

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Board Meeting Minutes April 7, 2026, 6:25 pm, North Garland Library

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

ATTENDEES: Yvette Bonavita, Vickie Litton, Jackie Reynolds, Cecile LaBossiere, Joetta Harris, Oliver Harter,

Guest: Kaitlin Mullen – representing Save Oakridge Green

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Present nominees to BOD at May 5, 2026, board meeting for a vote by the members.

Current candidates: President, Ken Weidaw; VP, Kaitlyn Mullens; District 1 Director, Rupi Gill

Committee Appointed by President: Communications: Kate Bell-Miller; Membership, Patty Edwards; Events, Johanna Weidaw; Environment, Cecile LaBossiere; Membership, Jessica Eppler; Social Media, Ashley Lay; MailChimp, Jim Griffin; Website, Jack Catalano

Returning: Treasurer, Sarah Freeman; Secretary, Vickie Litton, District 2, Charles Leonard; District 3, Jackie Reynolds; District 6, Mike Devanney; District 7, Joetta Harris

Open Districts 4 and 5

Open Committee Members: Communication and Newsletter

BUDGET/ TREASURER

Sarah Freeman is not able to attend. Requested current financial summary to be posted on the ONA website.

COMMUNICATIONS

Follow up with Jim Griffin to confirm that all new email addresses are in the system for MailChimp.

Yvette prepared the April 2026 newsletter with Canva - great job!

Kate Ben-Miller will begin the Newsletter publication May 2026

SECRETARY

ONA Spring Fling – Sunday, May 3, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

- Received Temporary Activity Permit #SE26-0022 and Transportation Department has received our barricade request.
- City of Garland deposited \$500.00 into the ONA checking account for the event.
- Neighborhood Vitality Specialist, Alejandro Cardoso, approved use of the block party trailer.

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NEXT STEPS:

- Contact Garland Fire and Police Departments to request officers and fire fighters to be present at event with vehicles and equipment.
- Contact Adopt-A-Pet personnel to request that they be at the event with animals.
- Golf Carts – does anyone know of people who would volunteer to let us use their golf cart to transport people with mobility issues from the corners of Diamond Oaks and Golden Oaks DR? Check with Joan Nichols.
- Post event on website; MailChimp email; NextDoor, EventBrite RSVP and requesting attendee to bring their favorite side dish or dessert; ONA website upcoming events, etc.
- Notices posted on front doors of all residents on Golden Oaks Drive notifying the residents of the street closure for the event.
- Who can volunteer to cook?
- Who has another grill or two grills, so we do not have to move the ONA grill from storage to the event? Recommended to contact Joshua Lamb to use his trailer if we need to transport ONA grill.
- Who can provide propane?
- Daytimers – volunteer to furnish cookies?
- Closer to the event other matters will be addressed (e.g., food, condiments, drinks, etc.)
- Fans
- Music – Yvette confirmed that she could manage this using Lee Litton's speaker and her playlist.

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY

Lee and Vickie to follow up with Jack Catalano as there are no 2026 Incident Reports posted on the ONA website.

ENVIRONMENTAL | MEMBERSHIP

- Membership drive runs from 4/15 to 5/31 annually (can sometime run long if membership is sluggish)
- 2025-2026 membership ended with 288 members.

Cecile Labossiere gave an update on meeting with Sofia with Covington.

- We have a warranty on the plants.
- Did a drive around to check plants as spring is the most critical growing period.
- Found an issue with brick repair on Big Oaks, and Hector was contacted.
- There is a little stress on the plants in raised beds. Sofia recommended watering more and clearing leaves, etc. from around the plants.
- There are a couple of plants on Ridge Oak

Met with Gianni from Goodbee

- Regarding current service, areas have not been kept as clean and neat as they should have been.
- Negotiating new contract – one item would be to remove the tree pruning and having an annual ONA drive asking for volunteers to perform this maintenance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL | MEMBERSHIP (continued)

- Sofie recommended that Goodbee perform weekly maintenance.

Update from meeting with Pattie and Jessica about the Membership transition.

- Pattie and Jessica will split the duties of computer work (reports, membership count, etc.) and groundwork (flags, Welcome)

Perimeter Wall Maintenance

Cecile suggested a project to get the perimeter wall repaired (an HOA was never created as the developer hit a rough patch in the economy down in the 1980s. We feel that if alley is behind a home on the perimeter wall that the city should repair. The city says this is the resident's responsibility. Cecile suggested following steps.

- 1) Walking the perimeter to tie an address to the damaged perimeter wall section.
- 2) Contact Hector to get an estimate on what each resident would pay for repairs.
- 3) Find residents on perimeter wall who are ORIGINAL owners that would have the papers on their property that we could review to determine if the city or the resident is responsible for repairs.
- 4) Research those plats to determine if city or resident is responsible.
- 5) After this decision, contact the city for a meeting about the matter. Or send a letter to each resident that is on the perimeter wall giving them the group rate to get the wall repaired.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING PRESENTATION DISCUSSION -- JACKIE REYNOLDS

- Everyone who wants to be included in the Presentation (slide show) should have their information to Jackie two weeks prior to the May 28, 2026 meeting.
- Jackie will prepare the PowerPoint presentation.
- Yvette will host the meeting.
- Yvette will send the "Saving the Green" information from Ken Weidaw's email.
- Vickie is to send the BOD approved General Membership Minutes 2/26/26 to Jackie as part of the presentation.
- Joan and Jackie will assist Jacke in proofing he PowerPoint presentation.
- Jackie contact Dylan Hedrick and Joe Thomas to request their presence at the meeting and to send any presentation that they want included.
- Vickie asked Officer Murphy to attend the meeting and present.
- Include instructions on how to sign up with the City of Garland to receive all meeting Agendas for proposed zoning or rezoning to be able to know what meetings to attend that would affect Oakridge.
- It was suggested that this should be an automatic notice in the monthly Oakridge News.

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UPCOMING MEETS

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 6:30 pm at the North Garland Library.

General Membership Meeting, Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 6:30 pm at the North Garland Library.

Yvette asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vickie Litton made the motion, and Cecile Labossiere seconded the motion.

Adjourned Meeting: 7:20pm

Minutes accepted by BOD April 20, 2026.