

Braun Station West Community Improvement Association
Annual Homeowner Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009

The Annual Homeowners Meeting of the Braun Station West Community Improvement Association was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on January 21, 2009 by President Margaret Tovar after a quorum was verified. Boy Scout Troop #485 posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in recognition of our troops. The following members of the audience were recognized by having them stand:

- New neighbors
- State Representative Joaquin Castro
- District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez
- Precinct 2 Judge Steve Walker
- SAFE Officer Ron Atkinson

GUESTS

State Representative Joaquin Castro spoke on the following items:

- There was a 2 ½ billion dollar shortfall due to the damage incurred by Hurricane Ike.
- Joe Strauss from San Antonio is the new Speaker of the House.
- Sales price disclosure for all properties is being pushed by Rep. Castro
- Please call his office at 210-684-6896 with any items of concern.

District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez spoke on the following items:

- Synchronization of lights on Bandera Road is being worked on. The portion from Eckert through Leon Valley to Loop 410 will be paid for by the State and will complete the module.
- Old Tezel from Guilbeau to Braun Road will be receiving sidewalks.
- The Nani Falcone Statue which was stolen from the park will be replaced with some type of plaque after January 2009. Please let their office know if you have any information regarding the stolen statue.
- The Nani Falcone Fall Festival and tree planting will take place again this year.
- City Hall is awaiting word from Washington, DC on the Federal Stimulus Package of approximately two billion dollars. City Hall has made a "wish list" and should know something next month.
- The 30 million dollar windfall for the city which has been in the news was from accumulated monies with interest which occurred over years. There are now safeguards in place to keep this from happening with projects now. A percentage will be allocated to the mayor for citywide projects and the rest divided equally between districts. District 7 will put together a working group to decide how best to allocate this money.
- There are plans to beautify Mainland Road and to add skid resistant pavement, xeriscaping (February 2009), re-striping and reconstruction.
- The 2007 bond contained money for a skate park. There will be a meeting at 6:30 pm on January 26, 2009 at the Maury Mavrick library for public input.
- There will be automatic speed signs installed on Tezel Road between Braun Road and Guilbeau.
- The flyover being built by TXDOT on Bandera is scheduled for completion between May and June 2009.
- Sidewalks for Bandera Road near 1604 will be discussed with Representative Castro to see what can be done.
- Guilbeau Road drainage project is still on the plan.

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- Please call Chris Medina at the District 7 Field Office at 733-7525 for any concerns or questions.

Precinct 2 Judge Steve Walker was formerly a teacher. He handles evictions, marriages, and truancies. When a student comes to his court and is truant he will mandate they get a library card and will take off four hours of social service if they do an oral book report for him. He covers one quarter of Bexar County. His court will be moving to the space which was once the K-Mart on Guilbeau.

SAFE Officer Ron Atkinson covers the Braun Station area. His phone number is 207-6087. Some items are now covered by SAPD by phone such as overnight car burglaries. Traffic accidents in which there are no injuries and in which the cars can be moved will receive a case number and a form only. Officer Atkinson encouraged neighbors to be mindful of surroundings and also encouraged them to take the Cellular on Patrol class. It consists of two classes a week apart. The next class is January 22nd from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm and January 29th from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm. During the week in between classes you can ride with an officer for eight hours. For more information visit the website at www.sanantonio.gov/sapd.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Fred Aldrich, Treasurer, introduced himself and the following board members: Margaret Tovar (President), Mary Anne Kramer (Vice President), Linda Cunningham, Fleet Lentz, Cindy Morawski, Roger Plasse, and Donna Smith.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Margaret Tovar, President, gave the following report:

- Community Events are an important part of what makes our neighborhood a great place to live and the board feels that the variety of events we provide speaks to all ages. The social gatherings make our neighborhood a family oriented place and we feel it is important to continue to provide these events in 2009.
- The Brigadoon drainage and pool repairs for the year were not expenses that were planned for at this time; however, the size of our neighborhood makes it necessary for us to continue to support two pools. The work being done at Brigadoon was due to items beyond our control such as tree roots and a leak which caused us to lose water out of the pool daily. The repair of the water leak will help to offset the raise in water rates because we will not be using as much water as we were during 2008 at that pool.
- Our board continues to watch our dollars carefully and replace only items that we feel are necessary. We operate on the philosophy "If it's not broken, don't fix it!"
- Due to the increase in overall maintenance and operating expenses in daily business and in order to keep our neighborhood community events we are asking for a \$10.00 per year increase in homeowner dues. In comparison to other communities in the area we still have a very good deal.

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- Reserve funds are continually being added to so that should we experience a major expenditure we have money set aside.
- Fred Aldrich will present the Treasurer Report and answer any questions regarding it.
- Outgoing board members were recognized:
 - Fleet Lentz, Landscape & Grounds Chairperson was recognized for his efforts in maintaining the greenbelt and having it designated as a National Wildlife Preservation Area.
 - Allen Kropp, Administrative Chairperson was recognized for his management experience. His wife Betsy accepted on his behalf.
- The 3rd Annual Larry Patin Community Service Award was presented to Larry McMahan. Larry constructed the horseshoe pits at the Tezel clubhouse and also the bulletin board sign at the Brigadoon pool.

TREASURER REPORT:

Fred Aldrich, Treasurer, gave the following 2008 expense report and proposed the 2009 budget:

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expenses</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2008 Budget | \$239,935 | \$ 239,935 |
| 2008 Actual | 242,899 | 242,659 |
| 2009 Budget | 250,775 | 250,775 |

Note: \$2,400 not yet paid has been moved to 2009 expenses.

There were 138 votes to accept the budget and 13 votes against. The budget vote was taken by ballot and passed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Hector Villarreal spoke for the group San Antonio Coalition for Veterans.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors by ballot: Fred Aldrich, Albert (Al) Pohovich, Jr. and Ana Thornton.

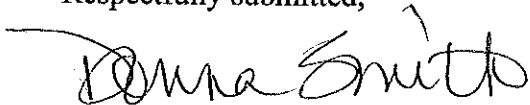
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following officers were elected by acclamation: Margaret Tovar – President, Cindy Morawski – Vice President, Fred Aldrich - Treasurer. Michelle Robledo moved to vote by acclamation. Gena Nadeau seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Smith
BSWCIA Secretary
February 11, 2009

Approved By:

Margaret Tovar
BSWCIA President
February 11, 2009