

OHNA Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:	2023 February Board Meeting		
Date & Time of Meeting:	February 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM	Location:	GR Christian Elementary
Date & Time of Next Meeting:	March 21, 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 (12 Board Members Present & 1 Guest)

Name	Block	Type	Present Absent	Name	Type	Present Absent
Mike Hanson	2	President	P			
Tom Geelhoed	5	Vice President	A			
Craig Geers	11	Treasurer	P			
Lisa Theule	2	Secretary	P	Captain Cathy Williams	Guest	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
OPEN	5	Block Captain	A	OPEN	Block Captain	A
Marc Hoeksema	6	Block Captain	P	Bob and Pam Nichols	Block Captain	A
Dave Walker	7	Block Captain	P	Bob Crow	Block Captain	P
OPEN	8	Block Captain	A	OPEN	Block Captain	A
Sarah Steger	9	Block Captain	A	Peri denDulk	Block Captain	P
Kathleen Kelly	10	Block Captain	A	Simon Vance	Block Captain	P
OPEN	11	Block Captain	A	OPEN	Block Captain	A

3. Future Board Meeting Dates (NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR DECEMBER)

Date	Location	Time
March 21, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
April 18, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
May 16, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
June 20, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
August 15, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
September 19, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
October 17, 2023	TBD	7:00 PM
November 21, 2023 – ANNUAL MEETING	TBD	7:00 PM

4. Treasurer's Report

Topic	Leads	Discussion
2/14/2023 Treasurer's Report Finalized budget for 2023 was submitted (attached)	Craig Geers	Total Expenses \$194.39. Income \$90.00. Balance \$10,691.46. Expenses include: \$0.96 in Venmo fees, \$2.43 in PayPal fees, \$15.00 monthly Gmail accounts, \$176.00 Annual PO Box renewal. General fund/dues \$7,474.00, Garden Tour \$676.00, Tree fund \$1,648.00, Pontiac Field \$878.00, OHNA Newsletter \$6.00. Craig reviewed the final 2023 budget with the board and the budget was passed unanimously. Doug and Kathy Vance are special members. Craig noted that the PO Box cost increased slightly, and the newsletter required a bit higher budget.

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5. General Discussion & Action Items		
Topic	Leads	Discussion/Action
January Minutes	Mike Hanson	No corrections
President's Report	Mike Hanson	<p>The following occurred since our January Board Meeting.</p> <p>Mike met with Captain Cathy Williams from the GRPD on Friday January 27th. Discussion included the Ottawa Hills Neighborhood, the OHNA Board, planned events in 2023 and traffic in the neighborhood. Mike has also been in communication with Julie Niemchick, Crime Prevention Coordinator who collaborates closely with Captain Williams.</p> <p>Actively filling open chair positions, currently the only open position is the Garden Tour. Fred Davison agreed to recruit Gardens and to look for a possible chairperson.</p> <p>GRPD had a media release which included Chief Windstorm update to the GRPD Strategic Plan. Key updates included: focus training for new and veteran officers, ensuring transparency and accountability, police and community partnership founded on trust, and increased youth outreach. A presentation link will be included in the next neighborhood newsletter.</p> <p>We are still exploring a virtual meeting option, planning on the March meeting. Dave will work with Kathleen and the school.</p> <p>Mike reported his research on group text alert options. Possibly a demonstration at the March meeting. The group noted that we only have a handful of urgent texts per year, possibly a yearly plan would be better than monthly.</p>
Captain Cathy Willaims Introduction	Mike Hanson	<p>Captain Williams started as the South Service area lead about a month ago. The board conversation focused on speeding and traffic issues. Summer is always worse. Captain Williams talked to the City's traffic engineers and outlined our options. Studies are designed for warmer weather. A speed trailer doesn't collect data but increases speed awareness. Tubular recording (runs across the street) discreetly captures data. Traffic enforced policing, which we as a neighborhood we need to think about, our neighbors may be the ones getting tickets. A traffic circle or speed humps require a traffic study to be done due to their expense.</p> <p>Captain Williams noted the Kia boys won't stop for police. They are stolen vehicles. She encouraged us to call 911 with issues. A request has been put in for additional police presence in Ottawa Hills, get a pulse on traffic.</p> <p>It was noted that Giddings and Iroquois are the biggest issue spots. Motorists use both as cut through streets. Robert noted on Giddings that there is only parking on one side which causes motorists to drive close to the sidewalk on the East, dangerous to pedestrians, and that people drive over the roundabouts on Giddings. Craig noted that Hall past Plymouth all the way to Fuller is a problem area as well. Captain Williams noted that we can obtain online crime and accident data with only a 20-minute time delay.</p>
Misc:	Various	A reminder about dog dropping in neighbors yards in the next newsletter. The school is currently out of dog bags. Lisa will follow up. A suspicious person alert went out recently from the school to parents. It was noted that we should sent out an email to neighbors - first chance at advertising in our annual newsletter.

6. Future TGIF Dates (3rd Friday of the Month from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

Date	Host	Time
March 17, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
April 21, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
May 19, 2023	Sara Vander Zanden & Mike Helsel	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
June 16, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
July 21, 2023	None	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
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7. Neighborhood Event Dates		
Date	Event & Lead	Time
Saturday, April 8, 2023	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 AM
Saturday, June 24, 2023	Garden Tour	TBD
Sunday, June 25, 2023	Sunday Food Trucks	4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Sunday, July 16, 2023	Sunday Food Trucks	4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 1, 2023	Ice Cream Social / National Night Out	TBD
Sunday, August 13, 2023	Sunday Food Trucks	4:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Sunday, September 17, 2023	Sunday Food Trucks	4:30 PM – 7:30 PM