



Candlelight Oaks

October 10, 2024

A meeting of the Candlelight Oaks Civic Club was held by zoom on Thursday, October 10, 2024, and called to order at 7:35. A quorum was not present.

Attendees included: Sandy Ericksen, Lori Bulla, Johanna Wolfe, Aaron Brisendine, and Richard Solis.

Hope Edmondson, Justin Schrader, John Carr were unable to attend.

Sandy Ericksen called the meeting to order.

Lori Bulla reported no issues with the pool. However, there was a lengthy discussion regarding recent issues with juveniles trespassing at the pool and playground area. Homeland Security is aware of the problem and HPD has been called. The juveniles continue to return to the pool at various times throughout the day. They appear to be delinquent from school and have caused minor damage to property, including restrooms.

There was discussion regarding how to respond to trespassers and how to communicate the issue with neighbors. This discussion continued by email exchanges between board members in the days following the meeting. Homeland has been asked to focus upon the pool and playground area during their patrol time. HPD has been called, a report created, and a case number will be provided to share with neighbors. The gate from Tidwell to the pool/playground has been locked. Additional steps will be needed to secure the area (to be determined at a future date.) These may include higher barbed wire fence, electronic gate openers, new locks on restrooms, and cameras (all suggested by HPD.)

While the trespassers are a nuisance and have caused damage, the greatest concern is liability should something happen.

Notices will be placed on Facebook to encourage trick or treaters from 6 to 9 p.m. on Halloween evening. Homeland will be patrolling that evening.

The annual "Oaksfest" neighborhood event will be held on Saturday, October 12. The event has been promoted on Facebook and in the recently distributed Candlelight Oaks newsletter. Richard Solis has secured a food truck for tacos to be purchased by residents who also are encouraged to bring wine for a raffle. Funds from the raffle will go toward landscaping.

Sandy Ericksen reported that ballots and the budget were distributed with the Candlelight Oaks newsletter. Four board member positions are open for election: Johanna Wolfe, Sandy Ericksen, Justin Shrader, and John Carr. Sandy requested that board members encourage their neighbors to return

ballots – either at Oaksfest, by scanned email or to the pool mailbox. To date, there are not enough votes cast to complete the election.

Johanna Wolfe reported that the matching grant for new signage was not submitted to the City of Houston. She would like to pursue this next year but will need assistance re: a design and engineering services. The project requires drawings prepared by a Professional Engineer according to the City of Houston Infrastructure Design Manual.

Aaron Brisendine reported that deed restriction letters have been sent and some modest improvements are to be underway at a few homes.

The meeting ended at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Wolfe