

Braun Station West Community Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Margaret Tovar (President), Cindy Morawski (Vice President), Fred Aldrich (Treasurer), Linda Cunningham, Roger Plasse, Al Pohovich, Donna Smith, Ana Thornton

Board Members Absent: Mary Anne Kramer

BSWCIA Manager: Tony LaFrenier

Homeowners/Guests: Homeowners – None

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Braun Station West Community Improvement Association was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2009 by President Margaret Tovar who led board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOMEOWNERS/GUESTS:

Gabriel Castillo (District 7, Justin Rodriguez Office Representative): Mr. Castillo reported that (1) a traffic study was underway to evaluate if a 4-way stop sign was needed at the intersection of Tezel and London Heights (2) the city was to start draining the ditch on Braun Rd in March, however that has not been accomplished yet. Mr. Castillo will look into it.

Sue Townsend (Homeowner): Mrs. Townsend had several questions including, but not limited to, tree trimming in the median, changing the use of soccer fields to be rented by community members only, changes in community events, and water aerobics time and place for this summer. All questions were answered by the board and Ms. Townsend was encouraged to come to any board meeting with questions or to call and/or write to the office with any additional concerns.

Bianca Briseno (Joaquin Castro Office Representative): Ms. Briseno reported that talks are still taking place with Time Warner and ATT Uverse broadcasting. The Voter ID bill will be going to the house. You can reach her with questions or comments at biana.briseno@house.state.tx.us.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 11, 2009 monthly board meeting were read. Fred moved to accept the minutes as read. Roger seconded the motion.

Minutes from the March 11, 2009 monthly board meeting were read. The following corrections were made (1) “Chris” Medina was corrected to “Cris” Medina (2) “Haggman” was changed to “Jan Haggman” (3) Change “SAFE” officer to “SAFFE” officer. Al moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Ana seconded the motion.

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OFFICER REPORTS:

President

- Margaret attended the Northwest Neighborhood Alliance Meeting. A representative from SAWS gave a presentation on a 50-yr plan which included statistics on water consumption. San Antonio is #1 in the United States in recycle water usage. Our need for the next 50 years will go before city council. It was noted that our population has doubled in the last 20 years, however, we our water usage has not increased due to recycling and conservation programs.

Vice President

- No report

Secretary

- No report

Treasurer

- The treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed.

MANAGER REPORT:

- Approximately 140 letters were re-sent for homeowners due.
- The final audit report has not been received. Margaret will contact the auditors on April 9, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: No report

Architectural Control: Roger reported that the neighbors on Croy may be soon corresponding regarding the fence on their property.

Block Captains: No report

Financial Management: No report

Landscape and Grounds: Cindy reported that a trash can has been added to the greenbelt. A litter cleanup was done in the greenbelt, and that the neighbor in Braun Station East was contacted and no additional dead animals have been found.

Recreational Facilities: Fred reported that the net on the lower Tezel court had been fixed and also a wind screen. He is still researching playground equipment and the committee will meet at a future date to discuss. A point was discussed regarding wind screens for the tennis courts and it was asked if more than one bid was received. Per Fred only one bid was received by the vendor who we normally do business with for all tennis items. It was suggested by Donna that more than one bid be requested for large items as we do for all other items.

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Community Events: Tony reported that the egg hunt which the BSW Playgroup organized went very well. Margaret will have Sherry send a letter to the playgroup thanking them for their efforts in providing this for the children of BSW and BSE. Donna reported that discussion on the Annual Picnic would be handled under New Business.

Structures and Buildings: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Trimming (trees in median) – This item has been tabled due to budget constraints.

NEW BUSINESS:

Security Patrols – Security patrols for Brigadoon and Tezel parks was discussed with the recent amount of late night activity there being of a concern. Many of these visitors are not residents of BSW. Three bids from different companies were received with Blue Armor being selected as the best fit. A motion was made by Fred to allocate up to \$4000 to be used for payments toward security service. Donna seconded the motion. Vote passed. \$4,000 will come from the acquisition/major projects fund. If necessary and approved later an additional \$3,000 can come from the capital improvement fund. It would cost ~7,000 to pay for security through December 31, 2009.

It was discussed to put a chain with a combination lock on the basketball courts for security to lock each night at a specified time in order to reduce late night play.

Annual Picnic – The budget was increased \$250 in order to purchase 2 kegs of beer and not delete any other items from the picnic budget. The vote was 4 affirmative to keep beer, 3 against. The community events budget of \$5,500 per year will be restructured in other events by Donna to stay within the original amount approved by homeowners.

Restructuring of Architectural Control Committee – Margaret reported that at a workshop on neighborhood architectural control committees she attended, the suggestion was that ACCs should be made up of residents with 1 member of the ACC being a board member as a liaison. The board will look for volunteers so that we can restructure our ACC in this matter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved By:

Donna Smith
Acting BSWCIA Secretary
May 13, 2009

Margaret Tovar
BSWCIA President
May 13, 2009