

Minutes GOHCA Officer/Board meeting July 16, 2013, 6:30 pm at Hilltop Arboretum

Attendees: M. Austin, B. Babin, L. Babin, L. Byrd, J. Clark, J. Cuevas, P. Davis, W. Pounders, T. Schowalter, B. Thornhill, R. Underwood, B. Wolfe

Agenda:

1. Hilltop progress (Davis): construction on new classroom should be finished by mid-Aug. Electricity is on so wood finishing can be completed. Building will need to air out for one month prior to use.
2. Federation news (Austin): Crime Prevention District establishment discussed at last meeting. The Sheriff's site (7B1) can be accessed for crime reports by neighborhood. The TV reporter's request for information on crime in the neighborhood was discussed. Schowalter had returned phone call and left message that no elevated crime has occurred other than the usual small spike when schools let out in spring. Apparently the call was in response to signs posted at Pastureview & N. Oak Hills and on Masterson about breakins. Clark was interviewed and appeared on TV also responding that no elevated crime has been observed. The signs have disappeared and no one knew who had posted them.
3. Feedback from June Social: Schowalter reported that Harb is willing to help with landscaping at the Siegen entrance when we are ready for this. Schowalter thanked Johnstons for providing pizza, plates and napkins, Babins for drinks, B. Babin for saxophone music, Schowalters and LSU Dairy Store for ice cream, and Lori Foy with the Hilltop Arboretum for providing coordination and access to supplies. Fifty residents plus several children participated in the event.
4. Siegen entrance sign (Wolfe): Wolfe has explored bids for entrance signs. One bid for a monument sign was about \$7000, of which \$1000 would be reimbursed by city-parish. Officer and Board consensus to put up a monument sign similar to our Highland entrance sign. Wolfe delegated to solicit bids for a monument sign.
5. Fall general meeting: Scheduled for October 15. As before, we will provide a pizza or jambalaya dinner. We will invite Officer Aguillard to present establishment of neighborhood watch and invite block captains. Will present a dues increase to \$100 to help offset cost of entrance sign. Target non-paying residents for soliciting dues. Advertise what GOHCA does to improve neighborhood attractiveness and safety. Ask Block Captains to persuade neighbors to pay dues. Our dues could be related to the \$45 per week many residents pay for lawn maintenance.
6. Meeting adjourned 8 pm