

Oakmore Homes Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2025, 5:30-8:30 PM
Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 4101 Park Boulevard

Purpose: Oakmore Homes Association Annual Meeting

Attendees: Directors Joseph Dashiell (President), Lynn Derderian (Vice President & Secretary), Eric Enders, Lita Krowech; Alexis Schroeder (Treasurer); Ned Schroeder (note taker); Members and Guests

Next Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 5:00 by Zoom

Meet & Greet: OHA members and Oakmore community residents enjoyed a 30-minute Meet and Greet with snacks, handouts and Oakmore giveaways.

Opening Remarks & Welcome: In his welcome, President **Joseph Dashiell, Jr.** introduced OHA's Board of Directors, reviewed the agenda and introduced the first speakers.

District 4 Update: Special guests **Janani Ramachandran**, District 4 Council Member and **Mimi Rohr**, District 4 Spokesperson, offered an update with wide-ranging points. She touched on her role as Chair of the Council's Finance Committee, encouraging OHA involvement in those meetings. She clarified the restrictions imposed by the Charter on Council and highlighted upcoming Charter Reform meetings and plans, pending wildfire regulations, 911 response issues, city budget deficit, OPD Chief turnover, nutrition for vulnerable Oaklanders and making a difference by serving on Oakland's 40 commissions. She emphasized the importance of focus on results and said she sees a major shift "setting us on a positive trajectory....I know a lot more needs to be done, but thank you" to OHA for leadership and advocacy on behalf of all of us.

OHA Business: While Speakers provided updates on OHA finances, operations, and the recent Oakmore Stroll. no voting occurred (quorum number fell slightly short). The existing panel of directors will continue to serve on the Board for the coming year.

Treasurer's Report. **Joseph Dashiell** introduced **Alexis Schroeder**, OHA Treasurer since May 2025. He recognized her "spectacular" efforts to make the finances rock solid. Alexis provided details on her initial activities and reviewed the financial documents (see OakmoreHomes.com for documents). OHA has ample unrestricted cash for expenses, but a shortfall in contingency reserve. Funds from the very successful fundraiser for the License Plate Reader (LPR) camera project are in a restricted account. The Board-approved 2026 budget reflects replacing independent contractors with volunteers for administrative tasks. Forms for members to sign and return will be mailed November 15. Assessments (\$100 for 2026) are **due January 1**, and considered late on the 15th. OHA accepts cash (checks) and, using the email invoice link, credit cards and debit cards Thanks to Board member **Eric Enders'** extensive website improvements, OakmoreHomes.com is now almost up-to-date! .

Oakmore Stroll Recap. Participants in this year's Oakmore Stroll October 19, whether hosting one of the eight stations or strolling themselves, enjoyed catching up with old neighbors and

meeting new ones. **Ned Schroeder**, Chair of the 2025 Stroll committee thanked **Rocky's Market**, Oakland Fire Department, and volunteers who helped in planning and coordination. An Oakmore resident who lives outside the OHA boundary has volunteered to be next year's Stroll chair.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers have a crucial role in Oakmore, emphasized **Lynn Derderian**.

- **Fire Safety**, Volunteer **Kirsten Dwyer** described her work in leading a fire-mitigation safety program for the entire neighborhood and encouraged people to sign up.
- **Food & Immigrant Rights**. Board member **Lita Krowech** spoke to community needs that call for immediate action.
- **"Toys for Tots."** Contributions can be made at Wells & Bennett; **Joseph Dashiell** encouraged participation in this effort.

Public Safety Update: Speakers provided a review of recent activities of the Oakland Police Department (OPD), Oakmore's Private Patrols and the Oakmore pilot License Plate Recognition (LPR) Camera project..

OPD. Captain **Alan Yu**, Acting Deputy Chief, gave an update from his perspective. Command changes are underway. The Mayor-appointed Interim Chief will serve during the Police Commission's search for a new Chief. Oakmore has lowest crime rate in Oakland. OPD staffing is very low. Wanting a force of at least 600, OPD only has 500 with a serious attrition problem. OPD lacks people to run background checks to fill cadet slots for incoming Academies. Flock is a force multiplier, with 300 success stories from its use (including interrupted robberies); 100 arrests. Contract renewal entails controversial debate.

Private Patrols. Oakmore's three Private Patrol organizations have served Oakmore for more than 10 years. While each patrol is independent, funded by subscribers, all work and communicate with one another. **Larry Levitt** serves as volunteer head of patrol coordination, with volunteers **Brad Buckman** and **Byron Bardy** playing key roles. Need more subscribers since patrols benefit the entire neighborhood. About 60% now participate.

LPR Program. **Lynn Derderian** directed attention to OakmoreHomes.com rules and protocol for access related to Oakmore's License-Plate Reading (LPR) Camera Pilot. She thanked donors and explained goals and privacy protection. "Hot list" plates are on stolen cars, cars with warrants out on them or owned by known criminals; Flock notifies specified law enforcement when they are spotted. Last week the hot list number was 25, down from a high of 45.

Adjournment: OHA President **Joseph Dashiell** thanked everyone for making the meeting such a success and adjourned it at 8:30 pm. "In terms of the combination of speakers, topics, information provided, and venue," he said, "it was one of the best, if not the best Annual Meeting I have been associated with. We learned something new, interesting, and useful from each speaker."