

# **Oakbridge Community Services Association Board Meeting • 2019 March 21 • Minutes**

Meeting called to order in Community Room of Ashman Library at 7:00 PM.

Present: Board members Kraig Bodie, Abigail Darwin, Ron Hay, Laura Schweitzer, Brian Shah, Jordan Speicher, Jeff Wilson. Guests Carol Gattshall, Mike Kern, Barb Prigge, Gloria Reyes, Richard S. Russell.

## **1. Garage sale**

Weekend after Mother's Day (Friday and Saturday May 17 and 18). Jeff will put up signs.

## **2. Spring raking**

Wait until after the ground dries. Weekend of May 4. Takes about 90 minutes. Ron will take care of posting notices.

## **3. Presentation by Gloria Reyes**

Mike Kern took notes and will post them to NextDoor.

## **4. On-line neighborhood directory and contact list**

Carol showed us example of 2012 printed directory, including who lives where, what their contact info is, and which kids are available for shoveling, mowing, dog walking, babysitting, etc. She thought it would be good to do it again. Some people are reluctant to have their info made public. It might be possible to put it on a secure website that only legitimate residents could access. Perhaps a small charge could offset printing costs. Maybe let people ask to have one e-mailed to them in PDF format. How would we collect the information? Maybe NextDoor would have a usable capability. Maybe just a list of addresses that people could use to enter their own info about people that they know personally. The general thinking was that we should just encourage people to enter personal-profile info on NextDoor. Could use little cards to invite people to do so, or to join NextDoor if they haven't already.

## **5. Dues**

21 households have not yet paid their dues. \$2,205 due. Normally Jeff sends out registered mail to the delinquent households, so we have evidence that they had received their notice, but that would cost \$59 for all 21.

The standard due date is March 1. If they haven't paid by then, we have previously given them a grace period, but we're not legally required to. The law does require that any lien we file must be within 6 months of failure to pay. Abigail said she was going to go with January 1 as the "date of levy", meaning that liens would need to be filed no later than July 1. Jeff wanted to send out reminder letters asking for payment ASAP, and Abigail would start filing liens shortly thereafter on anyone who remains delinquent. There's no official process for

notifying delinquent dues-payers that a lien has been filed, so we'd have to do it ourselves, which everyone agreed would be a good idea.

Last year at this time there were only 2 delinquent dues-payers. Ron suggested that we should have an article about this in the newsletter. One recent posting on NextDoor did prompt some households to pay.

## **6. Newsletter**

Abigail passed around last year's newsletter. Ron will be working on this year's, with assistance from Barb Prigge.

## **7. Elections**

Abigail Darwin unanimous for president.

Kraig Bodie unanimous for vice-president.

Richard S. Russell (non-board member) unanimous for secretary.

Jeff Wilson unanimous for treasurer.

## **8. Committees and subcommittees**

Social Committee chair must be a director. One of the things we're hoping for is that this person would be in charge of all the signs. The committee relies heavily on volunteers for the July 4 celebration, which is the biggest social event we do all year. Jordan Speicher was willing to undertake the task. Ron and Jeff will continue to warehouse the signs for these events.

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) must have at least 3 members. Abigail is one of the current ones, but she'd rather not do it any more. One of the things the committee does is receive inquiries from real-estate agents (maybe 1-2 a month) that need accurate responses. The committee also needs to respond to requests from residents about whether their proposed changes to their properties are in compliance with the neighborhood standards. Brian Shah was willing to take point on this. Ron and Kraig were also willing to serve. Jordan asked if it made sense to have a group e-mail for the Architectural Review Board so that they wouldn't have to make their personal e-mails public. One of our neighbors is really eager to work on gardening around the common areas, and Brian will get in touch with him to take advantage of his offer.

## **9. Enforcement of declarations, covenants, and architectural standards**

Abigail encouraged the ARB to get together and discuss what they'd like to do about either revising or enforcing the declarations and architectural-review rules.

## **10. Good neighbor initiative**

Do we want to invite the Madison Police Department to do another presentation on the connectivity options within the neighborhood? The problem is that we don't get much turnout for meetings like this, or even for our OCSA annual meeting. We can summarize some of the

points of the initiative for the newsletter, which goes out to everybody.

### **11. Dates for future meetings**

May 7 at 6:00, including another presentation from Gloria Reyes, who Abigail said felt that community outreach was part of her responsibilities.

### **12. Senior housing project**

Gloria had informed us that, per city officials, this project was rolling ahead as planned and won't be derailed.

### **13. Other business**

none

### **14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard S. Russell, Secretary