

Braun Station West Community Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Margaret Tovar (President), Mary Anne Kramer (Vice President), Fred Aldrich (Treasurer), Donna Smith (Secretary), Linda Cunningham, Fleet Lentz, Cindy Morawski

Board Members Absent: Allan Kropp, Roger Plasse

BSWCIA Manager: Tony LaFrenier

Homeowners/Guests: Matthew Jones, (Representative from Joaquin Castro's Office – District 125)

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Braun Station West Community Improvement Association was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on September 10, 2008 by President Margaret Tovar who led board members in the Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS:

1. Matthew Jones from Joaquin Castro's Office was present. He encouraged voters to communicate legislation they would like to see passed. Several items were discussed.
 - The 1604 and Braun Road intersection – At this time there are continuing environmental studies going on for this area.
 - National Night Out – Matthew asked how our neighborhood handled this event so that perhaps Joaquin could attend. Since our neighborhood handles it block by block instead of one single gathering he would most likely not be able to meet everyone with that type of event.
 - Joaquin's office will be planning a Town Hall meeting and will send out information in his newsletter.
 - A Health Fair will again be held at Sul Ross Middle School this year.
2. A homeowner reported disruptive neighbors. Police have previously been called.

MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 13, 2008 monthly board meeting were read and accepted as written.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President

- Margaret attended the District 7 Presidents Meeting. Chief McManus attended and announced that the Park Police will now be a part of the San Antonio Police Department. They will report to Chief McManus and not the Park Commissioner. Park Police will now have training equal to SAPD.

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- Margaret brought up the question of curfew time for teenagers under 18 to Justin Rodriguez and Chief McManus. They confirmed that yes, there is a curfew. However, generally they do not bring teenagers in because if they cannot find the parents then they have to hold them until the parents can be located and the officers end up babysitting.
- Thank you to Larry McMahan who repaired the message board for only supply fees.
- Expenses for the Back to School Party were \$1059.28.

Vice President

- Mary Anne reported that there will be a Life Line Screening on October 2, 2008 to be held at BSW clubhouse. It was requested that Tony place this information on the marquee.
- Mary Anne called Royal Tree and let them know that we were not pleased with the manner in which they advertised in our neighborhood. Their add campaign uses ads rolled up and placed in tubes which are then thrown into peoples yards. The tubes tend to become litter throughout the neighborhood.
- On October 6, 2008 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. there will be a meet and greet at 9238 Beowolf for Ciro Rodriguez. Ciro has a very large geographical district. He will be there to talk about his ideas and will take donations for his campaign if you would like to contribute.

Treasurer

- Fred reported that he attended the District 7 Budget Meeting. The date for voting to adopt will be September 11, 2008. Some of the highlights of the proposed budget are:
 - 100 new police officers
 - 47 new firefighters
 - 500K to fight graffiti
 - 525K for park improvements

MANAGER REPORT:

- Assessment Fees: 98.87% collected as of September 8th.
- Community Wide Garage Sale is October 18, 2008.
- Sewer line bids have been received (see New Business)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: No report.

Architectural Control: Mary Anne reports two were signed – one for an iron fence, one for a bath/bed suite added to the back of a house.

Block Captains: One new block caption. Letters were sent out to block captains reminding them about National Night Out.

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Financial Management: Fred reported the following items on the Treasurer's Report will be moved from Acquisition/Major Projects to Major Repair/Replacement Funds Available:

- Soccer Goal Restoration (Material (#6458) \$387.00
- Soccer Goal Restoration (Labor) #6458) \$648.75
- Lifeguard Tower Install (Tezel) (#6500) \$688.63

Landscape and Grounds: Fleet reported that two instances of Oak Wilt had been reported in Braun Station East. Fleet knows Debbie Reed, City Arborist, and said that it is best to prune on the hottest or coldest day of the year. Fleet also reported that the greenbelt has been mowed.

Recreational Facilities: No report.

Community Events: Cindy reported that the Pooch Parade will be held October 25, 2008 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Brigadoon Park. The following activities will take place:

- Delta Society (hospice and school therapy)
- Lockland K9 Unit (military police)
- Women's Club – they will be selling hot dogs
- Judging of costumes
- Pet sketches
- Washer game

It was discussed and decided that Tony would hire a lifeguard to watch the pool. The pool will not be open and we want to make sure that no residents decide to swim and that all residents remain safe. Fleet will check with Boy Scouts for volunteers. Cindy asked for money to purchase prizes, treats for dogs, and possible other small miscellaneous items. Fleet moved to spend no more than \$300 to be taken from the community events budget. Linda seconded the motion. Vote was taken and motion passed.

Structures and Buildings: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Villas Fence – It was discovered that this is not a zoning issue and will need to be handled by Development Services. Margaret will follow up with a phone call.

T-Mobile – They have been surveying. More updates to follow.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer line at Brigadoon – Three companies were contacted regarding bids for the sewer line at Brigadoon. The line runs from the pool house to the corner of the fence, under the driveway, and oak tree roots are creating the problem. The bids are to replace 60 feet of sewer line and clean out the valve at the end of the line. Three bids were received (1) Freisenhahn \$3,348 (2) GSK \$2,800 and (3) Cane Mechanical \$1,979. A motion was made by Mary Anne to accept the bid from Cane Mechanical. Fleet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and motion passed.

Club House Request – A request from Robert Buyer to use the clubhouse for his group was discussed. The date requested was already booked.

Thank You Letter – A thank you letter from Mary Louis Roam was received for her selection as Yard of the Month and passed around for board members to read.

Tezel Zoning Case – A section of land once owned by the Tezel family has been rezoned from R5 to Historic Exception.

National Night Out – Margaret suggested that next year we offer an option for National Night Out. We could have a central get together that we could invite residents to and guests such as Justin Rodriguez and Joaquin Castro. Individual blocks would still be encouraged to have block parties. Those neighbors who don't have blocks with individual parties would have an opportunity to have somewhere to could go to meet other neighbors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved By:

Donna Smith
BSWCIA Secretary
October 8, 2008

Margaret Tovar
BSWCIA President
October 8, 2008