



RIVER ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Agenda: July 15, 2021

2021-2022

Attendees:

Board of Directors: Lucy Wilson, Chair; Arlene Fisher, Vice Chair; Amy Hartman, Secretary; Kelsey Edmondson, Dean Meyer, Blanquita Sullivan, Seth Teel.

Neighbors: Bob Buchanan, Larry Clark, Sarah Davis, Rebecca Galvan, Hector Gonzales, Barbara Witte-Howell, Gemma Kennedy, Anne Larme, Myfe Moore, Ed and Darla Piner, Leslie Vasquez, Raleigh Wood, and others who may have joined during the meeting.

Call to Order: Lucy Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Via Zoom

Approval of Minutes: There being no objections, the minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Buchanan

\$17,560.14 – River Road Neighborhood Association

\$16,048.31 – River Road Historic District

7/12/2021 – Check #1182 to HHM Associates \$2,319.58 for Historic District Guidelines

Introduction of Guests:

Nathan Aviles, Legislative Aide to Representative Diego Bernal

Brian Willeford, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Justin Rodriguez' office

Mario Llano, representing District 1 Councilman Mario Bravo

Anissa Schell is District 1 Director of Zoning & Planning and will attend neighborhood association meetings in the future representing District 1. 210-207-7279 – anisa.schell@sanantonio.gov

Officer Rodriguez, SAAFE Officer

East Huisache is still on the radar. Our code officer is working to get a vehicle towed. Warning have been issued there about unleashed dogs. XDOT dismantled the homeless camp today near 281 next to golf course. Public meeting for the new SAPD Substation July 28th, 6pm at Lions Field. New substation to be built at 2020 N. St Mary's St.

Office of Historic Preservation Presentation

Stephanie Phillips, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist and Rachel Rettaliata, Office of Historic Preservation Case Manager for River Road Historic District

Noise Abatement and Green Belt Project Presentation

Leslie Vasquez, Committee Chair; Margarita Hernandez and Gabriela Gonzales, San Antonio Public Works Department; and Ross Hosea, City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation

In 2019, the Noise Abatement Committee convened a task force of residents and public officials and agencies to focus on noise originating from Highway 281 and the off ramp. A number of options were considered and a greenbelt was selected for implementation. TXDOT has provided a planting and maintenance plan for the greenbelt. Parks would oversee the installation of the project but maintenance expenses, such as watering and mulching and trash removal, would fall directly to the River Road Neighborhood. COSA Public Works only mows and would not assume

any maintenance of trees. TXDoT requires that approved contractors maintain the plantings, refusing to allow individuals in the neighborhood access to the right-of-way. Anna Alicia Romero in Senator Menendez's Office has facilitated conversations with TXDoT and RRNA.

The item was referred back to the Noise Abatement Committee for further study to bring a recommendation to the neighborhood at a future time.

Anna Alicia Romero from State Senator Jose Menendez' office provided an update of activities.

Committee Reports:

Historic Resources Committee: Blanquita Sullivan

The Committee is up and running to support neighbors who are making changes to homes in the neighborhood. Residents can reach out and a committee member will call. Projects in the early stages of development are historic street signs and Allison/Davis Park re-naming

Program/Events Committee: Kelsey Edmondson

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, and schedule to be held at the Community Garden. Kelsey is looking for more volunteers to assist with planning and implementing events. kelseyedmondson@gmail.com

Historic District Design Guidelines: Barbara Witte-Howell

Poll is ongoing and the consultant is working to make it easier to use. Residents were encouraged to take the poll. Neighborhood participation is critical. The Committee is finalizing the vision statement for the project.

Old Business:

Noise Ordinance Task Force: Gemma Kennedy, District 1 Representative

The purpose is to change the noise ordinance code. Three meetings have been held. The focus is on park, neighborhood and business noise. Anisa Schell from Councilman Bravo's staff sits on committee. www.sanantonio.gov/DSD/Resources/Codes

New Business:

Appointment to Fill Board Vacancy

Leslie Vasquez has asked to step down from the Board. Her valuable service is deeply appreciated. The board must fill the vacancy under the RRNA Bylaws, Article V, Section C.4: "Board vacancies shall be filled by the Board, and the person or persons so appointed to fill such vacancies shall hold office until the next Annual Membership Meeting when the remaining portion of the term of office shall be filled as usual. Persons appointed to fill a vacancy shall be eligible to seek election to the Board."

ACTION:

The Chair stated that Bob Buchanan has been suggested to fill this vacancy and would be willing to serve the remainder of the term. Blanquita Sullivan moved to nominate Bob Buchanan to the Board, seconded by Amy Hartman. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board members present.

RRNA Meeting Location:

Arlene Fisher reported that Tripoint has offered space to RRNA without a fee, in gratitude for RRNA raising money for the YMCA during the pandemic. The goal is to have a hybrid meeting online and in-person in August. The details are still being worked out.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.