

GREATER OAK HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

President-Tim Schowalter
Vice President-Jimmy Clark
Treasurer-Rodney Underwood
Secretary-Molly Williams

Minutes of the Annual GOHCA Meeting

The GOHCA met on Tuesday, March 12. We had 71 attendees. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President, Tim Schowalter.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Posted to GOHCA website www.oakhillsbr.org

1. Announcements

Thanked Barrett Johnston and Byron Gautreau for food.

Quarterly general meetings second Tuesday (June)

Monthly board meetings second Tuesday of each month

On Facebook now-please "Friend" or "Like"

Thanked Nancy and John Tooraen for new Facebook page and new website update that is coming soon.

Discussion of consideration of crime prevention district. Realized needed about \$15k for two year period for setup. If interested, let us know.

Explored animal permits and rental properties.

Theft of backpack on Rue Crozat

2. Nomination Slate Approval

Linda Babin-Chair of Nominations committee-explained current positions held and open offices.

Tim Schowalter -President
Jimmy Clark-VP
Molly Williams-Secretary
Rodney Underwood-Treasurer

Board members-(Must have at least 5 up to 7)
Babin, Cuevas, Garland, Lensing, McAndrew, Johnston, Thornhill

Garland wants to resign. Babin would like to be replaced.

Want to move to a two year rotation for board members instead of three year term.
One nomination (Wendy Pounders) from the floor. Ellen Elias nominated by Jimmy.
Ellen declined until her position is filled.

Ellen Elias over membership. Looking to step down.

Linda called for nominations for other positions. Being none, there was a
recommendation of approval of nominations.
Majority approved.
No nays

Follow up discussion regarding membership included:

Can directory be electronic? New website will have members only section.

Contact information for officers is on website.

Safety liaison is Michel Fourrier

Welcoming-Joanna Conner

Beautification-Beau Wolfe and Lori Byrd

Jimmy Clark is block captain coordinator.

Website coordinator is Martha Austin

Rosalind Fronczek and Martha attend Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic
Associations meetings (FGBRCA)

Bill Austin maintains phone tree.

All are listed on website.

3. Budget Approval

Tim gave budget overview

Opened the floor for questions?

160 households in subdivision have paid dues so far.

How do we increase that? One way was to become a Crime Prevention District (CPD) to impose fee. Cost is prohibitive.

CPD would mean all would pay and probably by \$100. Benefits - increase sheriff's patrol.

Alternative is strong Neighborhood Watch program.

Budget recommended.

Motion to approve budget. Seconded.

Approved unanimously.

Flag at Iberville Terrace entrance needs to be replaced. New one tomorrow compliments of Action Advertising and Flags.

Is anything happening at Siegen and N. Oak Hills? We are currently working to get sign back up. Contact Danielle at Chandler Loupe's office.

Putting up old sign for now. New sign approx. \$4000

Suggestion/request for speed bumps at stop signs. Lazy K and Pastureview requested. Done through DPW.

Suggestion for monument sign instead of masonry. To bring cost down.

Crime statistics for subdivision? Posted on website.

4. Neighborhood Watch

Captain Aguillard

Shows reports from EBR Sheriff's office

We are Zone 7-B1

Current trend in break-ins-Kicking in door-Get plate or extra long deadbolt. Bar with prongs-place under doorknob-available at hardware store.

Majority of calls were false alarms.

Sheriff's office will come for other civic association meetings. Will bring tank!

Contact Mary Fontenot for help with speed bumps.

Alarms slow deputies down. Take call from alarm company to stop deputies from being dispatched. Three “free” false alarms. \$25 for fourth. \$50 for fifth and beyond in a calendar year.

Call 389-5000 for suspicious activity.

With a No Solicitation sign and a policy passed by civic association we can ban solicitors from going door to door.

5. Future of Public Education

Belinda Davis-One Community One School District

Presentation regarding breakaway district and impact for our subdivision. Students in our subdivision no longer attending Woodlawn schools.

PowerPoint to be posted.

6. Spring Insects

Tim shared ways to manage fire ants, stinging caterpillars and termites.

To control fire ants, yard should be treated 2 times per year – in March and October. An ant bait such as Amdro or Extinguish/Extinguish Plus should be scattered over whole yard – ants will find the bait and bring it back to the nest. Very effective for treatment of fire ants – would be even better if done neighborhood – wide.

.Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Molly Williams, Secretary