

SOUTHERN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2014
WADEVIEW PARK CENTER

1. Guest Speakers

- a. Commissioner Patty Sheehan spoke about safety and city services
- b. OPD Liaison Karen Long spoke about personal and home safety and crime statistics, including specific Southern Oaks incidences
- c. Natalie Jones, neighborhood outreach coordinator from the City of Orlando offered a number of resources to the community

2. Financials

- a. The Treasurer report was prepared by Sam Oswald and the following were presented by Rob Thomson: 1) the Fiscal year through November 30 Profit and Loss Comparison to Budget and 3) the Balance Sheet Comparison to Previous Year through November 30.
 - i. The budget was broken down into general annual categories:
 1. Income \$32k (there are still 27 outstanding receivables for 2014)
 2. Expenses:
 - a. \$18k of common area maintenance and utilities
 - b. \$7k of operating expenses (functions \$3k, insurance \$2k, printing etc. \$1k, professional fees \$1k)
 - c. \$7k of expected addition to annual reserves
 - ii. A reserve/replacement analysis should be completed in 2015
 1. A homeowner requested that the Board should inquire about potential liability related to improvements in common areas or land owned by the city (e.g. wall, circles, entrances)

3. Communications: Crystal Eisen discussed the following 2014 neighborhood communication improvements and invited comments and discussion:

- a. Directory/Website
 - a. Evelyne Mitchell completed and delivered the directory. Considerations will be made for the next printing or an update sheet in 2015.
 - b. Evelyne also created a new neighborhood website:
www.southernoakshoa.com.
- b. Newsletter
 - a. Kerry Martin has been responsible for creating and printing the newsletters. We expect two to be produced in 2015.
- c. Networking
 - a. NextDoor.com appears to be an effective way of communicating in and around our neighborhood. Customized settings were discussed so that email overload from non-SOHA neighborhoods is reduced if desired.

4. Community Events

- a. The following neighborhood community events are planned for 2015:
 - i. Community Garage Sale (February)
 - ii. Egg-stravaganza (April)
 - iii. National Night Out Block Party (August – tentative)
 - iv. Halloween (October)
 - v. Light Up SO / Caroling (December)
 - vi. Quarterly Women’s Wine Club
 - vii. Quarterly Men’s Spirits Club

Other Business

- The next meeting will be scheduled at a time TBD.
- A discussion on garage sales encouraged neighbors to be restricted, if possible to once per year for the neighborhood. There is no way of limiting private sales.
- The Green Up landscape improvement project was a success; however, additional expenditures will be needed in 2015 at the entrances for additional plants, landscape lighting repairs, etc.
- A resident business directory was proposed for consideration.
- The street light changes that are currently taking place were discussed (arms being replaced and more efficient bulbs are being used). The potential move to acorn lights was determined to be too cost prohibitive at this time and will be placed on hold for future consideration.
- Former City Commissioner Don Ammerman mentioned that the community’s support will be needed to continue to have the rebuild of Pershing to a K-8 school (currently planned for 2018) stay on schedule. SOHA neighbors made a concerted effort to get the middle school changed to Conway two years ago and encouraged similar efforts to keep Pershing at the top of the initiatives of recently elected School Board Chair Bill Sublette and School Board Member Linda Kober.

Respectfully submitted,

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