



**RIVER ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2021**  
**2021-2022**

**Attendees:**

**Board of Directors:** Lucy Wilson, Chair; Arlene Fisher, Vice Chair; Kelsey Edmondson, Blanquita Sullivan, Seth Teel, Bob Buchanan

**Neighbors:** Hector Gonzales, Barbara Witte-Howell, Gemma Kennedy, Myfe Moore, Ed and Darla Piner, Leslie Vasquez, Raleigh Wood, Chris Green, Mary Sandoval, and Mike Martinez and others who may have joined during the meeting.

**Call to Order:** Lucy Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Via Zoom

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

**Treasurer's Report: Bob Buchanan**

\$16,527.14 – River Road Neighborhood Association

\$15,478.73 – River Road Historic District

**Introduction of Guests:**

Cynthia Sylvia, Legislative Aide to Representative Diego Bernal  
Brian Willeford, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Justin Rodriguez' office  
Anissa Schell is District 1 Director of Zoning & Planning. 210-207-7279 –  
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**Officer Hernandez, SAFFE Officer and Mary Kunz**

East Huisache is still on the radar. There is continued monitoring of homeless encampments and SAFFE Officer/City outreach in the area. There was an incident along the River corridor that involved a deceased homeless person considered a suicide. There is opportunities for public input for the new SAPD Substation to be built at 2020 N. St Mary's St. The projected start of construction is 2022 and completion in 2023.

**Anissa Schell, District 1, Director of Zoning & Planning**

Information on the following topics and locations of future meetings:

**District 1 Budget:** Townhall: August 26, 6:00 PM Victory Center – San Antonio College, 1819 North Main Ave. <https://www.saspeakup.com/All-Input-Meetings/ArtMID/25874/ArticleID/21130/Council-District-1-FY-2022-Budget-Town-Hall-Meeting>

**Vaccine Availability:** Covid-19 Vaccination widely available, free of charge at vaccine clinics, pharmacies, grocery store pharmacies, public sites, and physician offices. The following link is to Covid Testing Sites <https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Testing#TestingLocation>

**2022 Community Bond Committees:** Applicants are needed for the Bond Committees. They will meet from October to December 2021 to review proposals and make recommendations for approval by City Council. Type categories includes: Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks, Drainage & Flood Control, Parks & Recreation, Library & Cultural Facilities, Public Safety and Neighborhood Improvements. Contact the District 1 office if interested.

### 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.

**Program/Events Committee: Kelsey Edmondson**

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

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**Historic District Design Guidelines: Patricia Pratchett**

The Ad Hoc Committee and various Board Members met with Emily Payne of HHM Associates on August 18, 2021. The morning meeting took place at Blanquita Sullivan's home with a tour of the Sullivan/Cullum/Rosengren/ Day School and points of interest within the larger RR neighborhood. The meeting and available participants moved on to the First Tee for discussion of the project and brainstorming plans.

### Old Business:

**Noise Ordinance Task Force: Gemma Kennedy, District 1 Representative**

The purpose is to clarify the noise ordinance code and highlight enforcement within the current structure. Several meetings have been held. The focus is on park, neighborhood, and business noise. Raleigh Wood suggested a Noise Abatement Study be completed by TxDOT. Anisa Schell from Councilman Bravo's staff sits on committee. [www.sanantonio.gov/DSD/Resources/Codes](http://www.sanantonio.gov/DSD/Resources/Codes)

### New Business:

**Discussion and Possible Action regarding Tier 1 Membership**

The Tier One Neighborhood Coalition is requesting that RRNA remain as a member. Several RR Committee members and individuals are involved with this organization and suggest the relationship is beneficial. Collaboration was particularly valuable to the work of the Planning Committee in supporting the needs of inner loop neighborhoods and historic districts.

After review of Tier I documents, Lucy Wilson, Board Chair has concerns about the RRNA involvement going forward. The document states: "**Advocates for neighborhood and community policies in city government.** We serve on task forces and commissions, advocate with elected officials, and write about issues in the press to elevate our concerns." A few members have expressed that they feel this statement indicates a change in the operation of the coalition. As Board Chair her concerns are that our 501(c)(3) non-profit status might be compromised and also the possibility this could impact our Liability Insurance

**ACTION:**

The Chair will be setting up a meeting with the RRNA Insurance agent to 1) review the impact of

a formal membership in Tier 1 concerning a compromised position and 2) review the current policy. RRNA will put the Tier One membership on hold until the Board has a greater understanding of the of potential ramifications.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:21 PM.