

Boulevard Oaks Civic Association
Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting
2 June 2020

This annual meeting of the membership of the Boulevard Oaks Civic Association was held by Zoom.

Officers present: James Cogan, Richard Holt, Sue Lawson, Sue Payne, Helen L.-Toombs, Bob Wright

Board's members present: Cece Fowler, Jean Jenner, Julie Mastroianni, Stefan Murry, Harry Tindall, Radu Tutos

Committee chairman present: John Cutler

Other Members present: 38 were counted.

Manager, present: Evalyn Krudy

I Call to order: At 6:30 pm by Richard Holt, president, who introduced the speakers.

II A. Sarah Davis, State Representative, reported the updated numbers for Covid cases and deaths in Houston and the state, and that more than 1 million tests have been administered in the state. Texas has spent \$639M toward the fight. Consequences of the health crisis include unemployment, currently at 12.8%, and decreased (sales) tax revenue. While the Legislature is not in session, she is tending to issues raised by citizens and civic associations. A principal issue is installation of 5G nodes and poles in neighborhoods in spite of the text of Senate Bill 1004 (2017). The City of Houston, with more than 30 other municipalities, has sued the state about this issue and maintains that while poles for mini-towers continue to be installed, it is unable to address the issue due to pending litigation. She took questions from the audience, including the ramification at the voting booth of the inability to renew a driver's license.

B. Abbie Kamin, Houston City Council, spoke also to the issues with 5G poles and to the upcoming hurricane season, and joined in answering questions from the audience. She announced that through her office, departments of the city and stakeholders near Sunset and Rice were brought together recently to discuss improvements for this dangerous intersection.

III Southhampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service: No report, due to HPD's current requirements for staffing.

IV Consent items:

- A. Waiver of obligation to be present to vote: Approved by acclamation.
- B. Waiver of requirement of 10 days' notice of meeting: Approved by acclamation.
- C. Minutes: Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the annual meeting of 6 June 2019.

V Reports from the officers and committees:

- A. **President:** Richard Holt encouraged Boulevard Oaks's sense of community.
- B. **Treasurer:** Bob reported that BOCA remains a fiscally stable neighborhood. The budget remains in the range of \$45-50,000 and there is \$188,000 in reserve.
- C. **Public Works:** (i) John Cutler reported that permits should be complete this month for Shepherd's rebuilding between I-69 and Westheimer. (ii) He has spoken with the company that is planning to build the car dealership on Stahlman's property, at this point only about the protection of the trees but he will be talking further with them as they design. (iii) On the south side of Richmond Ave. between Greenbriar and Kirby a multi-story memory-care residential center is being built.

- D. Traffic & Transportation:** Radu Tutos reported he is prepared to work with resolution of the Y-intersection at Rice and Sunset boulevards, and expressed appreciation to CM Kamin for her support. He reported also that he is pleased with the completed bike path along Austin Street between Hermann Park and Buffalo Bayou that has nearby links to Boulevard Oaks. He reminded neighbors about how to accommodate the increased volume of walkers and bikers during the county's stay-home order.
- E. 4th of July:** Donna Yanowski and Sue Lawson reported about the plans for the holiday without gathering *en masse* for the party. They encouraged the decoration of homes and front yards, and the hosting of block parties that day. Watch the BOCA newsletter for details about celebrating the 4th at a distance and about sponsorship opportunities for the virtual party.
- G. Night Out (10.06.2020):** James Cogan encouraged residents to plan block parties. Let BOCA's office know and the Patrol will compose a list of block parties to visit.
- H. Caroling Party:** To be held 13 December 2020.
- I. Nominations:** Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the slate of officers and directors.

Slate of Directors

2021-2023

Cece Fowler (Broadacres)
 Jean Jenner (Edgemont)
 Sue Payne (Ormond Place)
 Kristina Bush (Chevy Chase)

Partial Term expiring 2021

Sue Lawson (Edgemont)

VI Other business: There being no additional business, James Cogan led the expressions of plaudits and thanks to Richard Holt for his two years of service as president.

Adjournment: At approximately 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Helen L.-Toombs, Secretary