

Greater Oxford Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 4, 2022
Hosted at South Hampton Recreation Center

Board members present: Trip Cash, Michelle Emrich, Anthony Corcoran, Al Yancey, Niki Sabbath, Sharon Shaw, Valerie Garrett

Absent: Courtney Tolmie, John Cardwell, Mike Martin

Minutes from the September 2022 board meeting were read and approved.

Special Events:

City Council District Representative, Kristen Nye, was asked to speak to Oxford residents prior to GOCA board meeting on 10/4/22. Ms. Nye provided the following updates:

- a. A new 4th District Liaison, Timmy Siverd, was recently hired.
- b. Residents are encouraged to attend city council meetings regularly, next one to occur 10/27/22 at 6:00 pm
- c. Per updates from RPD, scam artists are impersonating police officers and asking residents to donate money to victims of crime. Remain vigilant.
- d. Real estate tax assessments have increased 13%, on average, across Richmond city.
- e. Residents voiced concerns re: escalating real estate tax assessments. Ms. Nye attempted to provide rationale for this. Ms. Nye put forth a bill to reduce real estate tax rate by \$0.04. At present, Mayor Stoney's office is not supportive of a tax reduction. Ms. Nye encourages all residents to contact their respective city council representatives re: real estate tax assessment concerns.
- f. Ms. Nye has no update on short term rental restrictions; encouraged residents to contact the zoning office with questions and concerns.

Treasurer's Report – (Courtney) Monthly report sent via email. Report reviewed and accepted by board. YTD balance: \$2,729.82. Given that funds are <\$3,000, please let Courtney know of any purchases to exceed \$1,000.

Committee Reports:

Welcome Team (Michelle) –new home on Mohawk Drive; Michelle to contact Valerie for address.

Crime Watch/Block Captains (Mike) – no report. Al commented on a recent stolen car.

Yard Of the Month (Valerie)-No report.

Observer/Website (Niki)-Articles for Winter Observer due October 28th. Website is up to date. Niki is working on article on Natalie's of Lebanon restaurant. Board agreed to provide ¼ page advertisement in next Observer at no charge.

Membership/Advertising (Courtney/AI) – no update. Steve Davis modified electronic payment system, which is an improvement. Courtney will continue to manage advertising until a permanent replacement can be identified.

Infrastructure: (Trip)- expressed concerns that Oxford residents are contacting board for Richmond city service requests. Given that GOCA is not a neighborhood association, residents should be instructed to contact 311 for service requests. This information will also be outlined in future observers.

Miscellaneous & Events:

1. **Oxtoberfest**- Date: 10/15/22; Time: 2:30-5:30; set up to begin at 1:00 pm;

The next GOCA meeting will be 7:00pm on Tuesday November 1st; location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Emrich, Secretary