

Old Braeswood Property Owners Association

Minutes of Executive Committee/Board Meeting

June 15, 2021

Via Zoom

1. **Call to order & determination of Quorum:** President Samia Khalil called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

Attendance by Executive Committee: Jean Boisaubin, Julie Cohn, John Eldridge, Ann Garnett, Erica Hittner, Mike Kelly, Samia Khalil, Fred Steves

Also present: Evalyn Krudy, Executive Director; Olivia Lee, Office of State Representative Ann Johnson; Annette Eldridge, Old Braeswood Park Corp; Krista Heidersbach, Events; Andrea Lapsley, University Place Rep & Rice Liaison; Christine Manca, Block Captains; Sally Miller, Directory; Maribel Reuter, Welcome Committee

2. **Minutes of the March 16, 2021** – Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved as presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Kelly reported on the budget and said it is in a good state. He said the security patrol budget numbers are as expected and we may have the potential to increase patrol hours. Finally, he gave an overview of the operating expenses and the net income for the year.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

4. **President's Report:** Dr. Khalil reported that Dr. Hotez's presentation at the Spring Membership Meeting was well received and he may come back to a future meeting with further updates. Dr. Khalil reported on the number of members who have paid dues and those that subscribe to SEAL. Dr. Khalil gave a brief update on a sewage problem occurring on Maroneal and finally she thanked the committee chairs for their efforts.

5. **Old/New Business**

- A. **Tax Exemption Update:** Ms. Garnett reported that OBPOA is a 501c4 organization according to the Secretary of State and while we qualify for a franchise tax exemption, we do not qualify for tax exemptions afforded 501c3 organizations.
- B. **Traffic Requests Update:** The City of Houston traffic department has been made aware of the dangerous situation happening on Morningside at the intersections of Maroneal and Bellefontaine. The City needs to investigate whether there is significant accident data at these locations, proximity to other stop signs, and other factors. A response to the request is mandated by the State of Texas. Ms. Lee said she would speak with someone at TXDOT.
- C. **Other business:** Ms. Lee provided an update on the status of SB1588. This bill contains onerous provisions for POAs in Texas and was opposed by OBPOA; however, it was passed by the legislature and is awaiting signature by the Governor.

6. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Block Captains:** Ms. Manca shared that there are two new volunteers for block captains.
- B. **Bylaws:** Ms. Garnett reported that the bylaws are accumulating comments and inconsistencies. Her goal is to create a more user-friendly document. There is currently a redline version of the proposed changes, but it is still being edited.
- C. **Cat Squad:** Dr. Cohn said the cat squad has TNR (trapped-neutered-returned) approximately 60 cats and they are desperately seeking fosters.
- D. **Enforcement:** Mr. Eldridge said the committee has dealt with typical enforcement issues and issues are usually resolved by notifying homeowners of any issues with compliance and occasionally the ARC committee is involved. He also said the committee needs to create a more nuanced policy regarding signs.
- E. **Events:** Ms. Heidersbach said there are new neighbors moving into the neighborhood and we would like to continue to host events, however they are costing about twice what they normally do. An ice cream party is tentatively scheduled, and more are being planned.

- F. **Garden Club:** Ms. Garnett said the Garden Club is working on next year's programs and there will be a book coming out in August or September. She said there are currently around 50 members in GC.
- G. **Old Braeswood Park Corp:** Ms. Eldridge said overall things are going well with the parks, but they are having a hard time getting parts for the sprinkler system. She also reported that they removed moss from the crepe myrtles.
- H. **University Place Rep & Rice Liaison:** Ms. Lapsley said University Place is very active efforts to oppose LED billboards in Houston along major thoroughfares and freeways. The meeting attendees discussed providing a letter of support with UP in opposition of the billboards.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously for OBPOA sending a letter in support of University Place in opposition of LED billboards.

7. Executive Session on Enforcement Matter

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to approve sending a letter to an owner on Blue Bonnet stating that compliance with the OBPA height restriction is required.

- 8. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Dr. Khalil accepted a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.