

# Oak Meyer Gardens 2018 Annual Meeting

November 18, 2018

5:30 PM: Social Hour with selection of beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks

6:00 PM: Dinner from Waldo Pizza with dessert from Heirloom Bakery

6:30 – 8:00 PM: Annual Meeting

## Meeting Agenda:

- Review of progress made during 2018
- Announcement of Election Results, Introduction of Board of Directors
- 2018 Review of Income and Expenses and presentation 2019 budget
- 2018 Leaf Pickup Program – Scheduled for week of November 19 and December 3
- 2019 Christmas Tree Pickup
- Oak Meyer Gardens Committees
- Member's Forum

The meeting began at 6:30 and was led by the President of the Board, Jerry Rowan. There were approximately 75 members present, so a quorum was established.

## 2018 Progress

Jerry discussed the establishment of the Amended Bylaws as voted on by the Members at the Ice Cream Social this past August 19. The Bylaws had not been amended since 1927 when the Association was first established by the J.C. Nichols Investment Company. The Amended Bylaws modernizes the guidelines for how the Association is to be run, including establishing electronic voting for the Members, and allowing the Board to participate in meetings through digital communication. He thanked Valerie Schroer and the Bylaws Committee for their work in bringing this to fruition.

Because of the Amended Bylaws, the Association was required to expand the number of the Board of Directors from five to seven. Since Members were able to vote electronically, by mail-in ballot, and in person, more Members were able to participate than ever before. The voting this year was carried out proforma since we had three candidates for three open positions, but it also allowed us a practice run for future elections.

### Results for Election of Board of Directors

The new Board Members are Clint Hooper, Michelle Moses, and Kevin Marts. The Board Members who will remain for one more year are Jerry Rowan, Laura Katz, Jane McQueeny, and Valerie Schroer. Dawn Kilby, the Treasurer for several years, has resigned her post after this year due to other responsibilities requiring her time. We are thankful to Dawn for all her work for the past three years.

### Presentation of Financial Report:

Dawn Kilby presented the Accounts Receivables and Payables, and the 2019 Budget. She answered several questions from Members. These documents are attached to the end of the minutes.

Dawn emphasized that we are cutting back the budget item for donations to fund block parties because this is not being used except for a few times each year. The Association is willing to donate \$100 to every block party; if the demand is there, we can always increase this again. She encouraged neighbors to use this service.

### Dumpster Day:

Jerry Rowan explained the limitations of our ability to schedule Dumpster Day. The City schedules the availability of dumpster use by regions, so we are limited in the weekends that we can schedule it. However, it is well worth it, because the price is substantially less expensive going through the city. Instead of costing \$400, it will cost us only around \$80. We will have two Dumpster Days again next year.

### Standing Committees:

Jerry Rowan introduced the four new standing committees established by the new Bylaws, and mentioned that the Board is making a concerted effort to make them active. Dawn Kilby discussed the purpose of the Finance Committee; Valerie Schroer summarized the duties of the Nominating Committee, and Jerry Rowan discussed the Beautification Committee and the Communications and Activities Committee. A summary of these may be found at the end of the Minutes.

### 2018 Remaining OMG Events and Notable Dates:

- KC, MO Leaf Pickup: Thursday, December 13.
  - Note, all leaves and brush must be in brown paper bags and limbs must be bundled up per requirement of city. See OakMeyerGardens.org for more details.
- OMG Leaf Pickup – 11/19-11/21 and 12/3 - 12/5
  - Last year's pilot program was so successful that we are offering two pickups this year. The neighborhood is being divided into 3 sections. If you live south of Rockhill to 69th your pickup day will be on the Monday of each pickup. If you live between 66th Street and Rockhill Rd your pickup will be on the Tuesday of each pickup. If you live between 63rd Street and 66th Street your pickup will be on the Wednesday.
  - The exception is 63<sup>rd</sup> Terrace. Due to many cars parked on this street, if you live on the north side of 63<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, your pickup day is Monday. If you live on the south side of 63<sup>rd</sup> Terrace, your pickup day is Tuesday. We ask that you park only on the opposite side of the street that day in order to allow the truck to get through for leaf pickup.
  - See OMG website at OakMeyerGardens.org for details and restrictions.
- Christmas Tree Pickup – First Week in January
  - Jerry promised to check with the contractor and post on the OMG website which the specific date this will occur.
- Plowing and Salting of streets will be offered again this year. The plowing will be just one pass down the center to help until the City can get out there. This occurs when over two inches of snow falls. The salting of the back roads will also be offered.

A special "thank you" goes to Jane McQueeny for organizing and obtaining the festive decorations. They provided a great ambiance.

### Members Forum:

The remainder of the evening was devoted to concerns brought up by the Members. They are listed below and will be addressed in the coming months by either the Board of Directors or the Committees.

- The condition of Locust Street is not good, and the Member would like the HOA to try to address it with the City.
- The sidewalk on Kenwood from Holmes down to Rockhill is in horrible conditions. Can we see if and when the City is going to repair them? Perhaps these are included in the "Go Bonds."
- Is it possible to get the second OMG leaf pick-up later in the year? Some trees drop their leaves much later.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Nominating Committee

- Is the eyes and ears for interested and energetic volunteers who will be an asset to serve on the Committees and/or the Board of Directors.
- Interviews candidates and prepares the bios and ballots in preparation for the election of the Board of Directors. Accepts ballots and tallies votes.
- Recommends a slate of nominees to serve as Officers for the Board from those elected to serve.

### Finance Committee

- Is the first line of fiduciary responsibility for the neighborhood.
- Assists the Treasurer in providing oversight of the budget and observes that the income and principal are used in accordance with the objectives of the Corporation.
- Assists the Committees in acquiring bids for contractors as required for Corporation responsibilities.
- Maintains a list of delinquent membership dues and recommend a course of action to the Board for acquiring them.

### Beautification Committee

- Is responsible for the visual symbol of the health and vitality of our neighborhood – the monuments and markers.
- Recommends to the Board a design for plantings around the neighborhood markers.
- Assists the Finance Committee in providing bids and recommendations for a landscaper to maintain the plantings around the monuments and markers, and coordinates with the landscaper throughout the year.
- Recommends a multi-year plan and a budget for maintaining and/or replacing the monuments and markers in a design that is historically appropriate for the age of the neighborhood.

### Communications and Activities Committee

- Is the lifeblood of the health of the neighborhood by planning and communicating activities and services that help make us a strong and caring community. Among many, these include Dumpster Days, Leaf Pickup, the Summer Picnic, the Ice Cream Social, and the Annual Meeting.
- Will re-establish the Block Captain program so each street has a representative to provide feedback to and from the Board and Committees, and to make sure that all neighbors are aware of events and services.
- Updates the Oak Meyer Gardens Website and makes it a one-stop source for a calendar of events and information for the neighborhood.
- Recommends and plans other means of communication that promote or better our neighborhood, such as a quarterly newsletter, new neighbor welcome baskets, communication banners or light pole banners.