

OPNA Spring 2013 General Meeting
Monday, April 22, 2013 6:30pm
Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts,
3901 S Hulen St, Fort Worth, TX 76109

OPNA Board of Directors opened meeting to general membership of Overton Park Neighborhood Association at 6:40pm Mon, Apr 22.

Neighbors signed in at entrance. Membership due \$30 was checked in records and paid if not previously paid. About 50 people in attendance.

Tim Taylor, **President**, welcomed. Printout of Fall 2012 Minutes distributed & approved. Recommended all neighbors signup for Nextdoor Overton Park, becoming an effective communication tool. Referred to OPNA website for additional info re: all. www.overtonpark-na.org

Tracy Matheson, **Treasurer**, gave report of balance sheet and spending in last six months.

By-Laws reviewed. Updated OPNA address to Taylor's home address. Announced proposed increase in due from annual \$20 to \$30. (to be voted on later in agenda).

OPNA Activities Report:

Joanne Viola, **Parks & Trails** director gave update re:
Egret bird deterrence activities, informed of handouts from City at meeting (including from Tanglewood Neighborhood Association "High Alert Status for Heron & Egret Nesting", informed that our neighborhood appeared to be successful to date to deter nesting, but season not quite over, city and neighbors still needed to watch, inform & listed things to do. More info on OPNA website: www.overtonpark-na.org

Hulen median: OPNA hired landscaper to maintain, including mow. Exploring options to post American flags at patriotic holidays (ie 4th of July), discussing with city.

Yard of the Month- committee actively nominating/voting on monthly selection. Posting sign, write up in Overton Life. Welcome neighbor input & new members to committee

West Nile Virus –see info on website

Membership –board submitted for general vote to have dues increase to \$30 annually. Plan is to have increased general membership activities to increase neighbors meetings & socializing, which indirectly helps to maintain/increase home property values. Also announced long term vision to form separate entity to make park improvements, which will need capital.

Need a **Block Captain** Chair to coordinate effort to have captains for each block to facilitate correspondence between OPNA leadership & general membership.

Overton Life magazine –Lois Stevensen welcomed neighbors to submit articles of interest, looking for someone to work paid/unpaid to coordinate articles and advertising. Introduced neighbors Tom Curtis & Olive Abbott, who are submitting articles.

Special Interest Groups: Tim Taylor described activities in existing groups: Passion for Cooking, Wine Tasting, Bridge Club. Would like a leader for groups in which interest has been expressed: Book Club, Seniors, Walking

Traffic & Safety:

Dan Simoneau discussed OPNA decals distributed with last meeting announcement, and available at this meeting, to be attached to rear vehicle window. Let neighbors know that your car belongs in neighborhood. If a vehicle is in neighborhood without a decal, neighbors can pay additional attention to be more aware of possible crime

Dan discussed issue in city, particularly on Bellaire/University, TPW needs to enforce safety from contractors in construction areas

Voting:

Tim Taylor asked presented 3 proposed changes to the by-laws and leadership Board of OPNA.

- 1) Induction of John Busch, OPNA resident, as OPNA Board secretary
- 2) Change of Address to 4400 Briarhaven Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76109
- 3) Change of annual dues to \$30

All 3 motions were made by individuals in attendance, second, discussed and voted on. All motions were passed with majority vote.

New Business:

Viv Fixel, and _____, Briarhaven residents, expressed safety concerns at Arborlawn & Briarhaven due to speeding & heavy traffic during weekday drop-off & pick-up at FW Academy of Fine Arts. Despite road block sign indicating children playing, cars speed and even collided & caused damage to a vehicle parked in the street. City Council rep Zim Zimmerman acknowledged that issue has been brought to the city's attention in the past. Police Officer Gonzales was aware of concern & complaint. At council member Zimmerman's recommendation, Officer Gonzales agreed to conduct an informal traffic study on that street. Dan Simoneau agreed to follow-up and report back to residents and coordinate with city re: continuing concerns.

Mayor Betsy Price spoke, letting us know how she enjoyed being a resident & member of our OPNA. Announced the Chisolm Trail road work in completing timely. Hulen bridge recently opened, more streets to be opened. Clearfork bridge to soon open. 7th street bridge soon closing temporarily. Strongly encouraged VOTING in elections. Welcomed feedback & questions in any way: gave email: mayorbetsy @fortworth.gov. Facebook.

Fort Worth Library:

2 women representatives from Fort Worth Library spoke. Informed of Library Advisory Board -9 districts & mayor's office.

Library Foundation: charitable organization that residents could join & support.

Friends of the Library: Membership form

Book store: can take book & financial donations

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.