

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 PM. Call to order by President Yvette Bonavita at the North Garland Library

Board Attendees: Yvette Bonavita, Vickie Litton, Jackie Reynolds, Oliver Harter, Cecile LaBossiere, Joetta Harris, Katie Fleming, Sarah Freeman, Mick DeVanney, Charles Leonard

Guests: Joan Nichols, Joahanna and Ken Wiedow with Presentation on Save the Green (arrived at 7 pm), John Bedinger, Hefal Banked, James and Jeremy Nicholls, Lucio Verane, Ruba Qewar, Walaa Shehata, Mohammed Shehata.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Nominating Committee Chair : Voted on Joan Nichols as Lead and that Joan will contact David Parish and that she will also be looking for 1-2 other members.

Joan Nichols reminded everyone that the President appoints the committee chairs.

Board Departures; Assign handoffs. Roles and responsibilities were discussed as follows with an effective date of March 1, 2026.

Tasks Needed for Assignment

- Create agendas for board meetings (First Tuesday of the month, No Meeting in August or December); General Membership Meetings (4th Thursday in February, May, & September) Vickie Litton confirmed to Katie that she would prepare the monthly board meeting agendas.
- Email management: info@oakridgena.org
- Speak on behalf of the ONA and represent the organization through constructive, strategic communication with various stakeholders.
- Contribute written letter to the **monthly** newsletter.
- Stay on track with scheduled commissioned meetings, city meetings, and zoning meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS

Katie Fleming will be taking a hiatus from the Communications Chair at the end of February 2026. Everyone congratulated her on the good news about the twins due April 2026. We also thanked her for her hard work and dedication to ONA Communications.

Tasks included in the Communication Director's position:

- Newsletter/ email communications
- Website updates

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- Facebook Group management
- MailChimp basics (mass mailings)
- Event Prep (signage, flyers, nametags, etc.)
- General Membership Meetings prep (presentation, assist with coordinating guest speakers and related communications)

Vickie Litton made the comment that individuals who accept the various tasks of Communication members need to be trained to which Katie replied that she has a SOP that carves out what and how of each task.

We have QR codes and templates on file that Katie has created.

Katie Fleming spoke to the newsletter monthly vs quarterly basis publication.

Board agreed to keep the newsletter on a monthly basis.

Other position – updates

President – Yvette's home was put on the market in mid-December 2025. When the home sells, Yvette will be stepping down from her position. This could happen before the end of her term May 31, 2026.

Vice President – *Vacant*

Environmental – *Cecile LaBrossiere will become the Director for 2026-2027*

Membership – *Need candidate for new term 06/01/26 to 05/31/27.*

District 1 Director – Emma Stevens

District 2 Director – Charles Leonard

District 3 Director – Jackie Reynolds

District 4 Director – Oliver Harter

District 5 Director – *Vacant*

District 6 Director – Mick Devanney

District 7 Director—Joetta Haaris

General Membership Meeting, Thursday, February 26, 2026 Preparation and Agenda

Presentation of Save Oakridge Green (Katie Mullens has been lead) – Joe Thomas will be presenting the Public Improvement District (PID) and Save the Green presentation will be incorporated into the ONA agenda

Meeting location will be in the Spring Creek Church auditorium on Belt Line Road in Garland, TX

Set up at 6:00 pm (will need two tables at entrance for sign in of each attendee)

At 6:30 pm doors open and meeting will conclude 8:30 pm to allow thirty minutes for clean up and out of the church by 9 pm

FIT Presentation by Cecile (feasibility meeting) held on August 20, 2025 between the developer and the City. Task forces will be especially important to what do the residents want (task force 1), what will the

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city do (task force 2 to attend and follow all city meetings and city department meetings and what do the investors want to do (task force 3)

Review and Assign tasks for GM Meeting

BUDGET/ TREASURER

Sarah Freeman presented the financial summary that will be posted on the ONA website.

We are Running in a deficit due to the landscape company is not reducing their service cost. We will be renegotiating the landscape service contract.

MEMBERSHIP

Cecile LaBossiere advised that she would be stepping down as the Membership Director effective June 1, 2026 and will transition to the Environmental Director effective June 1, 2026. Joan will be recruiting a candidate for the Membership position.

COMMUNICATIONS

EMAIL: (Overall this is awesome)

Total Contacts ^ .66% (Total: 765)

SMS subscribers ^ 23% (Total: 16)

Open and click rates are high as well.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Total Members: 243 and growing daily.

Spam is average.

Obviously, LOTS of discussion around the Community Meeting

Ordered “Evergreen Signs” to be reproduced to maintain aesthetic appearance and a light weight and

Joetta Harris was kind enough to pay for the signs on behalf of the ONA.

SECRETARY

Vickie Litton confirmed that the Board electronically approved the January 6, 2026 ONA Board Meeting Minutes and that the Minutes would be posted to the ONA website. The Board has also approved the September 25, 2025 General Membership Minutes, which will be an item for the General Membership Meeting for approval by the members.

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY

Lee Litton was not in attendance. Vickie presented information in his place. The Crime and Safety Report was not available as the City of Garland has not posted the crime statistics as of the date of the Board meeting.

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ENVIRONMENTAL

Joshua Lamb confirmed that he will be stepping down from the Environmental Director's position effective June 1, 2026. He will be meeting with Cecile regarding the transition. Everyone at the meeting gave Joshua their heart-felt appreciation for all of his hard work on the four (4) Oakridge entrance remodels.

UPCOMING MEETS

General Membership Meeting Thursday, Feb. 26 | 7:03 p.m. | Spring Creek Church

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6 pm, North Garland Library

Yvette asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie Reynolds motioned for adjournment and Cecile seconded the motion.

Adjourned Meeting: 7:44 pm

Board approved minutes February 13, 2026 – confirmed by Vickie S. Litton