

**Old Braeswood Property Owners Association
Regular Membership Meeting**

**April 19, 2023 @ 7p.m.
7505 Morningside Dr.**

1. **Call to order:** Ann Garnett, President, called the open meeting to order after determining that a quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

Attendance by Executive Committee: Ann Garnett, Samia Khalil, Paul Danziger, Chad Mason, Fred Steves, Daniel Parker, Robert Jackson, Sharam Honari, and Erin Goldman
Also present: Evalyn Krudy (Executive Director). Several neighbors joined the meeting.

2. **Speakers**

- a. Guest speakers, Rob Lazaro and Myron Jones from the Harris County Flood Control District, presented the following information on the Brays Project:
 - no “out of bank flooding” had occurred since work had been completed
 - current work was being conducted on the Meyergrove Stormwater phase (610 @ Braeswood)
 - over 1,000 one-inch caliper trees would eventually be planted along the bayou
- b. Old Braeswood Patrol/S.E.A.L. Security (“S.E.A.L.”), Lieutenant Goodman, presented a report on telephone calls to S.E.A.L. and neighborhood activity. He reminded neighbors to submit a form to S.E.A.L. for vacation watch.

3. **Flock Cameras** – Sharam Honari reported on the flock cameras project including the following:

- funding had been raised for the 2-year pilot
- three cameras had been installed
- a fourth camera would be installed on April 20, 2023
- fundraising would extend beyond the pilot period
- the potential opportunity of adding additional cameras in the future

4. **ARC** – Robert Jackson provided an Architectural Review Committee (“ARC”) improvement and guidelines update. He reported that after an extensive interview process with members of the ARC, Ann Garnett, Samia Khalil and Robert Jackson, experienced architect Russel Worley, had been offered and accepted the position as the ARC’s new plan reviewer. Dr. Jackson noted that one of Mr. Worley’s first duties would be to review and comment on proposed revisions to the Architectural Guidelines.

5. **Minutes:** After a motion and second, minutes for the November 2022 Annual meeting were unanimously approved.

6. **Treasurer’s Report.** Chad Mason presented the treasurer’s report. Resident members and executive committee members then discussed legal fees. Lastly, the treasurer’s report was accepted by the membership.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Architectural Review – Jordana Slawin gave an update on ARC matters and reminded everyone to schedule a preliminary review of plans with the ARC. Ms. Slawin noted that residents could schedule a preliminary review and obtain guidance in advance of formal plan review submission before plans were finalized.
- b. Block Captains/Historian/News – Christine Manca reported that the Spring newsletter would be published shortly. Ms. Manca noted that she was also working with block captains to get updated contact information from residents for the neighborhood directory.
- c. Directory – Sally Miller reported that it had been 6 years since the last neighborhood directory had been published. Ms. Miller also discussed her work with Ms. Manca and the block captains to update and verify information for the updated neighborhood directory. She noted that the directory would also be open to advertisers.
- d. Preservation – Joe Manca reported that he would be taking over the history section of the newsletter as after 70 articles, Susan Teich had moved from the neighborhood and would no longer be writing the “Your House has a History” column. Mr. Manca noted that he would be asking neighbors to write about their homes, and he would then write articles about the history of our neighborhood. Neighbors were asked to contact Mr. Manca in order to participate.
- e. Garden Club – Vicki Birenbaum invited residents to join the current group of 52 women that were members of the Garden Club. She noted that everyone was welcome to join, and gardening was not a requirement for membership. In addition, Ms. Birenbaum discussed the morning coffee events and evening events that included spouses several times per year.
- f. Social Events – Vanessa Ames reported on the annual Party in the Park that was planned for Sunday, May 21st from 3:00 – 6:00 pm at Old Braeswood Park. She noted that there would be food, beverages, games for the kids, face painters, and more. Ms. Ames encouraged all residents to attend. She also reported that the planning would soon start for the Night Out event in October. Ms. Ames requested that if anyone was interested in sponsoring or volunteering for the events, they should please reach out to her.
- g. Old Braeswood Park Corp – Bob Birenbaum reported that the non-profit, which was funded by neighborhood contributions, had spent funds maintaining and improving the neighborhoods’ Park and esplanades. He reported that tree trimming, and the removal of invasive ball moss had been completed from 17 crape myrtles and one oak tree at the park over a multi-day project. Additionally, Mr. Birenbaum noted that ant beds had been treated, leaks had been fixed and the committee had been working with the City of Houston to replace mulch and trim the oak trees in the park.

8. **Adjournment.** A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was subsequently adjourned.