

Oak Forest Homeowners Association Inc.

General Meeting

Date: September 17th, 2018

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Place: Candlelight Community Center

Candlelight Lane, Houston, TX 77018

Meeting called to order with 15 residents in attendance at 7.00pm

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Quorum for the meeting was 10

Roll Call: Matt Mitchell, President - Present
Christine Milliner, 1st Vice President – Absent
Michael Thomas, 2nd Vice President – Present
Treasurer – Rufus Estis - Absent
Linda Kelly, Secretary – Present
Linda Werner, Parliamentarian – Present
Joshua Sanders, Sargent-at-Arms – Present
Martha Mears, Past President & Director of Neighborhood Patrol-present
Jennifer Massey, Director of Public Relations – Present
Lane Lewis, Director of Community Relations – Present

SEAL SECURITY: Officer Reese reviewed the Incident Report for August and gave the regular reminders about filling out the Vacation Watch Form and adding SEAL as a secondary contact on our alarm systems, particularly as the holiday season draws near. Be sure to add personal ID number on the form. If you do not have it available, SEAL dispatch will be able to look it up. Officer Reese gave an overview of the history of SEAL and its formation ten years ago. Currently operates in 70 neighborhoods, eight management districts and all HEB stores and warehouses in San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Their dogs all come from overseas, particularly Germany and the Czech Republic, and are trained in protection, narcotics, tracking and explosives. All new officers are retrained when they are recruited to SEAL. SEAL Officers can make arrests but detainment is on a voluntary basis. Law enforcement is called to make the arrest. The most preventable crime is Burglary of a Motor Vehicle and we were reminded to remove everything from their cars before locking them. Body cameras are now worn by 75% of the SEAL officers.

PRESENTATION: CAPTAIN DAN HARRIS, HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, NORTH DIVISION: Captain Harris distributed a graph showing the number of crimes committed under various headings from 2013-2018. There are fewer officers in HPD now than when he joined in

1994. Each year the Mayor will increase HPD by approximately 100 officers, which works out to N. Division being assigned 5 new officers a year. Captain Harris has worked with SEAL before on vice/human trafficking cases on Bissonnet some three years ago and was impressed both with their operations and how each officer is tracked with GPS and there is an alert if an officer is lying prone. If ever police forces were privatized Captain Harris believes that it would be based on the SEAL model. HPD also gets their canines from Germany, Czech Republic and the Netherlands. They are paid for by a grant and cost approximately \$6000 per dog.

After a brief Q&A session, Mrs. Mears thanked Officer Reese and Captain Harris and told the attendees that SEAL sign-up sheets and membership leaflets were available at the meeting.

1. **Meeting Minutes Review**: Mr. Mitchell presented the minutes from our meetings held in June and August. Motion to accept as written put forward by Ms. Massey. Seconded by Ms. Werner.
2. **President's Report**:
 - i. Has been working with City of Houston about a couple of companies who have been attempting to operate out of residential property in our neighborhood.
 - ii. National Night Out on October 2nd. HPD, SEAL and Constables will visit host houses. Sign up on Facebook Page.
3. **Committee Reports**:
 - i. **Neighborhood Patrol** (Ms. Mears). Already covered at the beginning of the meeting.
 - ii. **Deed Restrictions** (Ms. Milliner was absent)
 - iii. **Public Relations**. (Mr. Lewis) Introduced Miracle Fences, our new business sponsor. The projector is not available for Movies in the Park therefore the new date will be decided after November 1st. Not where we need to be with Taste of Oak Forest. Upper tier restaurants are putting efforts into other events.
 - iv. **Financials** (Mr. Mitchell): Income Statements and Balance Sheets were distributed to the members. Asked for a motion to defray expenses of \$1000 for a DJ for Taste of Oak Forest, \$370.22 printing costs, \$78 attorney fees, \$896 for typing deed restrictions and \$1284 for printing SEAL/Membership flyers. Motion to defray expenses as read put forward by Ms. Mears. Seconded by Mr. Sanders. Motion to approve financials as read put forward by Ms. Mears. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. All in favor.
 - v. **Beautification** (Ms. Werner): A beautification committee has been formed. A builder will be adopting three entrance signs with landscaping and will get their plans to us by November. October 13th will be a Community Cleanup day. Details will be posted on OFHA website. Currently getting bids for sprinklers on Ella Blvd for Board to decide if will proceed or not. Also getting bids on cleaning up, moving rocks and shrubs on Ella Blvd.

Miracle Fence works, our new business sponsor, gave a brief presentation on their product.

Mr. Apolinar Abonza, Community Liaison with District 18's State Representative Jessica Farrar's office left a flyer showing how to follow Bills online during the legislative session.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8.10pm.