendees and distributes the meeting's agenda.

2. **Seigen Lane Beautification Project**
Beau Wolfe presented his plans for the project in two phases.
Phase 1: The irrigation system which consists of the water meter, back flow, and control clock. GOHCA will need to get permission from the city/parish to install the water meter before we can move forward with this phase. The estimate for this portion of the project is \$8000.
Phase 2: Landscaping. 'Green Up Lawn Care', the company that maintains the entrances, gave an estimate of \$3000 for the bedding and plantings portion. It was suggested to get an estimate from Harb's Oasis as well. Brian Hanchey motioned to get more bids and vote by email for approval. The motion was seconded.

3. **Crime**
 - a. Several homeowners posted warnings on Nextdoor that their cars were broken into. Sheriff's deputies investigated and four boys/young adults were arrested.
 - b. Several houses were also broken into and robbed. The suspects are two young adults. One watches the front of the house while the other kicks in the back door to enter. To our knowledge, they have not yet been apprehended.
 - c. Rodney Underwood got an estimate from Custom Security for the installation of security cameras to cover the six entrances to the subdivision. Each camera system would cost \$6800. Electricity would need to be installed at most of those entrances as well. Because of the expense, it was suggested to install the cameras in stages. Brian Hanchey motioned for Rodney Underwood to get a more detailed quote from Custom Security and compare the cost of having the company monitor the footage verses the cost of self-monitoring. The motion was seconded.
 - d. Brian Hanchey discussed the possibility of becoming a Crime Prevention District, which would change dues from a voluntary payment to a required payment. A yes vote of at least 60% of the homeowners would be required for it to pass. As a Crime Prevention District, the GOHCA would become liable for damages and the dues must be used for

security purposes.

- e. Steve Toban posted an alert on Nextdoor that some men were claiming to be from A.T.&T. and were canvassing the neighborhood. He reminded us that we are a non-solicitation neighborhood. There are a few exceptions such as religious groups and political groups, which are allowed to go door to door.

4. Naughty List

- a. Laurie Moran and Kim Moore, Block Captain Co-Chairs, have written a letter that is informative in nature and explains some of the ordinances that are not in compliance, such as parking vehicles in the yard. The motion was made to distribute the letters to the block captains who will deliver them to the homeowners. The motion was seconded.
- b. At the last meeting, board members were asked to make note of properties in disrepair. Several properties were mentioned, but the discussion included the points that GOHCA has no legal right to insist on repairs and that some of the homeowners were elderly or disabled and could not afford the upkeep of their property. A suggestion was made to get students who need service hours to help these homeowners.
- c. Former board member Wendy Pounders voiced her concern about the poor quality of the sidewalks in some areas of the neighborhood. Homeowners are responsible for the repairs to the sidewalks on their property. It was suggested to write an informative letter about liability issues and stress the importance of repairing the sidewalks. Whether the letter will be handed out by block captains or put on the website will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. Laurie Moran, the block captain coordinator, has received phone calls from disgruntled homeowners who are annoyed with lawn ornaments, window treatments, and un-kept lawns.

5. Real Estate Report

- a. Libby Ammon distributed the real estate report on properties for sale.
- b. Only 1 house is pending out of the 6 that are on the market.
- c. A former For-Sale-By-Owner property has been listed with a real estate company, but it was not in the MLS listing at the time the report was printed.

- 6. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.