

Oak Park Northwood Neighborhood Association Spring General Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2016

St. Andrews Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Present: Jonathan Delmer; Ben Schoenbaum; Nancy Roell; Cameron Armstrong; Craig Hardy; Lori Tips; Wil Holshouser; Seth Bell, many neighbors were also in attendance in addition to Guest speakers to be named in order of appearance.

President Jonathan Delmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to adopt agenda made by Seth Bell. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting made by Lori Tips, motion passes.

First Guest Speaker District 10 City Councilman Mike Gallagher. Gives status of 2012 Bond Projects; ahead of schedule. Wants work complete before coming back to ask for more money in 2017. Hold on to your wallet. Wants to spend money on streets and drainage. Wants sidewalks in older neighborhoods! Wants needed, not wanted, projects! Committees are forming, in October through December before community meetings to find things to spend money on. Christmas is on December 25. Then it goes to city council. He is all in on Vista Ridge. He pushed for it. About a billion reasons. Abengoa went broke already. Now Garney construction will try to borrow the money. Tax Payers will not pay extra, did not say anything about ratepayers or water drinkers. Airport runway work will send more air traffic over our area, should finish in September, not sure what year. We now have green trash cans to go with brown and blue. Wants stronger panhandling regulations, is working with the chief on CCR (Council Consideration Request). Proud of his new Camino Real Signs on Nacogdoches that is really improving the area. Northeast Corridor program will match funds with merchants to improve area. Happy that we are talking to Lawndale Developer. Takes questions: Q: What about Ivy ethics issue? A: Did not happen. Q: Ron Eisenburg- What do you think of density? A: Will back neighborhood. Q: John Delmer-What will city do about solicitation? A: Defer to Chief.

President Delmer introduces Police Chief William McManus.

Chief addresses soliciting. Must have no trespassing sign for it to be illegal. Jehovah's Witnesses and Politicians can still do it, put sign up, and call police. Biggest issue is theft from cars and yards. No violent crimes and few burglaries. Solution is to not leave things out or in cars. Harden your house and get a dog. Cameras can help. Lori just loves her Ring. Seth's car has been burglarized 3 times (mine too). Should he leave it open so they won't break it? Who knows? Crime is trending up. Q: Craig Hardy- Do officers carry noise meters (re: rebar) A: yes. Q: Are you doing anything. A: Call Officer Berban. Cameron arrives at 7:30, interrupts Chief and pushes Block Captains and Facebook. Chief applauds her, as do we all.

President Delmer introduces Precinct 3 Constable Mark Vojdovich (sp.). His constables will do vacation checks twice a day. Extra patrols at schools, put out bait cars. He offers to help with anything, even finding phone numbers. This guy is awesome why have we never seen him before?

President Delmer introduces Safe Officer Moises Berban and Officer McDonald. Moises wants stickers on cars. City is bringing lawsuit against 236 Deerwood. Trying to shut it down. Arrested a burglar. Wants volunteers for the COPS program. President Delmer is working with Nextdoor.com to create a section the police can see.

President Delmer introduces James McKnight, the attorney representing 1823 Lawndale Developer. Has power point presentation. Down to R5 zoning and 4 5000sq.ft. Lots. 2000 sq. ft. homes, just like others in the neighborhood. Transition area. Takes questions: (Release the Hornets!) Neighbor who built 18 years ago says pictures are not accurate. No one has talked to him. He had to adjust his plans for a 30' setback. He is angry: Ron E. - If everyone votes against it, will you still proceed? A: Yes. Developer steps in, says" he got it when they were rejected. Apologizes for not talking to everyone. Trying to deliver a good product and respect the neighborhood. Neighbor: Are you buying 17'? (?) A: No Q: what assurance that what is planned will be built? A: Comps support it, can't guarantee it. Q: Is there NP8 around property? A: Yes. Comment: You knew there was NP8 Zoning. A: Developer- You can always rezone IDZ. McKnight, "Things have changed since 2006", Neighbor-"sets bad precedent." Heath Wenreich-"NP8 was to preserve are, to stop development and preserve character." James Morris-"Not in the interest of the neighborhood." Call for vote by those attending meeting. Those for approving request as proposed: 4. those against: 26.

Based on neighborhood opposition to rezoning, Board votes unanimously to not support the rezoning.

Nancy Roell gives Treasurers report. We had \$3024 last year and we have \$4024 this year. Expenses are detailed. Motion to accept report passes.

President Delmer thanks Ashley Blake, Shannon Stephens, and Nancy Roell for their service.

Nominations for election to the OPNNA Board are taken. Eric (the developer) nominates himself, though it is determined that he does not meet the eligibility requirement. Seth Bell makes a motion that the ballot be approved by affirmation, ballot is read and motion passes without opposition. Long speeches are avoided.

The members hold the election of Officers and Directors of the board. Results are as follows.

Jonathan Delmer is re-elected as President of the OPNNA board, Ben Schoenbaum is re-elected as Vice-President, Lori Tips is elected as Treasurer and Leslie Harlan is elected as Secretary.

The Directors at Large that were elected are as follows: Seth Bell, Cameron Armstrong, Tracy Tylman, Craig Hardy, Will Holshouser, and Chris Sivori.

The election results were read and Jonathan Delmer called for the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded.

Meeting is adjourned.