

Oakridge Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

Call to Order

ONA President Billy Thomas called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Attendees

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City Updates

Garland Mayor Scott Mayo and Garland City Councilman Dylan Hedrick were both re-elected for their final term through 2025.

New Garland City Manager Judson Rex has amassed a strong new team of assistant managers who are very capable and committed to meeting the challenges facing the City.

Priorities for the new City team are a bond package and the 635 East project.

Oakridge Fire Stations #3 and #11 fire coverage is changing. For a map of coverage areas, click [here](#).

Grand re-opening of Garland downtown square is October 14, 2023. Festivities will be planned around this event, including Garland native LeAnn Rimes. For more information, click [here](#).

Band Together Concert Series happens on Friday evenings through July 21. For more information, click [here](#).

Asian American Festival at the Saigon Mall was well attended and a wonderful representation of Garland's rich culture.

The food truck area at Arapaho and Apollo is closing and being sold due to City of Garland zoning requirements to install bathrooms to accommodate dining patrons.

Oakridge Updates

New Board Members

Billy Ray Thomas presented a slate of candidates for new board positions as follows:

Treasurer – Sarah Freeman

Secretary – JC Elliott

Environmental Director – open and ONA is seeking an interested person for this role.

Outgoing members David and Sharon Parish were congratulated on a job well done and sincere thanks for their service.

The slate of candidates was approved by voice vote.

Budget

Veronica Brown-Corbin presented the ONA budget as outlined below. Motion to approve was made by Joan Nichols, a second by Vickie Litton, motion carried.

Membership

Cecile LaBossiere provided an update on membership, which is down, but efforts are being made to reach out to neighbors to increase participation.



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Communications

Cheryl Jones presented goals for the next year, which include a more efficient and functional website, a variety of options for access for membership, and an email platform better suited to communicate with the members.

Crime

Joan Nichols reported that Officer Barnes was unable to join after a setback in his treatment against metastatic breast cancer. Crime reports are posted monthly and available on the Oakridge website here.

Events

Jackie Reynolds presented a summary of the Spring Fling event, which was very well attended by more than 120 neighbors.

District Updates

District 2: Sally and Jackie Lang, unavailable for meeting

District 3: Open seat, no updates

District 4: Jackie Jones discussed a door-to-door campaign soliciting new memberships

District 5: Melanie Busby discussed meeting new families in her neighborhood

District 6: Open seat, no updates

District 7: Joetta Harris, no updates

Meeting called to an end at 8:16pm by Billy Ray Thomas.

Next general meeting is September 21, 2023



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Billy Ray Thomas
Vickie Litton
Cecile LaBossiere
Joan Nichols
Dan Nichols
Cheryl Jones
Jackie Jones
Joetta Harris
Melanie Busby
Debra Padak
Veronica Brown Corbin
JC Elliott
Dylan Hedrick, Garland Councilman
Scott Lemay, Mayor
Tony Bui
Jack Catalone
Sharon Carlton
Nico Ramirez
Lucio Verane
David Winter
Laura Kidwell
Scott Mayo
Glenn and Connie Suhren