

Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold Association Meeting
January 29, 2018

Whetstone Library Meeting Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President John Alexander. Twenty-eight residences were represented (including officers).

MINUTES for the October 23, 2017 meeting

- Approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

Executive Committee (John Alexander)

- President Alexander thanked the 2017 officers for their service: Bob Palmer, Bill Leiter and Kitty Mizelle-Bates.
- Regarding a survey of High Street, President Alexander reported on discussions with Meyers to determine the ownership of property where there is a large over-growth of Tree of Life plants. Meyers felt a survey was not necessary as all the information needed could be found in plat documents. After further discussion with the city it was learned this is not city property but right-of-way and they would only intervene if a tree fell and impeded traffic. It is up to property owners and the association to help contain the plants in this area.
- President Alexander reported a survey of residents would be included in the dues notice for the Old Beechwold Association. The survey would ask about the need for and interest in a membership directory, the format for the directory and where it could be housed (website or other). If there are other suggested questions, please contact Laura Phillip.
- President Alexander suggested two signatures be required on all checks written for Old Beechwold Association business. A discussion followed and was referred to the Executive Committee for final determination of the process. The Executive Committee approved the following changes:

Be it resolved that any expenditure of OBA funds will be first approved by the President (or in the absence of the President, the Vice President).

The Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are authorized to sign checks written in payment of OBA expenses and two signatures are required on all checks. In the event of the Vice President having approved the expenditure, the check must be signed by the Secretary and Treasurer.

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Vice President's report (Steve Eastlake)

- Vice President Eastlake reported there were three applications approved by the Old Beechwold Historic Commission since the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report Executive Committee (Treasurer, Laura Phillip):

- Treasurer Phillip provided the attached report detailing income and expenses in the last twelve months.

Old Business

- **Elections Committee.** Stacia Clifton reported for the Elections Committee that 60 votes were cast for the election of officers for 2018 with the following results:
 - John Alexander, President
 - Steve Eastlake, Vice President
 - Laura Phillip, Treasurer
 - Dianne Radigan, Secretary
- Stacia also reported Jack Jackson volunteered to chair the Election Committee again.
- **Arbor Committee (Lindalee Brownstein).**
 - All areas are watered and mulched but no new plants are being purchased at this time. In late May composting and fertilizing will begin and volunteers are needed. Please contact Lindalee.
- **Social Committee (Stacia Clifton):**
 - Stacia asked that all let her know when new neighbors arrive. No other report at this time.
- **2017 leaf removal and solicitation of bids for leaf removal and snow removal**
President Alexander discussed the challenges experienced with leaf removal in 2017. Treasurer Phillip will solicit bids for leaf removal in 2018.

New business

- There was a discussion about property tax increases. Alan Jones, 614-888-0888, offered to provide additional information on the valuation of local property. Residents can request reconsideration by the county.
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- There was a question about new sewers and other drain issues. Steve Eastlake mentioned the city would replace or add sump pumps and gutter downspouts in 2020 in our area.
- It was also mentioned that some areas of the city are replacing blacktop streets with brick pavers. Most seemed positive about this possibility.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing Communications to be reflected in the minutes:

- Please provide your current email address to the OBA Secretary Dianne Radigan Dianne.Radigan@gmail.com so the OBA can communicate easily with you.
- The “Old-Beechwold-Assn. Google Group” is a neighborhood posting site to keep participating neighbors connected. It is to be used for the betterment of the neighborhood. **Please note your name and address in all postings if not apparent from your email address.** Go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/old-beechwold-assn> to join.
- To send an email to the neighborhood email list, address it to old-beechwold-assn@googlegroups.com. If you are not on this list, contact Dianne Radigan.

The Old Beechwold website is www.oldbeechwold.org .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting is Monday, April 23, 2018 at Whetstone Library at 7:00pm.