

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
May 18, 2009
5705 N. Lady Lane

Board Members in Attendance: Phil Williams, Jay DeAngeli, Sharon Laird, George Grimm, Carolyn Redmore, Tom Scarborough, Jesse Wood, Karl Oxnam, Angelo Dellacona, Marianne Richardson, Don DeYoung, Scott Odom and Camille Zachmeier

Board Members Absent: Becky Spencer

Neighbors in Attendance: Carole DeAngeli (recording secretary), Hal Fritts, Lowell Richardson, LuAnn Williams

Call to order – 7:10 pm. Jay called the meeting to order for Sharon who had just returned from a trip.

Minutes – The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Tom and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Jay reported that our current bank balance is \$11,604. Expenditures this period included the Community Food Bank donation and some funds for beautification projects, primarily the monument at Oracle and Genematas. Tom remarked that the monument now looks great! Jay indicated that he hasn't used any funds from the trimming line on the budget, but will do so in this next quarter. He will be hauling tree trimmings from the monument to the dump, as well as replacing the tires on the trailer that is loaned to OFNA by Martin Flanigan. OFNA will only pay the \$20 for mounting the tires.

Membership – Jay reported that we now have 120 members.

Old Business

Picnic – Becky is the picnic coordinator but was absent. The picnic will be on October 31st this year. Angelo agreed to help cook, Carole will help with set-up, etc. Tom agreed to be Becky's 2nd in command. Jay will work with the vendors, meeting them at the site and making payment. Phil noted that we need better diversity of food, more main dishes and salads, not so much dessert. All agreed, and the board members will bring a salad or main dish. Carole indicated that we need someone to do children's activities. Carolyn will work with Kitty on the piñata.

Neighborhood Beautification – Jay

- Streets – The county is very short of funds and no road maintenance has been done.
- Mutt Mitts – These are a big demand item and the bags are refilled monthly.
- Entrance Monument – The rehab is complete. It included painting, trimming, weeding, spreading gravel.

Monument Wall Sign – George reported that he had little response from the e-mail notice, but got very good response from the newsletter front page article. He has now received several letters of interest. It is his feeling that the sign should just say "Oracle Foothills", even though he had one request that the name include 'estates'. There are several areas served by OFNA that are not in Oracle Foothills Estates. The artists should be allowed to choose the color scheme. Jay said that he would like to submit a proposal to do tile on the wall. He has spoken to a local tile company who makes signs for many local businesses. The cost would be around \$500, including tile, thinset and blades. Jay would do the labor. A discussion followed about the merits of tile versus paint. George

said that the Board's motion had been to use paint, and that if we were now amending that, he would have to go back to the other artists and indicate the change. Camille, as the owner of the wall, doesn't want something tacky that is permanent. Paint is the least expensive, and carries the least liability. The consensus was that we should stay with paint. Angelo asked whether a permit would be obtained for the sign? Camille definitely wants the sign permitted. Camille was asked about the possibility of leasing the sign on a long-term basis to OFNA. She said no, that would be too involved, requiring lawyers. A committee was established to review the proposals, to include George, Camille and Angelo. Hal Fritts stated that he would prefer to see "Oracle Foothills Neighborhood" on the sign as it has a friendlier feel. Scott felt the opposite – 'neighborhood' is obvious and should not be included. George replied that he would ask the artists to submit one of each.

Plaque for the Triangle – Jay's conversations with the Genematas family indicate they are favorable to a plaque. George will proceed with getting costs.

Bees – As a result of Jesse's letter to the absentee owners, the bees were removed. The hole where they nested was not repaired, however, and the bees will likely return. The house has severe termite damage and the roof is falling in.

New Business

Nominating Committee – Sharon volunteered to do the nominations. The slate should be complete in time for the next meeting so it can be approved by the board.

Street Signs – Don would like the board to consider placing signs in the neighborhood that say, "Only you can prevent speed bumps". He asked if the board had any interest. Jay said that we can't hang such signs on the county poles, but that we could use our Neighborhood Watch posts. He will speak to the county sign people and get their feelings.

OFNA Website – Jay asked if anyone else had been receiving spam as a result of having a link to their address on the website. Apparently no one else had, but Carole will remove the links.

Karl thanked Carole for the advertising for DECA and FBLA (high school business education clubs) volunteers.

Next Meeting: August 24, 7pm, at Angelo's house, 5701 N. Genematas

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Carole DeAngeli, Recording Secretary