# Oakwood East Homeowners Association Meeting Annual Meeting or Adjourned Meeting Charles Johnson Building 8726 SE 15<sup>th</sup> ST Midwest City, OK 1/25/18

### Call to order—Ed Rua

- Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
- Introductions of those in the room

### Nominations for Directors

- Cara Gonzales & Steve Hartsell
- No other nominations were brought forth. Cara and Steve will assume the positions going forward.

### Midwest City Police Department—Sgt Lee

- Sgt Lee—read stats regarding the neighborhood
  - o Police talked to the parents whose kids have been playing on the ice
  - Parents—please remind your children that playing on the ice is unacceptable and dangerous! Adults in the nearby area will tell them to get off of the ice and report the incident to the police. Per Midwest City Police, it is appropriate to call 911 for these matters.
- Be aware of caller scams!
  - o The Police will not call you and ask for personal information
- Solicitor in the neighborhoods
  - o Anyone selling door to door must have a permit to sell things in Midwest City
  - o Schools and Religious affiliations do not have to have a permit
- 2016 & 2017 Stat comparison on our neighborhood
  - 0 2016
    - 3 auto burglaries
    - 5 residential burglaries
    - 3 grand larceny (anything over \$500)
    - 2 stolen vehicles
    - 1 vandalism
  - 0 2017
    - 8 auto burglaries
    - 2 residential burglaries
    - 1 petty larceny
    - 1 stolen vehicle
    - 2 vandalism
- Please turn on your porch lights at night. This will help deter crime. The police department is encouraging residents to install motion sensor lights if possible.
- Concerns were raised regarding whether or not surveys are allowed in Midwest City. Sgt Lee will research whether or not there is an ordinance that allows or disallows this.
- Concerns were raised regarding speeding along Sheffield and Lakeside Dr. Sgt Lee will be dispatching his officers out to the areas more often.
- Concerns were raised regarding a dog that is chained in a backyard that is encroaching on communal property. Director Steve Hartsell gave the address and information to Sgt. Lee.

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## Midwest City Fire Department

- Please be careful when discarding embers from your fireplace
- Please be cognizant of putting out cigarettes as we live in a high fire area

### Mayor Dukes

- Oakwood East is one of the best run HOA's in the city. The reason it has been successful is because our neighborhood continues to be involved.
- Midwest City just celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- The C47 airplane has come home to Midwest City, Oklahoma. It flew in D Day and Operation Market Garden. It has a long Oklahoma history and is now sitting at Regional Park.
- Midwest City unveiled a statue of our city founder in our Town Center
- Midwest City passed a ¾ cent sales tax in 2017
  - o Effective 1/1/18
  - o Supposed to help balance out budgets
- In late spring or early summer, the city will be asking for a 42 million general bond to do road repairs on the roads, upgrade sports facilities, do water improvements, get upgraded equipment for police department, etc.
- 15<sup>th</sup> street is projected to open in March 2018-2 months ahead of original schedule
  - The city has to wait on ODOT and contractors which is why there has been a delay. If we push ODOT and the contractors to open before the work is complete, the city will assume responsibility for any issues that come up.
- The new movie theater is going to be breaking ground soon and should be completed within a year.
- 9 new businesses have opened and more are coming in
- New dentistry offices are opening
- Midwest City is in negotiations with another entertainment company that should be near the movie theater
- Midwest City is going to work hard to attract more development
- Alliance Midwest Hospital—brought to light some issues that are being addressed. Alliance Midwest Hospital has a new CEO that is working to bring levels of care back up to standards. The hospital had areas that were suspected of having black mold but tests were run and it was not mold and patients are not at risk.

## Real Estate

- Our neighborhood is still doing well and our properties are increasing in value
- Shane Willard will gather information regarding nearby HOA fees so we can compare ours to others.

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## Budget for 2018

- Annual dues will remain \$200
- Our insurance policy cost for our HOA has gone up. Details can be viewed in any HOA meeting.
- Common area improvement—we will have to do some repair work after construction on 15<sup>th</sup> construction is complete.
- The Common Area Improvement Committee would like feedback from residents regarding what we can do to improve our common areas.

### Questions/Concerns from Residents

- Is it possible to add a portable potty in the common area?
  - o This will be discussed in our February Board of Directors meeting
- Annual Assessment fees
  - Now that we are not going to be paying income taxes it is possible that the annual fees may remain the same for some time. However, residents need to be aware that there are huge potential costs such as dredging the pond. Overtime, debris and silt continues to collect in the pond. The HOA is responsible for removing the debris and silt if it gets to be over a certain level. This cost is incredibly expensive.
- Does the HOA still have any CDs?
  - Certificate of Deposits (CDs) are similar to having a savings account. The HOA
    does not have one because all of the HOA funds are in an interest bearing account
    which actually has a higher return then CDs right now.
- Is the fishing policy at the pond still catch and release?
  - o The HOA had a fishing derby and allowed some time for people to catch and keep the blue gill fish only. The blue gill fish have killed off some of the other fish and caused an imbalance in the eco system. We have returned to a catch and release policy until we hear from the company that monitors our pond.
- Brick wall damage
  - o This is being addressed
- Please remember to pick up after your dogs!

## Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.