

OPENA General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

St Augustine's Episcopal Church - 1302 W. Kiest Blvd.

6:30 – 8 pm CDT

Agenda Item:

Presenter:

1. Recognition of Guests & New Members
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Social Event on Sat. June 1, 2019
 - b. Presentation of Minutes
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Membership Update
 - e. Website
 - f. Grants
 - g. Hospitality
3. Upcoming Programs of Interest:
 - a. D4 Candidate Forum on May 23
 - b. Operation Beautification Day on May 25
 - c. Crime Watch Program in July
4. May Program:
"Preventing Displacement from Gentrification"
5. General Business:
 - a. Vote to obtain 501-C3 Incorporation

Tom Forsyth, President

Patsy Brown, Social Chair
Richard Thomas, Secretary
Beatrice Lovett, Treasurer
Alex Gorinsky, Membership Chair
Joe Lucas, Communications Chair
Judy Pollock, Grants & Resources
Carla Ranger, Hospitality Chair

Cynthia White, Community Chair
Tom Forsyth, President
Lucy Livingston, Crime Watch Chair

Cheryl Jordan, DCAD
Paul Carden, Urban Land Specialist

UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS:

June Board Meeting	Saturday, June 15, 2019	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
July General Meeting	Tuesday, July 16, 2019	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

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President – Tom Forsyth, tyfdallas@gmail.com
Vice President – Mary Harrison, harriphil@aol.com
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Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA)

Minutes of the March 16, 2019 General Meeting

The meeting started at 1:15 pm with about 30 people present

Tom Forsyth called the meeting to order and welcomed guests including District 4 Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold and D4 Candidate K Flewellen.

Carolyn King-Arnold, District 4 representative, made remarks. She mentioned that her District 4 Office was now opened at the Beckley – Saner Recreational Center. She will be presenting a master plan for District 4 at a meeting on Thursday, March 28.

She also informed us that the property at Polk and Kiest was sold and slated for development of a car wash.

Karen (K) Flewellen, a business owner spoke and indicated that she will serve as a voice for the community.

President, Tom gave an outline of upcoming activities. Notable mention were:

- i. Voter registration deadline is April 4th
- ii. Election day will be on May 4th
- iii. Neighborhood Cleanup Day to be held on May 18th.
- iv. Neighborhood Block Party/Social Event is set for June 1st from 2-4 pm. It will be held at the Kiest Park Pavilion.

Officer Don Bailey from the Southwest Neighborhood Patrol Office gave statistics on crime watch. He noted that for the period Feb 13 – March 13, there were only 10 offenses. He encouraged members to use 911 for active offenses at the time of the call. 311 should be used for repeated infractions or for violations that have already occurred.

The other guest to speak was Dallas County District Attorney John Cruzot. He indicated that his office was moving to offer treatment for people with health issues as a public health problem and not a criminal case. As such, first time marginal cases will not be prosecuted.

The main Speaker for the evening was Jon Papp of Friends of Oak Cliff (FOCP). He gave a list of projects done and those in progress.

Notable mention amongst FOCP projects include:

1. The low water maintenance at Founders Park
2. Thye Hillside daffodil bed project and Kidd Springs Japanese Garden.
3. The FOCP also has cleared out pathways along the southern section of Kiest Park. These trails are the Kiest Park Conservation Area.

FOCP has plans to clear additional trails in the future to directly connect the trails to our neighborhoods. Monies have to be raised and clearing for these lost trails will be undertaken.

There was a motion made by Carl Hays and seconded by Carla Ranger to approve the by-laws. The ensuing discussion resulted in an amendment by Cynthia White to approve the bylaws without extending voting rights to business. The proposed bylaws, as amended, were approved by a majority of the voting members in attendance at the general meeting. Additionally, Carl Hays made a motion to table the 501 -C3 until the May meeting. This motion was also approved.

Submitted

Richard Thomas

Secretary

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association (OPENA)

Submitted on: May 19, 2019

Agenda and Meeting Notes – Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association
Saturday May 4, 2019 at 1:30 pm CDT
Hampton Illinois Branch Library

1. Meeting started at about 1:50 pm.
2. Welcome & Introductions of New Officers
 - Ann Herbage is new OPENA member. She is not here today but she is interested in serving in a leadership role on the board.
3. Upcoming Programs/Events:
 - a. Sat. May 18 Beautification Day Event 9 am -11:00 am
 - We have all of the supplies needed for the Beautification Day event.
 - Volunteers will meet at 9 am in the JW Carpenter Elementary School parking lot that off Rugged.
 - b. May 21th program on Gentrification
 - We will keep the program at the St. Aug Church.
 - We will need an LCD projector for the event. Paul Carden, one of the speakers, is willing to pay half for an LCD projector. We could file a grant with HOC for the other half.
 - c. Social Event on Sat. 06/01/19 from 2 pm – 4pm
 - This event is a neighborhood picnic. Mary asked if we could make it from 1-3 rather than 2-4.
 - She suggested we buy something like a small TV for \$100-\$125 and sell raffle tickets (3 for \$10 or 1 per ticket).
 - We will need a PA system. Mary will ask Jeff Maddux with HOC if we can use theirs or we can also check with Kiest Park.
 - Melissa Flanagan may be able to provide games for the kids (but this still needs to be confirmed). The pavilion is also near a playground so children could play nearby (but of course with parental accompaniment).
 - Since the pavilion has power, maybe we can have music. We could talk with a resident to see if they can bring a playlist or even to see if we have musical talent that might be able to perform.
 - Door prizes: Patsy is talking to Peaberry Coffee, new Greek restaurant, Mascara and Ann's Health Food about providing door prizes for giveaways.
 - Patsy will send out an email to membership.
 - Patsy and her committee will call all current members. She will ask for food and monetary donations. Mary has asked for donations from Sam's Club. She hopes to secure a brisket that Phil will cook.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Treasury Update – Beatrice Lovett:

- Tom provided a financial report that shows we have \$1,441.24 in the bank and \$328.51 in PayPal.
 - A \$50 check for our first business membership is in transit to the bank.
 - Secretarys Report -No report.
- b. Website Updates – Joe Lucas
- Joe Lucas has created a meetings page on our website for meeting resources such as agenda packets.
- c. Membership Updates – Alex Gorinsky:
- There were five memberships at the March meeting.
 - Two new members signed up in March and two have joined since March including our first business membership (Urban Matrix Properties).
- d. Block Captains – No report. We have a vacancy in this role at this time.
- e. Crime Watch – Lucy Livingston
- Lucy reviewed a summary of the Crime Watch surveys from the March meeting.
 - She asked Joe if he could set up a Crime Watch Facebook page.
 - Three neighbors would like to be trained by the DPD to do neighborhood patrols. Lucy will work with the DPD to set this up.
 - We may need to set up an OPENA 311 group so we can report violations as a neighborhood association, which may have more weight than an individual reporting.
 - She will be planning our July program on CrimeWatch.
- f. Hospitality – Carla Ranger
- Mary showed a sample of a Welcome Basket that Carla Ranger proposes we provided to new neighbors who move into OPE and Druid Hills.
5. HOC Grants – Judy Pollock
- a. Grant deadline is May 11 at 2 pm
 - b. Please come with your project ideas!

The grant ideas we discussed:

- \$499 for a LCD projector
- \$576 for Welcome Baskets (4 baskets per month @ \$12 each X 12 months).
- \$300 for the June Social Event (including a raffle item, door prizes, food, general expenses).
- \$300 for a Fall Social Event

- \$ 1,125 for 15 Sign Toppers at \$75 each including installation by the city.
- \$230 for 501-C3 Incorporation including entity name, full book and & filing.
- \$155.88 for one year cost for the website
- \$225 for printing of 1000 door hangers in 2020.
- **Total Grant Requests: \$3,410.00**

6. Motions to vote on at May Meeting

- a. 501 C3
- b. Proposed bylaws changes
 - Lucy says the general membership had already voted to approve OPENA applying for 501-C3 status. She says we should authorize Carl Hays to proceed to make the application for this status. It is necessary in order to allow tax-free donations and necessary to protect individual board members from being sued.

7. Miscellaneous Discussion Topics:

- a. Call Lists – All residents
- b. Other topics?

We did not get to this discussion.

8. Meeting adjourned about 3:50 pm.

Oak Park Estates Neighborhood Association Treasurer's Report				
Report Date:		5/19/2019		
	From:	To:		
Period:	3/15/2019	5/19/2019		
Bank Account:	ORIGIN BANK			
	Amount:			
Beginning Balance:	\$1,433.97			
Income:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (+):
3/15/2019	Membership Dues		Cash	\$ 35.00
3/22/2019	Membership Dues		Checks	\$ 55.00
5/16/2019	Membership Dues	Urban Matrix Prop	Check	\$50.00
Total Income (+):				\$ 140.00
Expenses:				
Date:	Description:	Entity/Person	Trans. Type	Amount (-):
3/15/2019	Faciities Use	St Augustine	Cash	\$ (35.00)
3/22/2019	Website Payment	Go Daddy	ACH	\$ (12.78)
4/5/2019	Refreshments on -3	Patsy Brown	Check # 1057	\$ (18.97)
4/10/2019	Website Payment	GoDaddy	ACH	\$ (15.98)
5/10/2019	Website Payment	GoDaddy	ACH	\$ (15.98)
5/13/2019	HOC Grant Copies	Office Depot	ATM Debit	\$ (26.67)
Total Expense (-):				\$ (125.38)
Net Difference (income over expenses):				\$ 14.62
Total Balance:	In Origin Bank			\$1,448.59
PayPal Account:				
Beginning Balance:				\$303.87
			PayPal -1	\$ -
Membership Payment	Paypal	Brett Anderson	PayPal -2	\$ 23.97
Test Deposit	Paypal	Joe Lucas	PayPal -2	\$ 0.67
Total PayPal Income (+):				\$ 24.64
Ending Balance (PayPal)				\$328.51
Total OPENA Funds				\$1,737.84

Report Prepared on May 19, 2019