

Oak Forest Homeowners Association Inc.
General Meeting
March 8, 2022
Location: Candlelight Park and Community Center
Virtual Stream available via Zoom

I. Call to order

A. Andrea Rafiei called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with 21 people total in attendance

B. The Pledge was recited

C. Attendance:

a. The following board members were present:

i. Andrea Rafiei, President

ii. Stacey Venamon, 1st Vice President

iii. Rashod Austin, 2nd Vice President (virtually)

iv. Lucy Fisher Cain, Treasurer

v. Gabriel Perez, Director of Neighborhood Patrol

b. The following residents, committee members, and guests were present:

i. Martha Mears- Co-chair

ii. 4 additional guests in person

iii. 10 additional guests virtually on Zoom

D. Approval of February 2022 Minutes

a. **Rashod Austin motioned to approve minutes as presented and Stacey Venamon seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved without opposition.**

II. Speakers

A. City Counsel update

a. Presented by Sharon Fletcher

b. Fence being installed along American Legion Park - intended to be installed March 2022

c. City of Houston youth program application ends this Friday - link will be provided on the OFHA website

d. One Safe Houston has committed \$5M for additional patrol support

e. EngageHouston.org has additional information regarding the programs above as well as materials for hurricane preparedness

B. Short Term Rental discussion

a. Concerns with rental activity (VRBO) that has begun on Chippendale

b. Issue began a month ago regarding parking and renter speeding past children

c. Concerns for children and for property value

d. When investigating what can be done, discovered that deed restrictions do not address short term rentals, but prohibit garage apartments

e. Presented alternative language for the OFHA Board that Stacey Venamon and Deed Committee will review

f. In the meantime, can contact SEAL for speeding or noise complaints

C. S.E.A.L. Security – February 2022 incident report

a. Presented by Erica Rocha

b. Across HOU continuing to see burglaries present at construction sites - 4 incidents in Feb

c. Reminder to lock car doors

III. Officer and committee reports

A. Nominating Committee – Rashod Austin

- a. Vote and appointment of Public Relations Chair
 - i. **Rashod Austin motioned to elect Frances Davidson as the Public Relations Chair and Gabriel Perez seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed without opposition**
- b. Vote and appointment of Parliamentarian
 - i. **Rashod Austin motioned to elect Amanda Cannaday as the Parliamentarian and Gabriel Perez seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed without opposition**
- c. Vote and appointment of Sgt. at Arms
 - i. **Rashod Austin motioned to elect Lizzie Krog as the Sgt. at Arms and Gabriel Perez seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed without opposition**

B. President’s Report – Andrea Rafiei

- a. Picnic in the Park Fundraiser - March 26, 11am-3pm, American Legion Park
 - i. Easter egg hunt, bunny photos, vendor market, kickball, beer tasting, raffle prizes
 - ii. All proceeds go to American Legion Park Revitalization Master Plan Project
 - iii. Volunteers welcome!
- b. 75th Anniversary Celebration- May 22, 4 pm, American Legion Park

C. Treasurer/Financials – Lucy Cain

- a. Review of current financials: current total revenue \$276,623.75
- b. Expenses for Approval: Total: \$12,974.99
 - i. Seal Security invoice of \$9,920, \$405 for Beautification events, \$1,500 for St. Claire clean up, \$600 for Waltrip mural expense, \$250 for Waltrip school initiative, \$300 for printing for OFHA envelopes
- c. **Lucy Cain motioned to approve the expenses as presented and Rashod Austin seconded. A vote was taken and the expenses were approved without opposition**

D. Neighborhood Patrol – Gabriel Perez

- a. Taking inventory of SEAL signs in the neighborhood
- b. Copy Gabriel Perez on Facebook posts regarding activity for SEAL

E. Beautification Committee

- a. Planning for next event on Saturday, April 2
- b. 43rd and Ella to Bethlehem
- c. Will be voting on Facebook for 3 options for Washateria mural (painted by Waltrip students), commemorating 75th anniversary of Oak Forest

F. Deed Restrictions – Stacey Venamon

- a. 9 inquiries in February and 8 submissions that were sent to committee for voting
- b. Quarterly meeting on April 2 for public to join

G. Community Relations – Michelle Stevens

- a. Standing up a 75th Anniversary Celebration Planning committee - please reach out to Michelle Stevens if interested

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IV. Other Business/Announcements

A. Next Community Meeting - April 12, 7pm, Candlelight Community Center

V. Adjournment

A. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by: Michelle Stevens

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