



OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, Feb 4, 2025, 6:00 P.M.



Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10 PM. Called to order by President Vickie Litton, at North Garland Library meeting room.

Attendees: Jackie Reynolds, Vickie Litton, Oliver Harter, Cecile LaBossiere, Joetta Harris, Charles Leonard, Sarah Freeman

Minutes for January 13, 2025

The minutes were reviewed and approved by the attending Board members.

BOARD UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Vitality grant:

- Vickie and Cecile met with Dylan Hedrick about the grant since he is a Garland council member. Laura, of the City of Garland who oversees grant applications, advised that the grant had been reviewed by the committee and approved. Grant application will be sent to the city council on or about February 18, 2025, for final approval. Per Dylan, if the Committee approves the application, then the City normally approves the application.
- The grant is \$100,000 for irrigation, landscaping, and lighting.
- When will the funds be available? Cecile advised that City would answer this question.
- Cecile asked for people to coordinate volunteers. We need twenty volunteers to do twenty-nine hours of service. The volunteers will be broken into groups who will perform nine hours of service. These groups need to begin as soon as we receive approval from the City. Melanie Busby will contact Garland High School as she collaborated with them before using students for work. David Parrish has contacts with Boy Scouts, and he will let us know the outcome of that request for volunteers. Star Toups will be asking for volunteers from the youth group at their church.
- Cecile will create a spreadsheet that will list the volunteer names and hours work, and their duties.
- The Littons will provide the power washer. Lee Litton needs to know water is accessible at the entrances for the power washer as well as electricity.
- If for some reason, we are not able to begin the project before the spring season, the project may have to be postponed to the fall of 2025 as the plants will be too expensive to purchase after February/March 2025.

Treasury:

- Sarah Freeman presented financials. Sarah is still researching the state of Texas unclaimed funds that are about one thousand two hundred dollars. We also have about four hundred dollars (\$400.00) in the PayPal account that Sarah will transfer to the checking account.

Nominating Committee:

- The committee candidates are Jillian Henderson, Joan Nichols, and David Parrish (volunteered only if we could not find a third person). The candidates will be presented to the ONA members at the February 27th general meeting. The committee is to search for and vet candidates for open Board positions, which are President; Secretary – Vickie Litton will be running; Events Director – Jillian Henderson will be running and Directors for areas 1, 3, 5, 6 – Jackie will be running for District 3.

Membership: No updates

Events:

- The Spring picnic is scheduled (party trailer has been reserved) for Sunday, May 4th. The cul-de-sac at Rocky Trail and Loan Oak Trail is available if Vickie is not able to get the approval of residents on Golden Oaks to use their street for the event. The Golden Oaks location is larger than the other area and would be able to accommodate the fire trucks and police vehicles, etc. to be present at the event. Vickie will go door-to-door to ask the residents living on Golden Oaks Drive for permission to use the area for the picnic.
- Area-wide garage sale Saturday April 26, 2025.
- Jackie will send the slides for the two events to the Communications Director to include in the General Membership Meeting presentation and in the ONA March Newsletter.

DISCUSSION:

- Star will help update our current signs with the information for the General Membership Meeting. Vickie and Lee will assist her. It was commented that our membership signs need to be updated as well.
- Vickie reminded everyone that she needs the “how to guide” from each board member with a step-by-step procedure of what that person does and how the procedures are done to have as a reference document for new incoming Board members.
- The website managed by Jack Catalono needs to be updated. The latest noted activities are for November 2024. Vickie advised the Board that she had sent several updates to Jack and that she would follow up with him to see if he had completed them.
- Cecile is working on the survey plats regarding the perimeter wall behind the houses. Dylan Hedrick advised that those walls are the responsibility of the property owner, even those with an alley before the wall. Cecile is going to continue to research this matter.

Directors: No updates

Vickie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joetta Harris motioned, Oliver Harter seconded and all approved.

Adjournment: 7:59 pm

Next Board Meeting is general meeting on Feb 27, 2025 at the library.

Next Board Meeting is March 4, 2025. At a later date Board voted not to conduct March 4, 2025, Board meeting.