

Teena hosted our board meeting at her lovely home. Attending were Jack, John, Teena, Ellaine, Jim, Patty, Bart, Steve and Susan. Manny tuned in by phone.

Bart called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and determined we had a quorum. Teena moved to approve the minutes for the Special Board meeting dated 3/02/2021 and the 1/19/2021 Board meeting minutes and Steve second the motion. All approved.

### **Report of Officers**

**Vice President:** 1) The 237 E. Sunset Road development property next to Patty has had no recent activity 2) The dog rescue/fostering operation taking place at 370 E. Sunset Rd. has been subject to many neighborhood complaints to City Council, City 311, Code Compliance and Animal Protective Services. The renter running this business refuses to answer the door and the owner of the property likewise. It was agreed that Patty should write a complaint letter to Code Compliance for the OPNNA Board describing the situation and asking for help on behalf of the E. Sunset residents. This was later postponed pending more concrete evidence of these infractions

**Secretary:** Susan informed us that the sale of the vacant land at 328 E. Sunset Rd. fell through and another agent has it listed for \$1,250,000. Jim mentioned that the .50 acre adjacent to the property on the Terra Alta side was also for sale and that 2 houses could be built there.

**Treasurer:** Teena reported that we had a balance of \$5,579.09 as of January 15, 2021 and after several dues deposits and expenses as of April 27, 2021 our balance now stands at \$5,555.02.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Zoning-Flamingo:** John said that most of the trees have been cut down at Flamingo but nothing else had been going on. He did see Peter, builder, a couple of days ago and Peter told him he was tying up some other jobs but that it was hard to find people to work. Manny said that the Low Income Housing Project on Everest was a go – that City Council voted to approve the building however several did not think that was correct. Manny is going to check on the situation and report back to us.

**Communication/Website:** Ellaine streamlined the OPNNA website. She said that there was just a lot of outdated stuff on the website that needed to be removed. She felt the website needed to be updated. The bill was paid for a continuing 2 year contract with Go Daddy for our webpage. Ellaine asked for photographs to post. She would like to upload the minutes on the website as well. Susan will send her the minutes dating back to 2019. She will continue to work on our website.

**Code Compliance/Noise Ordinance:** John sent the letter to District 1, Trevino and Christine concerning the noise and other issues in the nearby bars on Broadway. He told us that Bentley's Bar has been closed due to a remodeling of their bar. And therefore, it has been quiet. The main problem now is vibration sound that everyone feels. They have formed a task force and would like OPNNA to appoint someone from our board to be on their noise committee. John was unanimously voted to represent OPNNA.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**OPNNA General Spring Meeting:** is set for May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at St. Andrews Church. Teena was in touch with Virginia our contact at St Andrews Church. Virginia said that date is fine but we need to get in touch with Paul Ross for keys but none of us know him. Subsequent to this meeting, Teena spoke to Virginia again and she will give us keys the morning of the meeting and explain opening/closing of the building as well as instruction on lights, AC, key return, etc. Teena moved to donate \$100 to St. Andrew Church for allowing us to use their facilities and Patty second the motion. It was unanimously agreed upon. Steve volunteered to check in with Virginia about keys and deliver our \$100. Donation check to the church.

We proceeded to discuss the OPNNA Bylaws and changes that have been proposed. Please see the document below showing the proposed Bylaws changes and the reason for the changes:

Recommended OPNNA Bylaws Changes: Spring 2021

**1) Current Wording:**

Article III – C – The term of office for each Officer or Director shall be approximately one year from the Spring General Association Meeting. An officer or Director is eligible for re-election.

**Recommended Change:**

Article III – C – The term of office for each Officer or Director shall be approximately one year from the FALL General Association meeting. To accomplish this change, Officers and Directors elected in Spring of 2021 will serve until Fall of 2022, a 1.5-year term. Thereafter, elections will occur at the FALL Association meeting with new Officers and Directors serving a one-year term. An Officer or Director is eligible for re-election.

**Reason for change:** By having elections in the Spring, a new Board comes in with very little time to take office, learn new jobs, transfer bank accounts, etc. plus plan the biggest event of our year, the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. It makes more sense to hold elections in the Fall which allows new Board members plenty of time to learn their jobs and prepare for the parade.

**2) IF this 1<sup>st</sup> Bylaws change passes, then the following must also change:**

ALL parts of the Bylaws specific to elections in the Spring **MUST change to FALL.**

**3) Article III – Officers and Directors:**

ADD

K) All BOARD members shall keep records of BOARD activity and convey all documents, property, post office box, signage, and website/internet login address to newly elected BOARD members.

**Reason for this addition:** There should always be a smooth, orderly transfer of power from an old Board to the new Board with all materials, notebooks, information, etc. turned over as well as crossover training if desired between outgoing and incoming Board. This is common courtesy.

**4) Current Wording:**

Article II – Purposes and Membership:

B. The ASSOCIATION shall be nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit. Membership is open to all individuals 18 years of age or older who reside in the AREA, own real property in the AREA, and/or own and/or operate a business located in the AREA.

**Recommended Change:** Article II – Purposes and Membership:

B. The ASSOCIATION shall be nonsectarian, nonpartisan, and nonprofit. Membership is open to all individuals 18 years of age or older who **can show proof of residence** in the AREA, own real property in the AREA, and/or own and/or operate a business located in the AREA.

**Reason for this addition:** The Bylaws already state under Elections that “An official form of ID issued by a government agency indicating residency in the AREA shall be required to receive a ballot.” Therefore, it seems appropriate to say in order to be a member of this Association, you must show proof of residence in this AREA.

**5) Current Wording:**

Article II – Purposes and Membership

C. Dues for membership in the ASSOCIATION shall be voluntary. The Board of Directors of the ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the BOARD, shall set and change as needed the amount of voluntary dues payable to the ASSOCIATION by its members. Payment of dues is not required for membership or for participation in the voting or activities of the ASSOCIATION. Voluntary dues shall be paid on an annual basis and shall not be prorated.

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not required **for participation in ASSOCIATION activities and meetings. However, members wishing to run for office, vote in elections and/or vote on AREA issues, MUST be current DUES paying members.** Voluntary dues shall be paid on an annual basis, **due in the Spring months of March, April or May** and shall not be prorated.

**Reason for Change:** Any person wishing to vote or hold office in an Organizations, should be a Dues paying member. It also makes sense to pay annual dues once a year and if paid any other times, it pays for membership only until dues are required again. (For example, dues paid in Spring of 2021 cover one full year of membership until Spring of 2022 while dues paid in Oct of 2021 are only good until the Spring 2022 Association meeting.) This also helps Treasurer and members avoid paying twice in one club year.

**6) Current Wording:**

Article IV: Elections

ASSOCIATION members interested in running for elected Officer or Director at Large position shall, at least (10) days prior to the Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting, indicate their interest and qualifications on the ASSOCIATION's website (currently opnna.org). Nominations from the floor at the Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting shall also be accepted.

**Recommended Change:**

Article IV: Elections

**Current DUES paying members of the** ASSOCIATION interested in running for elected Officer or Director at Large position shall, at least (10) days prior to the Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting, indicate their interest and qualification on the ASSOCIATION's official **email site of [opnna09@gmail.com](mailto:opnna09@gmail.com)** where an application can be requested and submitted. **Nominations from the floor or write in names on the Ballot shall be accepted at the General ASSOCIATION meeting when elections are held but must meet the required criteria of being a current Dues paying member.**

**Reason for Change:** Anyone running for office of an organization should be a current Dues paying member.

**7) Current Wording:**

Article VII – Amendments – Any amendment of these Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the ASSOCIATION members present and voting at any General ASSOCIATION meeting or by any special meeting called for the sole purpose of considering amendments to the Bylaws.

**Recommended Change:**

Article VII – Amendments

- A. Any amendment of these Bylaws shall be **presented to the BOARD at least thirty (30) days prior to the Fall or Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting and distributed to members using Social Media at least twenty (20) days prior to the Fall or Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting for presentation at said meeting and followed by voting of only DUES paying members. Amendments are considered adopted by a two-thirds vote of the ASSOCIATION members present.**

**Reason for Change:** This prevents Bylaws changes being proposed at the last minute without prior notice and allows only current Dues paying members to vote.

**Eliminate:** "or by any special meeting called for the sole purpose of considering amendments to the Bylaws."

**Reason for Change:** Bylaws changes are important and should only be voted on by members at either the Fall or Spring meeting.

**Add:**

- B. Any proposal for an amendment of these Bylaws will be voted on during the NEW BUSINESS portion of the Fall or Spring General ASSOCIATION meeting.

**Reason for Change:** Bylaws changes should be voted on during the main portion of the Business meeting and not held over until many members have left near the meetings end.

**8) The BOARD also recommends a change to the following dues amounts:**

**Business Membership:** change Dues from \$100.00 annually to \$50.00 annually to be paid in the Spring.

**Reason for Change:** A lower cost for Business Members might bring more forward to join us.

Jim stated that we should have candidates that want to run for office introduce themselves first and give us a brief history of their qualifications. Then we will review the Bylaws and recommended changes. Susan made a motion to approve the Bylaw changes and Patty second the motion. The motion passed.

Bylaw changes will be on the website, emailed out to our members for whom we have email addresses and posted on Nextdoor prior to the meeting and Jack suggested that if there are any issues with the changes we will discuss them as needed at the General Meeting.

**Parade:** Since July 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday the parade will take place either Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Teena will have her brother's band play for which OPNNA will pay a fee, Steve will get the Kona Ice, and Teena will check with the church to see who will arrange for the Scouts presentation of the flags. Teena will also find out if the church would like to get involved as they've done in the past. Jack will contact HEB for the water and Bart will contact the Constable, check on getting the permit as well as insurance. Jack has volunteered to find a food truck for hot dogs – says Dog Farther is the BEST! Teena brought breakfast tacos last year using OPNNA money and they were well received. It was agreed to purchase 100 breakfast tacos again for this year. Teena also volunteered to get some gift cards from Orange Leaf. The National Anthem will be played at 9:30 am and the parade will begin at 10:00 am.

Bart also felt that even though some of the board members will be stepping down it is important to pass on all the information concerning the organizing of the parade to the new board so they don't have to start from scratch.

John brought up the idea of putting out flyers announcing the parade, and to alert residents that their streets will be closed. Patty, Steve, Teena and John volunteered to distribute the flyers. Elaine is going to help make the flyers. Jack will have signs made up and several people volunteered to put them out. Jack is also going to check with Kinko's about having a banner made to go in front of the parade. Teena will be at the check-in table and will have membership applications made up.

The OPNNA General Meeting, along with an agenda, and Bylaw Changes will be posted on the OPNNA website.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Patty's house.

Jack moved that we adjourn the meeting and Teena seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bowman, Secretary