Minutes from January University Oaks Civic Club Board Meeting

January 9, 2019

Everette Penn, Board President, called the meeting order at 7:30 pm. All board Members were present.

Minutes from December Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Everette thanked all associated with the Holiday Celebrations (Hayride and Luminaires) as well as this months hosts Ana and Marco Luzuriaga. He also welcomed former board president Doug Erwing and Jennifer Erwing to the meeting.

## Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Chris Hollins reminded all that dues were now \$200 per year and were due now. He reviewed percent of households that were in arrears and income and expenses for December. Instructions were given on how to submit receipts for expenses related to the Homeowners Association activities and that they should be submitted within 60 days. Questions were raised regarding audits of the books in accordance to the by laws. It was reported that an outside auditor prior to change in board had audited the books. It was asserted that this was not in accordance to the by laws. The issue will be under review and there will be a full report at the next meeting.

Architecture: Sandra Buckner reported 1 plan was submitted for approval and denied due to incomplete information. A new proposal was requested along with the information missing from the initial submission.

Deed: Sandra Buckner reported that the standardized interpretation of the deed restrictions were finished and there will be a neighborhood walk through on 1/19/19 by the committee to assess for violations. This will be for informational purposes and no violation letters will be generated. There was a question regarding citations made under the previous board. It was noted there were none turned over and this will be a fresh start.

Security: Roy Marrero reported that at he last meeting information would be gathered on starting our own neighborhood watch patrol and neighborhood watch program. The necessary steps were reviewed and the need for a HPD precinct liaison to be established. Everette agreed to work on that process. A proposal was made that the Homeowners Association purchase pamphlets titled "Home and Personal Safety" and distribute one to each member household and give one as welcoming gift to each new resident. The motion was seconded and

passed unanimously. Questions were raised as to crime statistics and crimes underreported in the neighbor hood. It was decided that security committee should be notified AFTER the incident being reported to HPD,

Environmental: Graciela Lubertino reported that a questionnaire will be emailed asking which members want trees planted. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that the City of Houston will check, prune, trim or cut down any tree on its property usually within the 1<sup>st</sup> 16 ft. from the curb. Call 311 or go to website.

Social: Gwen Corolla reported that the holiday festivities were reviewed and the positives and negatives were identified for each event. The committee made several recommendations to be acted upon next year. During discussion the purpose of the events were reviewed as well as requests for ideas for other neighborhood events.

At this time Everette requested a recap of Chena Karega from Metro's talk at the Civic Club's meeting. It was reported that the sidewalk on Wheeler Ave. from TSU to Bray's Bayou would be widened for a bicycle lane. There will be a bicycle repair station but no trashcans. It the discussion it was suggested that the wall along university Oaks be used for murals, plants, and green/vine covered wall. It was pointed out that under previous boards funding and plans were obtained but not used. It was suggested that this be investigated.

Branding: Dustin Windham reported that they were awaiting final permit approval from the city to erect to signs...hopefully by the end of the month. Regarding the website, there should be a prototype to present at the next meeting. He thanked all those who came to the hayride and had their pictures taken for the website.

Announcements: Doug Erwing will be in discussions with the city regarding the stoplights, intersections, and the metro crossing. He offers to bring any other issues up at the meeting. He invited interested parties to email him. It was noted that according to the bylaws the Civic Club and individual committees were to keep minutes of their meetings and submit the to the secretary to be recorded in the archives. This was agreed upon by Everette.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.