

OAK HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC. BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2018 PRUNEDALE LIBRARY MINUTES

I. The meeting was opened at 6:02pm

II. **ROLL CALL** – In attendance was:

Alex Rouch, Les Wible, Susanne Paradis, John Turner, Ken Barge, Eleonore Gutierrez, Louise Iredell, Luke Legard, Ruben Villanueva were in attendance. It was reported that Lori Bidwell had resigned. Louise Iredell moved to elect Jennifer Whitney to the vacancy, Eleonore Gutierrez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Jennifer joined the Board at the table.

III. **MINUTES** from the Jan 11, 2018 meeting were corrected and approved

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** OHNA member Juan Hidalgo attended the meeting. He works for the Agricultural Commission of Santa Cruz County and lives in Oak Hills. He reviewed the new State laws regarding pesticide spraying around schools and that pesticides cannot be sprayed between 6AM – 6PM near schools. 98% of the pesticides sprayed in our area are not such that need advance notification. He commented that the hoop houses prevent drift of pesticides and fungicides used. Juan volunteered to review the list of chemicals used which was obtained by Grady Kincaid and alert us to any concerns that the neighbors adjacent to the fields might have. He volunteered to attend the General Membership meeting in March to review the current regulations with the community if a representative from Monterey County is not available.

V. **REPORTS:**

PRESIDENT – Alex Rouch said that most of his comments will be discussed in the maintenance and park agenda items.

He remarked that there was miscommunication about Shim property lines SHIM property on Mesa Oak Way which extends to what some thought was part of the open space #2 parcel. CSA45 will not pay for survey and OHNA will not survey either. Hicks property was surveyed to determine whose property the tree is on so that it could be cut down before damage was done.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: JOHN TURNER, TREASURER – John reported monthly expenses.

John anticipates an increase in Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and also in the General Liability insurance for the greenbelts if we make improvements to Little Acorn Park. John reports we gained 5 new members after the newsletter was sent out. John also reports on a problem with the newsletters being addressed “To our Neighbors” and that in the future it needs to be sent to “current resident” to be delivered.

Vanguard Account for savings: Alex Rouch suggested that OHNA get a Vanguard Brokerage Services account for reserve account savings and put into money market account covered by security protection. The money will remain “liquid”, not tied up. John voiced concerned about FDIC coverage. Eleonore commented that money market does not fluctuate. There may be some fees, but they are low. Alex said the fund are insured by SIPC and we could see about \$93 a year in additional interest. Alex and John will Research further and bring back additional information next month.

Dues Year Change discussion - There was a discussion about a dues increase which can't be justified at this time. Louise said RBN doesn't exist anymore. Our yearly dues are now in October with the next dues due in October 2018. Maybe we can talk about increasing the dues later. Jennifer suggested paying monthly. Louise suggested Dues increase discussion in March. We have a plan for the park. Les thinks we can establish a calendar year for year. We asked for annual dues in September. Louise asked when the next insurance payments would be due? Susanne stated that we have over \$10,000 and can't imagine spending that amount of money until the summer. Alex moved we change the dues date to July 1st. Louise seconded the motion. Louise said we have money to cover bills. Les would vote for as soon as possible. The motion passed 5 – 3.

MEMBERSHIP – Eleonore reported that MCAR sent a letter and sent a copy of letters to homeowners. Eleonore hasn't heard back yet. Louise said the Title Companies still need the documents. Louise got another demand for documents. From Old Republic Title Co. She sent information and the latest budget. Chicago Title is the largest Title Co. with the most demands. Alex asked her to continue.

MAINTENANCE Les and Alex – Alex reported that on January 21st east entrance wall graffiti and was cleaned up first thing by volunteers. Lights were burning 24/7 and photocell was replaced for free, so our light bill should decrease. Horseshoe pit was built at no cost. Ken provided lumber and Grady and Alex provided work.

COMMUNICATION: LOUISE IREDELL/SUSANNE PARADIS – Louise reported on getting emails from Title Companies.

RECREATION AND EVENTS – no report

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

NEWSLETTER – feedback on newsletter. 5 new members. Alex in favor of emailing, not sending out newsletter. Louise reported that we have 255 emails for 311 residents.

WEBSITE Susanne reported that this is a work in progress and asked to coordinate with Jennifer working on an app, so that the look and use would be similar.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

L.A.M.P./O.W.T.S – The State issued a law about sewers to go into effect on May 20 with Monterey County stamp of approval or May 23rd without approval. If your septic tank fails or leach field fails and you have septic company come out, the company will be required to file a report. You will then have to have a groundwater test, soil test, and percolation test – down 50 feet performed. 150 homes in our area have septic.

Art sent Louise an email in which he suggested that it might be time to make another push for sewers and break away from CAL AM and have both sides of Oak Hills hook up to the County Lines where our waste water can be recycled at the Marina system and be a community benefit. Of course, it will take a huge effort to break free and get support from County but in long run it may be to our advantage. Louise suggested that we ask Supervisor John Phillips about this.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS = There was a meeting last Saturday with lots of good discussion. Alex has forecast the costs. Lay out plans and discuss with members at March meeting. Pads for picnic tables and BBQ

Community Foundation for Monterey County – Grant proposal is being submitted by Kay Barge on Feb 16 for Little Acorn Park community improvement. It was suggested that perhaps we start with a slide and swing set. Luke has contact for playground equipment in Paso Robles and could check on prices. Eleonore – Base rock and edging for DG pads 35 x 35 (\$2,000), wood picnic tables to start, playground. Art had proposal in 2010 about playground equipment that a company comes and set up a prefab set up.

Juan Hidalgo was asked his thoughts about basketball court improvements. Alex said we could leave it as is or improve it. Replace it costs \$15 – 20k for concrete. Decomposed granite for volleyball court.

There was a discussion about ideas about bathroom/privy/porta-potty. The cost is about \$150 - \$300 a month or \$900 to buy one.

Alex suggested that we present ideas to membership and get input and then we will prioritize. He reminded the Board that we may be able to get CSA45 funding, but they will not pay for capital improvements on private property. Perhaps they could add mowing Little Acorn Park to the CSA contract.

MEMBER SURVEY – Louise reviewed Alex's survey.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 22 – Alex will make sure that asking members about dues and about Park improvements are on the agenda.

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