

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 7th 2019

The board meeting of the Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association was held on December 7, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

Present were Tom Forsyth, Cory Miles, Carl Hayes, Bret Anderson, Anne Herbage, Mary Harrison, Jim Hauck, Beatrice Lovett and Richard Thomas.

Tom announced that Kathy Birks has agreed to serve as Membership chair for the coming year. Unfortunately, she was not able to attend this meeting.

Cory Miles is a returning resident of the area and will work at Code Compliance Chair on code enforcement issues and help in any area as needed.

The Board made a brief review and evaluation of recent events. It was noted that while our annual party was well received, the organization should consider purchasing the turkey and allow residents to provide the sides. This suggestion was accepted as a good change.

Tom outlined the possible programs the New Year:

- 1) On January 18th, the program topic will be “Advancing Equity in the City of Dallas” that will be given by Victor Obaseki, Chief Equity Officer for the City of Dallas. The Dallas Stormwater Management Dept. will provide an update on the Creek Bed Restoration Project at Holiday Road and Five Mile Parkway.
- 2) Programs for future meetings in 2020 include Healthy Food Choices in Southern Dallas, and a Program on the Southern Gateway and Deck Park construction.

The New year will see an improved emphasis on neighborhood cleanliness. OPENA will conduct quarterly cleanup campaigns with the first one set for Saturday February 8th. Ikebana workshops will be held at St. Augustine Church on Saturdays. The next one is scheduled for December 14th at 10:30.

The board reviewed officer reports and approved the minutes for October meeting, reconciled the treasurer’s report showing a balance of \$2627.00 and noted that Heritage Oak Cliff had just elected new officers. Our membership was now 60 with 20 renewals as of November 31st.

Beatrice moved that all reports be approved and accepted. Mary seconded the motion. All items were approved stated.

President Tom Forsyth gave an update on the organization. Among the items he discussed included:

1. The 2020 Door hangers would be purchased by December 15th with expected delivery by December 31st.
2. The Druid Hills Sign Toppers have been delivered to the City of Dallas Streets Department which will be scheduling to install them in early 2020.
3. The OPENA 501c3 application was being worked on a pro-bono basis by Kirkland and Ellis, the law firm selected by the Legal Aid of Northwest Texas to work on our behalf.

Discussion the moved to the need, form and function of the OPENA directory. The consensus was the digital form was more appropriate and cost effective, ads placed on the door hangers will also be included in the directory and line ads will be sold at \$20.00 each.

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Beatrice and seconded by Carl. The meeting formally closed at 3:00 pm.

Submitted

Richard Thomas

Secretary, Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association