

## 7.1.15 OPNNA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Oak Park Northwood Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 1st, 2015  
Minutes

Attended: Jonathan Delmer; Shannon Stephens; Ashley Blake; Lori Tips; Nancy Roell; Will Holshouser; Ben Schoenbaum  
11 Neighbors in attendance.

### Agenda:

Type of Meeting: Traffic Calming on Haskin and Seidel

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
- III. Special Business
  - a) Traffic Calming Proposal from City of San Antonio
  - b) Discussion
- IV. Reports
  - a) Financial Report
- V. New Business
  - a) Discussion
- VI. Adjourn

### Discussion:

- Call to Order - 6:37 pm
- Approval of minutes from last meeting - Approved
- Special Business:
  - Traffic Calming Proposal from City of San Antonio: The city did not show up as planned so there was a motion made to discuss traffic calming on Haskin and Seidel.
    - Discussing the entire section of Haskin - all the way up and down.
    - Discussion to add whatever the neighbors would like to see going up on that road to keep the traffic down - speed bumps, bulbouts, roundabouts, etc.
    - The city did a study and people tend to speed up in between speed bumps.
    - With bulbouts it would be hard for cars to park on the street.
    - Homeowners are responsible for keeping things clean should heavy water/drainage occur.
    - Group of volunteers that they gave a speed gun to for a few hours - the average speed was 38 MPH, but the speed limit was 30.
    - Haskin - at the top of the hill there are no curbs - she has concerns about speed bumps close to Eisenhower causing problems and wrecking into someone's yard or house.
      - Jonathan believes they start a certain distance down to avoid this.
      - Will there be curbs/sidewalks, etc. - the city didn't have an answer.

- Neighbors discussed the downside of a bulbout is that neighbors could lose their on street parking if that was in front of their house.
- Concerns that with these traffic calming solutions will cause drivers to just avoid that street and speed down another - why not 4 way stops.
  - City - there isn't enough traffic to justify this and has to get all 4 neighbors to agree.
- Is the goal to move people off of Haskin or slow it down?
- Why can't we get the speed limit reduced to 25?
  - City hasn't responded about this?
- The problem with a change in speed limit is someone has to enforce it.
- Bill S - Serious suggestion - why can't we park a police car out there and just have it sitting there and move it around every once in a while.
  - The city has additional cars not being used - can we use one of these?
- City Councilman's proposal to start off with is to paint the street to make a center lane and two other small lanes on both sides for walkers and bicyclist.
  - Add roundabout for Northridge and Haskin.
  - Then the biggest problem is to get them slowing down at the bottom of the hill.
  - Action: What would this do to parking?
- Motion to rule out bulbouts because most people would not like that approach.
  - One neighbor opposed because this is at least a safe option.
  - The neighbors started talking about the safety concerns though that drainage could cause.
  - This would be a bad solution for drunk drivers as well - could be very dangerous.
  - After much discussion - the neighbors all agreed that we should take this solution off the table.
- If not bulbouts then what is the direction we want to head in?
  - What about stop signs?
    - Jonathan said he has talked to many neighbors and that they are not interested in agreeing to the stop sign due to headlights in their windows, etc.
  - Speedbumps:
    - The black square ones cost \$35k per bump.
  - Painted lanes for walkers and bicyclist:
    - The street has to be 34' wide in order to do the bike lane.
    - Lori believes the street is wide enough and suggest starting with the easy process which is to paint.
    - Another neighbor agreed with this approach and asked about roundabouts (below.)
    - Action: Get in writing from the city that people can still park with this solution
  - Roundabouts
    - Do roundabouts need approval from the neighbors?

- No
  - What about a permanent fixture that tells you the speed that your going?
    - Per Jonathan, the city found that this doesn't do any good.
- Asked how many people are on board with stop signs, a painted lane, and lowered speed limit to start with:
  - Majority of the neighbors raised their hands as being on board.
- Agreement that we should start with this and see how it impacts the speed.
- The board is not going to vote on this tonight. We'd like to talk to the city, get more neighborhood involvement from Haskin neighbors, and then vote as a board.
- Jonathan will propose to have another board meeting to try and get more neighbors in attendance - he asked for the neighbors help that were in attendance.
- A neighbor asked if there was anything that we could do at the parade to ask for help - hand out flyers, get petitions signed, etc.
  - Come up with a unified statement with offered choices and get people to sign up.
    - Have to sign name, address, and then for more information we could have an email
  - Suggestion:
    - 4th of July Parade: Begin collecting email addresses to drive a petition to.
      - Suggestion of actually working the crowd vs. sitting at the table.
      - Get address so that we ensure that they're in the neighborhood.
      - Start specifically with this area that we're solving for and then explain that we ultimately want to grow the problem solving of this issue throughout the neighborhood.
      - Need to ask people to do this for their own reason and ask for their support.
      - Volunteers Tracy (neighbor in attendance), Abby (neighbor in attendance), and Nancy Roell (as she is handing out american flags.)
    - Also, we create a Facebook page to drive awareness and sign petitions.
- **Motion made for these actions: Approved (none opposed.)**
  - Step 1 - Board to take action and request clarification from the city about painting the street for a median with room for bike lanes and lanes for walking.
    - What is the process for this.
  - Step 2:
    - Understand the requirements for the stop signs to see if this is possible.
      - If so, What is the process.

- Understand if people can park still in the street in front of their houses.
    - Step 3 - Divert the city away from the curb bulbouts, understand the process for getting these items done, and then come back to the neighbors with these details so that we can then vote to make a decision.
- Reports
  - Treasurer's Report: Nancy Roell
    - April 16th - Balance \$2925.91
      - Discussed interest paid, deposits, and withdrawals.
    - May 15th - \$2997.48
      - 21 neighbors paid dues in May
      - Bought 500 flags for the parade.
      - Discussed GoDaddy fees, withdrawls, payments, etc.
    - June 16th - \$2919.54
    - Treasurer's Report - Approved
- New Business
- Adjourn - 7:44 pm