



## Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Member Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

ACC Pinnacle Campus, Directors Boardroom, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

7748 West Hwy 290

Austin, Texas

The following members were present:

Member Neighborhoods Attending with an X	
Appaloosa Run Civic Association - Kathy Pounds	X Meridian - <b>Rich DePalma</b> / Matt Moore
X Aviara - Robert Tobiansky / Allen Michalski	New Villages of Western Oaks -
Barker Ranch - Gary Gemar / Homero Cabella	Oak Acres NA – Robert Wiley / Sage Walker
X Circle C Ranch – Claudia Corum / Karen Hibpshman	Oak Park Subdivision Assoc. – Ralph Weston /
X Circleville NA – Cheryl Grossman / <b>Alan Watts</b>	Regents Hills NA – Sebastian Sadler / E. Kalbacher
Covered Bridge POA – Amanda Lavin / Mike Conner	X Scenic Brook West – <b>Betsy Boyd</b> / Tony Catania
Deer Park – Sheree Scudder / Mary Eichner	Sendera HOA – Eric Steen / David Williams
Escondera - David Rhoads /	X Shady Hollow– Vikki Goodwin / Darin Laracuenta
Estates of Loma Vista – Dick Armitage / Robbie Bennett	X South Windmill Run – Tom Thayer / C. Cespedes
X Estates of Shadow Ridge - Rebeca White / Heljmuth Vedder	X Travis Country HOA – Leigh Ziegler / C. Wilcox
Gardens at Covered Bridge – Diane Goodloe / M. Lindgren	Valley View NA - Mary Davis / Smoky Holland
GK Beckett Estates – Laura Faulk / James Hogan	Villages of Shady Hollow HOA - Lori DeMarco
X Granada Hills & Estates – <b>Rick Perkins</b> / David Richardson	Village of Western Oaks -
X Heights of Loma Vista – <b>Wendell Mills</b> / Lila Oshatz	X Westcreek NA – Jim Beckett / Jack Sperry
X Hill Country Estates HOA – David Vandlinder / R. Kleeman	Western Oaks POA – Glenn Ross / Denise Pierce
Lantana Southwest HOA – Aaron Saenz/Tanja Helms	Westview Estates – Kevin Good /
Legend Oaks -	Woods of Legend Oaks HOA - Katie Desikan /
X Legend Oaks 2 – <b>Darryl Pruett</b> / Nikki Tate	Wyldwood-Kelywood NA – Tom Bryan / David Burnett
Lewis Mountain – Aan Coleman / Maryann Bowling	X Board Member At-Large <b>Jim Schissler</b>
Maple Run - Wheeler Creek - Woodstone Village NA - Pam Rogers / Sharron Hargis	<b>Bold = OHAN Board Member</b>

**Guests:**

Guests included: Pat Boyd (Scenic Brook West), Jennifer Voss (Westcreek) and Constable Sally Hernandez

## **I. Call to Order.**

Meeting was called to order by President Pruett at 7:07 pm. Secretary DePalma recorded the minutes.

## **II. Roll Call / Establishment of a quorum.**

At roll call, 14 member neighborhoods were represented out of a possible 29 paid members; so at a bylaw quorum rule of 25% + 1, a quorum was present. One member arrived after roll call.

## **III. Approval of the Minutes from March.**

**Treasurer DePalma made a motion to delay the approval of the February minutes to the April meeting in order to afford members the opportunity to review the minutes and make comments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

## **IV. Treasurer Report:**

President Pruett provided the Treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Alan Watts who was out of town. President Pruett reported that the bank account balance was \$2,991.56. Since the last meeting OHAN had paid the yearly fee of \$149.00 to WIX for our website.

## **V. New Business:**

### **o Discussion and potential action on efforts to improve transparency and efficiency**

The following transparency and efficiency ideas were discussed:

- i. City of Austin notice distribution process
  - Member Wilcox volunteered to scan the notices.
  - Community registry – set your borders to the areas you want to receive the notices.
  - President Pruett suggested that he can create an Officer in Charge of Communication.
  - President Pruett to work with Treasurer Watts on coordinating the process for what is needed by the Officer in Charge of Communication.
- ii. Process of how letters are sent out by OHAN leadership
  - President Pruett stated that all his letters are sent to OHAN members.
  - It was requested that an outgoing OHAN letter is never sent unless a public vote is taken.
  - President Pruett answered that OHAN will not take a position on an issue unless membership has voted on it.
- iii. Term of OHAN resolutions
  - It was recommended that we need a statute of limitations on past actions such as if a resolution is older than 5 years. President Pruett said that it may be a good idea. No action taken.
- iv. Future speakers
  - It was suggested that we need speakers to come in and speak to common issues to members in Oak Hill.
  - Board member Schissler voiced that when he was President of OHAN he requested speakers and never received much response back and would like to see feedback from members.
- v. Meeting notices
  - Member Hibpshman recommended that OHAN operate like a Home Owners Associations and send out the meeting notice on a timely basis.
  - President Pruett answered that agenda items typically go out 48 hours ahead of time.
  - President Pruett added that if the general membership wants him to send the Board of Directors agenda to the Yahoo Group he doesn't have a problem with it and will make sure it goes out to everyone.
  - President Pruett stated that the Board of Directors meetings are public and always held the first Thursday of every month at the Austin Pizza Garden.
  - Vice President Perkins added that the meetings typically have the same agenda and no actions are taken, it is just discussion.
- vi. Providing a summary of votes on passed resolutions
  - A request and discussion was made regarding identifying the number of yay, nays and abstentions on a resolution.

- President Pruett answered that OHAN records the votes in the minutes and he is not in favor of recording the votes in the resolution.
    - Member Kleeman recommended stating whether the resolution was passed with unanimous or majority vote. President Pruett liked this option.
- vii. 2015 organizational focus
  - Member Wilcox recommended that OHAN should use this year to focus on issues and issues that the neighborhood agrees on and stop working on divisive issues.
- viii. Process of submitting a resolution
  - Secretary DePalma recommended that the process be codified in the By-Laws
  - Member Rogers requested to see a procedure lined up for resolutions coming from a neighborhood association.
  - President Pruett answered Member Rogers that OHAN board does not vet resolutions proposed by the OHAN member neighborhoods and resolutions don't come from the board. Member organizations can add a resolution to the agenda by send resolutions to [board@ohan.org](mailto:board@ohan.org).
- ix. Emergency mechanism to response to an issue
  - Member Kleeman recommended that OHAN have an executive committee solution to respond to an emergency issue such as receiving a development notification. It can be made clear that the executive committee is not making a resolution on behalf of the membership but wish to be added as an interested party.
  - Member Wilcox recommended doing a vote across the yahoo groups or mail. President Pruett thought this was a good idea.
- x. OHAN Yahoo Groups
  - Discussion on reverting back to the old Yahoo Group.
  - Discussion on how to change yahoo group email settings to digest and "Special Notice Only."
  - **Treasurer DePalma made a motion to re-establish the old Yahoo Group ([OHAN-Members@yahoogroups.com](mailto:OHAN-Members@yahoogroups.com) and eliminate the new Yahoo Group [OHAN-Discussions@yahoogroups.com](mailto:OHAN-Discussions@yahoogroups.com).**
  - **President Pruett offered a friendly amendment to include that the President is authorized to set responsible rules of conduct for the Yahoo Group. The friendly amendment was accepted.**
  - **The amended motion was seconded and passed by a 14-1 vote.**
  - Jennifer Voss will provide Westcreek's Yahoo Group Netiquette Guidelines for President Pruett to review.
- **Geographic Committees**
  - i. President Pruett presented the idea of potentially having geographic committees set up so a deeper level of discussions can be had by members on issues impacting their area and those geographic committees can bring issues impacting them to the board.
  - ii. Recommendation by Member Wilcox to give the OHAN Yahoo Groups and the scanning of notices an opportunity work first to see if information is better distributed.
  - iii. Recommendation by Member Kleeman that neighborhoods need to adjust their information in the Austin Community Registry to make sure that the neighborhoods are getting noticed.
  - iv. Recommendation by Secretary DePalma to provide an educational training/presentation at the April board meeting on where to sign up in order for neighborhoods to keep engaged with the City, AISD, ACC, and other agencies.
  - v. President Pruett wants to get with city staff to put together a sheet on where to go and what to do. He wants to get something to everyone in the next week or two.

## V. Old Business:

Member Kleeman of Hill Country Estates updated the group on the issues relating to the Promiseland Amphitheater.

Announcement by Secretary DePalma notifying membership of the AISD Trustee Schneider's March 26, 2015 community meeting. Secretary DePalma provided an overview of the discussions held on the March 9, 2015 AISD special board meeting.

Member Cespedes updated the group on the meeting with TxDOT regarding the OHAN resolution.

**VI. Adjourn**

President Pruett adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rich DePalma*

Rich DePalma, Secretary

April \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

Approved:

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Darryl Pruett, President

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Date