

OAKRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026, 6:30 pm, North Garland Library

CALL TO ORDER: President Yvette Bonavita called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ATTENDEES: Yvette Bonavita, Sarah Freeman, Vickie Litton, Jackie Reynolds, Cecile LaBossiere, Joetta Harris, Oliver Harter, Cheryl Jones, Karen Bell-Miller, Joetta Harris, Ken Weidaw, Charles Leonard

GUESTS: Cheryl Jones, Nominating Committee and Karen Bell-Miller

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Cheryl Jones presented nominees with their biographies and pictures to the BOD for a vote by the Board. Current candidates: President, Ken Weidaw; VP, Kaitlyn Mullens; District 1 Director, OPEN; District 2 Director, Tor Redaelli; District 4 Director, John Finco/Diana Ng; District 5 Director – OPEN.

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

Incumbents: Treasurer, Sarah Freeman; Secretary, Vickie Litton, District 3, Jackie Reynolds; District 6, Mike Devanney; District 7, Joetta Harris

Open Districts 4 and 5

Open Committee Members: Communication and Newsletter

Motion to accept nominees as the 2026-2027 Board made by Yvette Bonavita. All in favor raise your right hand: Carried by all.

PRESIDENT

Yvette Bonavita has received a contract on their house and is stepping down as President effective, Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Yvette asked the Board to approve Ken Weidaw as the temporary President of ONA until the General Membership Members vote him into office at the May 28, 2026 meeting.

Board approved.

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BUDGET/ TREASURER

Sarah Freeman presented the ONA Annual Budget for the physical year 2026-2027.

Sarah wants to research the Zoom application cost. Vickie is to send Sarah the Zoom account credentials that she has on file.

There was discussion on the Goodbye contract cost. Cecile advised that she is working on the contract with Goodbye. She does not think that the cost will increase.

Discussion ensued regarding the costliest monthly expenses that ONA incurs (e.g., perimeter maintenance, storage, etc.)

Funds that we get from the city help us offset our out-of-pocket expenses for various events.

Sarah thinks that we should be okay and have a large enough balance so that the bank will not charge us a service fee.

The utility costs have dropped by about \$2,500 due to the entrance project that was completed in 2025.

Ken Weidaw asked about using a zero-based approach to the budget and discussion followed.

The Board tentatively approved the proposed budget to present to the General Membership at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Kate Bell-Miller discussed MailChimp integration. It was thought that there was a glitch with MailChimp.

Discovered that it was a syncing issue. We are now syncing properly.

Goal is to be able to text the residents with announcements, events, etc.

SECRETARY

Vickie Litton discussed the ONA Spring Fling – Sunday, May 3, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 pm attendance head count of fifty-five (55) and attendance sign in of forty-seven (47). Vickie asked for comments, concerns about the event and discussion followed.

Neta Rohr has two (2) seven-foot tables that she would like to donate. Board approved as long as the tables meet ONA needs (not too heavy, foldable). Vickie will look at tables.

Vickie asked approval to take care of the large metal frames that are no longer used to recycle. Board approved.

Vickie asked approval to recycle the large orange traffic cones. Board approved.

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CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY (presented by Vickie Litton for Lee Litton)

The Garland Police Department has not posted incident statistics for the month of March 2026. We are not sure why the stats are not being posted on the Garland Police Department (GPD) website. Vickie plans to contact the GPD on the matter.

Discussion about the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program and to contact Lee for information to join, training, patrolling.

ENVIRONMENTAL | MEMBERSHIP

Cecile Labossiere collaborating with the vendor, Goodbee, on the landscaping contract.

Membership candidate declined. The Nominating Committee will continue to locate a candidate for filing this position. Cecile said that she would continue to assist with the Membership position until it is filled.

Discussion about recording keeping and a better way to consolidate our data history with the least amount of manual labor.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Golf course status. Ken advised that the developer is not going away. Our tool is diligence and showing up for Oakridge. Everyone should sign up to receive the City of Garland Planning Commission and City Council notification of upcoming meetings with the meeting agenda. You can review the agenda to see if the rezoning request for the golf course is on the agenda. If so, everyone needs to attend the meeting – WE MUST STAY STRONG!

UPCOMING MEETS

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 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, Cecile LaBossiere the motion and Vickie Litton seconded the motion.

Adjourned Meeting: 7:44 pm

Minutes accepted by Board via email: