**Oakridge Neighborhood Association**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

**Monday, February 5th, 7:00 PM**

**Via Zoom**

**Call to Order**

ONA Vice-President Vickie Litton called meeting to order at 7:10pm

**Attendees**

Via Zoom: Vickie Litton, Joan Nichols, Sarah Freeman, Jacke Jones, Joshua Lamb, Cecile LaBossiere, Oliver Harter, JC Elliott,

**January 2024 Meeting**

Minutes from January 2024 were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Sarah Freeman made a motion to approve the Board minutes, motion was seconded by Jacke Jones, the motion carried.

**Finance**

Sarah Freeman reported little financial activity for the past month. ONA’s new landscaping company, Goodbee Landscaping, begins in March. Utility costs are down slightly, and other expenses are on par.

**Committee Updates**

**Membership**

Cecile LaBossiere relayed that there is limited activity in membership this time of the year other than check drops.

**Communications**

Cheryl Jones was traveling, so she was not able to attend.

**Crime Prevention & Safety**

Joan Nichols received the latest crime update today and will post the results on the ONA website. There have been three incidents this year to date.

**Events**

Jackie Reynolds unable to attend, so note update.

**Environmental**

Joshua Lamb reported that Gianni Mortolo, owner of Goodbee Lawncare Services, will begin taking care of our landscaping at the entrances March 1, 2024. Our yearly expenses will be decreased by more than $1,000 per year by making this change.

ONA is tax-exempt, so our expenses will be reduced further by supplying our tax-exempt number. Goodbee will provide an estimate for hardscaping the entrance at Ridge Oak & Jupiter as well as the entrance at Laurel Oak and Beltline. Once we receive these estimates, Joshua can provide more information about ONA applying for the Vitality Grant.

Joshua tested the electricity at our entrances to see if we could do colored lights for various holidays. He reported that the wire gauge was too large, but he can downgrade it for us.

**District Updates**

District 1. Joanna Albright: not available

District 2. Open seat: no updates

District 3. Open seat: no updates

District 4. Jacke Jones & Oliver Harter: Residents reported that their mailboxes were either opened/ left open on purpose, or the wind could have blown open. No one has reported mail theft yet, but they will keep an eye on this.

District 5. Open seat: no updates

District 6. Open seat: no updates

District 7. Joetta Harris: not available

**Open Discussion**

Nominating Committee for 2024: Joan made a motion to approve the committee, Cecile seconded, the motion passed.

Membership Survey Results: Cecile reported that the ONA membership drive for 2024-2025 will begin April 15th and continue to the end of June. Our membership calendar year begins June 1st.

Joshua reported that we have a large quantity of membership signs in storage, and we should deploy those signs around the neighborhood, not just at entrances. Cecile and Joshua will place these signs out in April when our membership drive begins.

Goals for 2024: Provide a strong submission for the Vitality Grant, so we can receive financial assistance to help pay for our environmental costs, which is our largest expense each year.

Budget remains a concern as fewer members join/ rejoin each year. We also need to add more District Directors as we have many open slots at present.

**Adjournment**

Cecile made a motion to adjourn, Joshua seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

**Next Meeting**

**General Meeting** will be Thursday, February 22, 2024.