

# OHNA Board Meeting

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting Type:</b>		2023 October Board Meeting				
<b>Date &amp; Time of Meeting:</b>		October 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM		<b>Location:</b>	GR Christian Elementary	
<b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting:</b>		November 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM		<b>Location:</b>	GR Christian Elementary	
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>		Lisa Theule, OHNA Secretary				
<b>1. Meeting Objective</b>						
Annual Board Meeting – Discussion and Business						
<b>2. Attendance at Meeting (12 Board Members Present)</b>						
Name	Block	Type	Present Absent	Name	Type	Present Absent
Mike Hanson	2	President	P			
Tom Geelhoed	5	Vice President	P			
Craig Geers	11	Treasurer	P			
Lisa Theule	2	Secretary	P			
Robert Amaya	1	Block Captain	P	Cray Mulder	Block Captain	A
Janet Hanson	2	Block Captain	P	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	A	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	P	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	A	OPEN	Block Captain	A
<b>3. Future Board Meeting Dates (NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR DECEMBER)</b>						
<b>Date</b>		<b>Location</b>			<b>Time</b>	
December 2023		NO MEETING				
<b>4. Treasurer's Report</b>						
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leads</b>		<b>Discussion</b>			
10/10/2023 Treasurer's Report	Craig Geers		<p>Total Expenses \$6.52. Income \$205.00. Balance \$16,836.70. Expenses include: \$6.52 in Paypal fees. General fund/dues \$9,882.00, Garden Tour \$829.00, Tree fund \$3,527.00, Pontiac Field \$1,153.00, Misc. \$10.00, OHNA Newsletter \$1,435.00.</p> <p>Not much activity. 178 neighbors paid or 60.8% - historically average is around 65%. Venmo #1, checks then Paypal. Block #5 at 90%, then block 6, then block 7. A check for trees soon \$1,737.00, new balance will be \$15,099.00. Next big expense is holiday décor. Roughly \$9,500.00 afterwards.</p>			

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General Discussion & Action Items		
Topic	Leads	Discussion/Action
September Minutes	Mike Hanson	No changes.
President's Report	Mike Hanson	The Exec board had a separate meeting to discuss open positions and holiday décor. Mike talked to Tom Dejonge (school superintendent) about school traffic, possibly splitting cost of crossing at Alexander / Iroquois. Maybe a special fundraiser to aid with cost. Tom is open to helping. Pursue next year. Mike will try to meet with John Barkel monthly moving forward. A reminder to keep the catch basins clear. Halloween trick or treating will take place from 6-8p on Halloween. The 102 <sup>nd</sup> Santa parade will take place on November 18 in downtown GR. Mike suggested we table the idea of a neighborhood vendor/services referral page until next year when we have more time to research our options.
2024 Dues Increase & Holiday Décor	Group Discussion	Costs continue to rise for services and amenities. If we vote to raise dues it should be done at the annual meeting in November. Our goal would be to only increase every 3-5 years. Holiday décor will be our biggest expense. Perhaps add a box to donate specifically to holiday décor. Big investment now, but the cost will go down after this year. Robert Amaya offered to install holiday decorations weather permitting before Thanksgiving. This year there won't be any expense. Decorations are ordered. \$5,300.00 bows and shipping, no tax (3 week turn around). Looking for truck to assist. Robert will also store the decorations in 2024. Diane Petrakis will reach out to East Church for possible storage space. Perhaps we could donate some wreathes for their front doors as a gesture. A donor has paid for the addition of ornaments to the bows. Mike and Lisa contacted a few vendors about installation, no success with getting the cost down. Next year will research vendors again. Kathleen knows of someone at \$40.00 per hour, continue to consider this person. We should not raise dues unless there is a need and/or value addition. More music at food trucks. Give more to block parties. We will recommend an increase at the November meeting of \$5.00, making the annual dues \$25.00. The board voted, Bob Crow – Nancy (second), unanimous to increase and propose to the neighborhood.
Policies & Procedures	Dave Walker	Biggest change is making the Exec. Committee more efficient by removing the nomination committee. Most often current members run again, and we find candidates by talking to neighbors. Officers' commitment from 1 year to 2 years. The reasoning is that it takes 2 years to grow into the position. You can serve as many terms as you'd like. The group discussed a term limit but did not move forward with a suggestion. Will 2 years scare people away? There has been pushback in years past about a 2-year commitment. It was noted that someone can always resign. Continuity is good. How do we get more neighbors involved? We have a lot of open spots. Get them involved at the ground level. Perhaps they will move into Exec. Committee roles. Motion – send to association for approval (changes to bylaws), motion 2 (technical and conforming) – Tom Geelhoed – Robert Amaya (second), unanimous.
Open Positions	Mike Hanson	Secretary – Lisa spoke with Laura Hoffman who is not interested at this time.
Tree Fund	Mike Hanson	We won't plant trees every year. The tree fund competes with other giving options. Plant every other year. We should try to leave tree care (such as pruning) up to homeowners.
Block Captains	Various	Block parties and happy hours down this year. Perhaps we think about a neighborhood block party. Block 1 has some new neighbors and a home for sale. Block 2 has some newborns. Block 3 some new neighbors and a home for sale on MLK. Bob Crow noted Iroquois streetlight repaired. It was noted that several other streetlights seem to have issues. The city was having issues with technology/censors. Bob contacted a commissioner for movement. Nate TenBrink is a new block captain, noted lots of new neighbors, and Consumers replacing some power lines in backyards in 2024 – 2025.
6. Future TGIF Dates (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)		
Date	Host	Time
December 15, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
7. Neighborhood Event Dates		
Date	Event	Time