

OHNA Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:		2023 September Board Meeting				
Date & Time of Meeting:		September 19, 2023, at 7:00 PM		Location:	Bob Crow's	
Date & Time of Next Meeting:		October 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM		Location:	GR Christian Elementary	
Minutes Prepared By:		Lisa Theule, OHNA Secretary				
1. Meeting Objective						
Annual Board Meeting – Discussion and Business						
2. Attendance at Meeting (10 Board Members Present)						
Name	Block	Type	Present Absent	Name	Type	Present Absent
Mike Hanson	2	President	A			
Tom Geelhoed	5	Vice President	P			
Craig Geers	11	Treasurer	A			
Lisa Theule	2	Secretary	P			
Robert Amaya	1	Block Captain	P	Cray Mulder	Block Captain	A
Janet Hanson	2	Block Captain	A	Jon Tinholt	Block Captain	P
Nancy Winden	3	Block Captain	P	Liz Maher	Block Captain	A
OPEN	4	Block Captain	A	Dawn Jenkins	Block Captain	A
Kim Bolt	5	Block Captain	P	OPEN	Block Captain	A
OPEN	6	Block Captain	A	Bob and Pam Nichols	Block Captain	A
Dave Walker	7	Managing Officer Block Captain	P	Bob Crow	Block Captain	P
Nate TenBrink	8	Block Captain	A	OPEN	Block Captain	A
Sarah Steger	9	Block Captain	A	Peri denDulk	Block Captain	A
Kathleen Kelly	10	Block Captain	P	Simon Vance	Block Captain	A
Robert Lee	11	Block Captain	P	OPEN	Block Captain	A
3. Future Board Meeting Dates (NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR DECEMBER)						
Date		Location			Time	
October 17, 2023		TBD			7:00 PM	
November 21, 2023 – ANNUAL MEETING		TBD			7:00 PM	
4. Treasurer's Report						
Topic	Leads		Discussion			
8/20/2023 Treasurer's Report	Tom Geelhoed		Total Expenses \$38.49. Income \$653.00. Balance \$16,023.71. Expenses include: \$2.49 in Venmo fees and \$36.00 for June/July Gmail accounts. General fund/dues \$9,685.00, Garden Tour \$829.00, Tree fund \$3,527.00, Pontiac Field \$1,153.00, Misc. \$10.00, OHNA Newsletter \$1,435.00.			

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General Discussion & Action Items		
Topic	Leads	Discussion/Action
August Minutes	Tom Geelhoed	No changes.
President's Report	Tom Geelhoed	Mike met with the Principal of the GR Christian Elementary School. Discussed speeding, buses are public school buses, not much can be done. Crossing guards are hired by company in CA, not much can be done about adding more. Continue to meet regularly with school. Jeff Shutz is planning to collaborate with the Friends of GR Parks to buy and plant 5 trees. He will need to rent an excavator to dig the holes. We have a new block captain for block 8, Nate TenBrink.
Policies & Procedures	Dave Walker	Concern was raised about listing personal information, cell numbers, login and emails in the manual. Dave noted that this is a living document, designed to be changed. The board agreed we should broadly share our objective statement but not personal information. There was discussion and agreement to remove personally identifiable information and create an appendix which would not to be shared without the written consent of the board and only for neighborhood business. Bob Crow noted the change of meeting on the third Tuesday, not Thursday and updating the number of households to 296. The job descriptions and duties are taken from our bylaws. There was a motion and backing unanimously to approve the manual as amended including appropriate formatting updates. Kathleen to assist with formatting.
Holiday Décor	Robert Amaya	Robert brought a sample bow to share. Reported to the group his research, commercial grade bows with reinforced wire, which are easy to store, will last multiple years and made in the US. The focus being on holiday neutral, vintage look, stands on its own. The vendor will waive tax and reduce cost from \$69 per bow to \$59. Two options; #1 purchase 85 bows (70 lampposts and 15 poles on Giddings), #2 purchase the bows in phases, half now and half in 2024. Robert suggests #1 with phase 2 being adding greenery or ornaments. There was discussion about whether this is a good neighborhood investment. Generally, the group responded positively about the quality and look of the bows. Lisa to reach out to Tazzia to get a quote to put up and take down. Lisa to check with East Church about storage. Robert agreed to store for 2023 if needed. The group would like to vote electronically before the October meeting since we would be competing with other commercial clients and holiday demand. The Treasurer should be in on the conversation since the cost will be higher than what is in the 2023 budget, even though over time the cost would reflect a savings.
Block Captains	Various	Dave agreed to follow-up with Stephanie Boer about taking over the newsletter. Amy Brower is a maybe for food trucks next year but doesn't want to do it alone. No other names. Live music was a great addition. Kim reported on conversation with school and possible uses for Pontiac Field donations. The school has a theme of Oaks of Righteousness. In honor of this they are planting 3 oak trees (\$500 each). We as a neighborhood could be recognized as donating 2 of those 3 trees (\$1,000). A motion was brought forward, with support, passed unanimously. Bob noted the continued struggle with dogs running loose on Pontiac Field and the problem of dog waste. He urged us to continue to confront people tactfully. He will write up a reminder that block captains can share. Bob noted some trouble with his lamppost not being on at night. Tried calling 311, wondering if others had issues. Robert Amaya noted they have a new baby on their block. He also noted that there was cable laid out for 4 days on Giddings collecting traffic data. Jon noted a tree on Iroquois that needs pruning, hanging over the sidewalk. Bob Crow offered to reach out to Jeff Shutz about the tree.
6. Future TGIF Dates (3 rd Friday of the Month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)		
Date	Host	Time
October 20, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
November 17, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
December 15, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
7. Neighborhood Event Dates		
Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, October 31, 2023	Halloween	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM