

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA) Minutes of General Meeting on January 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. There were eight board members present for this meeting.

The meeting started at 1:00 pm with 42 members and guest present. This was our first meeting at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and President Tom Forsyth asked Father John Hylden to give a few words of welcome.

This was followed by a welcome to District 4 representative Councilwoman Carolyn Arnold. She informed us that a new District 4 Office will be opening at the Beckley Saner Recreation Center. Additionally she will meet with the City manager to discuss her vision for the district. President Tom Forsyth also presented Councilwoman Arnold with a Certificate of Honorary Membership in OPENA.

The new OPENA elected officers for 2019 were introduced:

- Tom Forsyth, President
- Mary Harrison, Vice President
- Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer
- Richard Thomas, Secretary

Lucy Livingston was presented as the new Crime Watch Committee chairperson.

The following committee reports were also given at the meeting:

- Mary Harrison reported on membership and indicated that at this point we had 29 voting members.
- Minutes for the November meeting and the December board meeting were approved as written.
- Beatrice Lovett reported that all financial documents were now in her possession and the organization started the year with about \$1524.
- Joe Lucas gave an update on the website. OPENA has posted onto our website the articles that were written by David Klempin in 2002 about our neighborhoods.

Tom reported that activities for the next six months included:

- May - Presentation on Gentrification
- June – Neighborhood Social Event at Kiest Park

- July - Crime Watch meeting Submitted

The main focus for the meeting was a program on Code Compliance given by Johnny Garcia from the Southwest Division.

Major points that Johnny covered in his program included:

1. The new Mobile App for contacting the City of Dallas.
2. Bulk-trash pick-up schedules
3. Violations for high weeds and litter
4. Parking on city streets
5. Cost plus service for non-bulk trash items
6. Garage sales
7. Disposal of batteries, oil and paint.

The meeting ended at 2:30 pm with Tom moving to table the vote on 501- c3 incorporation and bylaw changes until our March meeting.

Submitted by:

Richard Thomas
Secretary, OPENA