



# ALTA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 12174  
San Antonio TX 78212

## General Assembly Minutes

January 27, 2021

Board members in attendance: Christina Wright, President, acting Treasurer; Andrea Alfaro, Vice President; Cheryl Dozier, Secretary; Matt Garcia, Erik Olsen, and Colleen Witt, Directors-at-large.

Other Attendees: See page 2.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at via Zoom.

The General Assembly approved the minutes from the November 18, 2020 General Assembly. Christina provided information on the status of AVNA funds. It has been reconciled as of December 2020.

### Old Business:

Pat Clayworth Scholarship. Richard Farias, Alamo Colleges Fund, said they are ready to distribute the funds, but AVNA needs to set the criteria. After a discussion with the Assembly, Christina motioned the following criteria be approved: Student must be an SAISD graduate, enrolled in San Antonio College with a minimum of 6 hours and a 2.0 GPA; can be a returning or new student. The funds will be split between Fall and Spring. Richard said they select the highest performing students based on grades and an essay. AVNA can participate in the process. In response to a question from Kathy Bailey he said 100% of the funds will be distributed. However, the fund would remain in existence and can be used for smaller donations in the future. The motion was approved. Christina motioned AVNA provide an additional \$137 to round the total up to \$10,500. The motion was approved.

Large Area Rezoning. DSD asked AVNA to identify a task force. Christina will provide the list tomorrow. DSD told her they will provide the results of their survey soon. She anticipates having a lot of questions.

### New Business:

AVNA 2021 Board Objectives. Christina told the Assembly, the 2021 objectives are: 1) educating the community on the property tax process; 2) improving infrastructure, such as sidewalks and lighting; 3) improving community engagement through the newsletter and the AVNA web site; and 4) increasing voter participation by providing information on upcoming elections and helping people register to vote.

### Around the Room:

Councilman Trevino stated the AVNA community survey information is particularly useful. He is focusing on homelessness and support to neighborhoods by taking a proactive approach on encampments, connecting those in need with emergency services, and working on a Housing First policy. He also, said sidewalk repair is now considered construction, which allows greater access to funds. Lawson Picasso will develop a presentation showing maps for specific neighborhoods. Staff from Representative Diego Bernal and Senator Menendez's offices provided updates on the current state legislative session, as well as other community support initiatives.

Christina encouraged members to donate to the Brick Fund Raiser campaign to reestablish the traffic islands as pocket parks in memory of neighbors who passed away. She also provided an update on problem properties.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved by General Assembly:

March 31, 2021

Recorded by:

Cheryl Dozier, AVNA Secretary



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## Other Attendees:

Emilio Álvarez, Member

Kathy Bailey, Member

David Bogle, Member

Elva Cardenas, Member

Liz Griffith, Non-member

Tim Hayes, Member

Crispin Martinez, Member

Courtney Mumma, Member

Evelyn Reyes, Member

Carol Robertson, Member

Richard Farias, Alamo Colleges Fund

District 1 Councilman Roberto Trevino

Lawson Picasso, Councilman Trevino's office

Anna Alicia Romero, State Senator Menendez's office

Bethany Gutierrez, State Representative Bernal's office

Cynthia Silva, State Representative Bernal's office