



Candlelight Oaks

November 14, 2024

A meeting of the Candlelight Oaks Civic Club was held by zoom on Thursday, November 14, 2024, and called to order at 7:35. A quorum was present.

Attendees included: Sandy Ericksen, John Carr, Justin Schrader, Hope Edmondson, Lori Bulla, Johanna Wolfe, Aaron Brisendine, and Richard Solis.

Sandy Ericksen called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Sandy reported that board member voting was completed in October, and all candidates were approved. Board members for 2025 include: Sandy Ericksen, John Carr, Justin Schrader, Hope Edmondson, Lori Bulla, Johanna Wolfe, Aaron Brisendine, and Richard Solis. The bylaws allow for 9 board members, no candidates were presented or volunteered for the 9th position.

Hope Edmondson reported on the recent incident on Droddy Street involving a shooting and HPD's presence. She stressed that the incident involved individuals who are known to each other, one of whom lives in the neighborhood. It was not a random act of violence. HPD responded quickly, neighbors were helpful and have been cooperative, and HPD has followed up since the incident. No other information is available at this time.

Lori Bulla reported no issues with the pool. Steps to address juvenile trespassers appear to have been effective. An incident report has been filed and the case number is (XX), the Tidwell gate has been locked, and Homeland has been patrolling the area regularly. HPD recommended various steps to take to address trespassing (lighting dusk to dawn, motion detector cameras, fence repair and reinforcement, additional signage, electric gate openers, trim shrubs in some locations.) Some of these steps will be addressed promptly, others will wait until spring. With cooler weather, it is less likely that juveniles will return to area.

Aaron reported that all deed restriction issues addressed by mail in October remain open with no resolutions. He plans to repeat notices in late January/early February as necessary.

Regarding an Architectural Control Committee, five individuals have volunteered to serve. Aaron anticipates that a committee can be identified and in place by the end of March 2025. The Texas legislature requires that an ACC be comprised of three non-board members to address questions regarding planned original construction or modification of a building, structure, or improvements within a neighborhood governed by a Civic Club or Homeowners Association.

Richard Solis inquired if there is interest in a neighborhood Christmas party. It was decided that in light of low attendance at the recent Civic Club Oaksfest event, no Christmas party will be hosted in 2024. However, there will be a lighting competition. More information will be available in December and posted on social media.



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Justin Schrader reported that as of 10/24, the Civic Club has recorded \$93,657 in income for 2024, with \$95,439.53 in expenses. Several homeowners are in arrears on their payments, totaling \$13,903 (over \$13,600 is over 90 days late.) Sandy has worked diligently to encourage neighbors to pay overdue assessments with considerable success. The amount in arrears is considerably less than past years.

Discussion followed regarding the Civic Club handling invoicing internally this year (in past years, it was outsourced to the accountant.) It was decided that the invoicing will be handled by Sandy Ericksen and other board members for 2025. The Civic Club assessment remains at \$360 for 2024, this rate was set in 1991. Prior to that time, the assessment from 1985 until 1991 was \$240.

John Carr provided a list of needed updates and repairs re: landscaping. No further action will be taken at this time.

Johanna Wolfe reported that the window was missed to apply for City of Houston matching funds for new signage. Justin offered that in 2025 when the grant opportunity is open for proposals, he can assist with engineering needs related to the application.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.